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Chickahominy Area Triad
Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #10
Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected
Serving the Counties of New Kent and Charles City, VA.

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
Fraud: SCAM:	The victim received a call from an attorney stating the victim's son had been in an accident and had been arrested. The attorney was requesting \$120,000 to represent the victim's son. After further discussion, the victim and the attorney agreed on \$22,000. The attorney sent a courier to the victim's home to retrieve the money. After giving the money to the courier, the victim received a follow-up call from the attorney stating one of the victims of the accident had passed away and the victim's son was now being held on involuntary manslaughter, which required additional funds. It was at this time the victim suspected a possible scam and reached out to their son, only to discover the son had never been arrested or in an accident. Monetary loss of \$22,000.
Fraud: SCAM	The victim received a call from the suspect identifying himself with the victim's bank. The suspect claimed there had been four (4) fraudulent charges on the victim's account and in order to troubleshoot and reverse the charges the victim was instructed to send payment. The victim sent \$2,200 and then attempted to send an additional \$2,300, twice, both times the transfer was declined. The phone call unexpectedly disconnected. The victim called their bank only to find out the original call had been a scam and the victim's bank had flagged the last two attempted transfers as fraudulent. Monetary loss of \$2,200.
Fraud: SCAM	EBAY: Victim found a vehicle to purchase on eBay. The victim reached out to the seller who stated payment would have to be two (2) gift cards or through eBay. The victim chose to

	purchase two (2) gift cards and provided the information to the seller. Shortly afterward the seller reached back out to the victim and requested an additional \$1,000 for insurance, which at this point the victim realized they had been scammed. Monetary loss of \$1,000.
Fraud: SCAM	<u>FAST LOAN</u> : Victim applied for a loan with Fast Loans and was approved, however, the amount of the money transferred to the victim was far more than applied for originally. The victim called Fast Loans and was instructed to transfer the overage of the funds back to Fast Loans; the victim complied. The following day, the victim noticed their account was in overdraft. Additionally, the victim discovered several credit card accounts had been established, each card sustaining numerous charges. Monetary loss unknown.

NOTE: The reported occurrences depicted in this bulletin are true. **They did not occur within the Counties of New Kent or Charles City, Virginia.** However, they were reported to a Virginia Sheriff's Department in 2023. Stay alert, don't become a victim, as you can see it can be costly and please don't think that it couldn't happen to you.



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