



Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #34

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 text message stating she owed a subscription fee. While attempting to handle the fraudulent subscription fee, the victim was placed in contact with someone pretending to be from her bank, who demanded that she withdraw money from her banking account and procure Bitcoin. The victim immediately hung up and notified law enforcement.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim received a call from someone posing as the Chief Deputy, Shawn Kimmitz. The victim related that the miscreant related that the victim had missed jury duty and needed to pay exactly \$9,750 to avoid being arrested. While the suspect spoofed his number to look like the Sheriff's Office's non-emergency number, the victim sensed something was off. The suspect demanded that the victim provide the money in cash at a "bond office," however, the address he provided was a gas station on local some 10 miles away. The victim did not comply and contacted the real Sheriff's Office to ensure he was not wanted. As a reminder, law enforcement agencies will not demand money over the phone. If you receive a call like this, it is a scam and do not comply.
Fraud- SCAM	The victim received a phone call from a male stating his name was "John" and that he was with Wells Fargo. He was calling to inform the victim that his Wells Fargo bank account had been compromised. The caller informed the victim that he needed to withdraw \$7,000 from his Wells Fargo account and move it to a Chase bank account while Wells Fargo was protecting his account; the victim complied. The victim tried

	to call the "John" subject back, and the phone number was found to be disconnected, and the victim was unable to make contact. It was then the victim realized that he had been a victim of a scam.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim reported that he googled Ticketmaster and without realizing it, we were taken to the Gotickets site. We did not realize until after we had confirmed the purchase that it was not in for Ticketmaster. We paid 729.81 for 3 Lumineers concert tickets that were never delivered. We called the Gotickets posted phone number back only to receive an automated message that they were closed and to call back later or use their live chat. He related that due to him already being scammed, he do not want to use live chat for potentially putting myself at risk of them gaining additional information.
Fraud-SCAM	The victim reported going to the Facebook site "Lucky Dog Small Breed Animal Rescue" and inquiring about a dog they had listed. Victim filled out an application (which I completed via "Luckypawsrescue" link) and immediately began a conversation via Messenger with a person name Deborah Maxwell. Victim related that her application was immediately approved, and the Dedorah asked for a video of my home which she submitted. The victim was then given a phone number to use to contact the dog's foster parents to make arrangements for picking up the dog. Then Deborah began the payment process for the dog. The victim was informed that she needed to pay a deposit of \$350 up front and would need to pay the remaining \$150 to the foster parents when the dog was picked. The victim commented that she should have known something was amiss then because many of the payment methods I tried to use would not go through and "Deborah Maxwell" kept directing me to other methods to try. The victim was finally successful and made a \$300 deposit payment for the dog via Apple Pay. 'Deborah Maxwell" affirmed that they had received the payment and that is when all communication ceased. The victim related that almost immediately, the Facebook page content for

	Lucky Dog Small Breed Animal Rescue was no longer available and Deborah Maxwell information disappeared from Messenger. The victim attempted to contact the foster parent number provided, but to no avail, it was a non-working number. The victim filed a complaint with her local law enforcement agency.
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NOTE: This above reported occurrence is true. They did not occur within New Kent County or Charles City County, Virginia, however, it was reported to a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency or to the Better Business Bureau. Stay alert, do not become a victim.



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