



Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam Alert #33

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 was on a social media platform called Wiz, conversing with someone using the profile name "Leyla." "Leyla" indicated she was an artist looking for a way to fund her next project. During their conversation, the victim provided his full name and email address. He was later advised that he would be sent several checks, which he deposited after receiving them "Leyla," then asked the victim for \$800, and the victim attempted several electronic methods to provide the funds, but was unsuccessful, and he eventually withdrew \$800 from his account and purchased a corresponding value in gift cards. The scammers (a.k.a Leyla) kept reaching out to the victim, requesting more money, and sending threatening messages containing images of decapitated people, pressuring him to send them money. The victim stopped all communication and contacted the Sheriff's Office.
Fraud - SCAM	The victim received a call from someone who convinced her there were numerous fraudulent charges to her bank account. These "charges" included an Airbnb payment and tickets to an amusement park in Dubai. After providing her information to the suspect on the phone, they would fraudulently withdraw money from her account.
Fraud- SCAM	The victim received text messages from someone claiming to be a part of a cartel. This counterfeit cartel criminal demanded that money be sent via Zelle, or the victim and his family would be harmed. The victim knew it was a scam and informed the Sheriff's Office.

Fraud - SCAM	The victim advised that she received a call from someone posing as her “daughter.” The deceitful daughter advised that she had been involved in an auto accident, and in the other vehicle was a pregnant woman who might have a miscarriage. Another voice on the other end of the phone chimed in, advising that, to avoid reckless driving charges, the victim would need to pay a bail. It was further advised that someone would arrive at the victim’s residence to collect the money in cash. After the handoff, the victim called her daughter, only to learn she was not involved in any accident and the incident was a scam.
Fraud-SCAM	The victim was initially contacted in November 2024 by a male who identified himself as "Christian" with the FBI. He informed the victim he was going to begin an investigation to figure out why her bank account continued to be fraudulently accessed. Over the next 6 months, the suspect instructed the victim to take out three (3) loans and apply for \$2500 worth of Bitcoin to help speed up the investigation; the victim complied. Additionally, “Christian” was given access to the victim’s debit card and online banking information. While the “investigation was going on,” the victim had no access to her accounts. The victim has been contacted by the three financial institutions that issued the loans, requesting payment, which motivated the victim to contact her bank. The bank immediately closed the victim's account, deactivated the cards, initiated a fraud investigation, and instructed the victim to file a report with the Sheriff’s Office.

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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