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Reducing Crime Against the Elderly

**Chickahominy Area Triad**  
**Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #13**

***Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected***

*Serving the Counties of New Kent and Charles City, VA.*

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
<p><b>Fraud/Scam</b></p>	<p><b><u>Phishing:</u></b> My phone rang, and I answered it, my caller ID displayed Domino’s Pizza, however it turned out to be a solicitor for Economic Security, and he was attempting to get information from me. He refused to listen to me and continued talking without allowing me to get a word in. Then unexpectedly a female entered the conversation and said she was sending me to another individual, which prompted me to immediately hang up. I believe they were using some type of caller ID bait and switch tactic. My caller ID showed Domino’s Pizza which was in New Jersey, and I reside in Missouri. I called the number back and the person answering the phone identified himself as the manager and related that the business was in New Jersey. In addition, when I called the number back, I was greeted by an automated Domino’s Pizza advertising about what type of pizza they offer. Dollars loss: \$0.0</p>
<p><b>Fraud/Scam</b></p>	<p><b><u>Employment:</u></b> A scammer who had previously contacted me regarding a working from home opportunity and I said I would think about it. He later called back and asked if I was interested, he then asked for a picture of me holding my driver's license, exposing some of my personal identifiable information (PII). The scammer then tried to get me to fill out a W2 form with my social security number and bank information. He further explained how the reshipping business worked. The company would ship items to my home address, I would open the packages and take pictures of what was inside and upload it on their website. And, I would have to go through a link that was provided by them. Once a</p>

	<p>photo of item was uploaded to their online website a new shipping label would be made and uploaded for me to print out and place on packages that I have recently received. I would then have to tape them back up and send them off via USPS store. The shipping label would be to outer state addresses. I believe it was to the actual address of the scammer, just sent to different names using the same address. All the information that I requested from them to verify that they were legit was sent via text instead of being emailed. They said the information could be verified through the state of Florida and the BBB. Dollars loss \$0.0</p>
Fraud/Scam	<p><b>Employment:</b> I received a text from Takosha Murray Recruiter (601-345-1339) at Care One, LLC for remote job opportunity. She then told me to connect with Donald Duckwilder at Microsoft Team for the position. He said the company would pay for everything. He related that I would have to purchase cellphone and, that I would get reimbursed for it later. He then started asking me questions. He acted very professionally, but being suspicious and alert, I checked the BBB scam site and found him listed as a scammer. Dollars loss: \$0.0</p>
Fraud/Scam	<p><b>Employment:</b> I received a text message with a job offer stating they saw my recent resume on LinkedIn and asked if I would be interested in setting up an interview. They said it would be via teams and to go to their app and message the code ***** to the interviewer. I received a message back moments later asking for my name and location. I was further asked if I would be able to work from home. They stated that my starting pay would be \$25 an hour and that I could work a max of 45 hours per week from any location. I knew this was too good to be true so, I went to the BBB Scam Tracker to find that the scam had already been reported. I blocked them and wanted to report here for others to beware. Dollars loss: \$0.0</p>
Fraud/Scam	<p><b>Online Purchase:</b> I was looking for a Rottweiler Puppy online. I went on-line and found an advertisement selling Rottweiler Puppy, so I called the telephone number provided. The individual that answered the</p>

phone used the name Antonio Gonzalez. He offered to sell me a Rottweiler puppy for \$700.00. He said they it was AKC registered, 8 weeks old and up to date on their shots. He asked for a \$250.00 deposit to hold the puppy. At first, he wanted me to send the money through PayPal or Venmo, but my bank declined to process the transaction. He then said, that being the case, I should go store a get a \$250.00 gift card, and the message him photos of the card, front and back, which I did. After I had done this, he agreed to meet outside of Detroit near Saginaw, MI on 10/28/23 to pick up the puppy, at which time I would pay him the balance. We waited for over 2 hours. He never showed. I was blocked from the website and any messaging. I was scammed for sure. Thank you. Dollars Loss: \$250.00

**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. In addition, some of the listed scams or fraud attempts were taken from the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Scam Tracker website. All articles are published as originally written. 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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