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Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #7

Be Aware, Be Smart, Stay Protected

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

Type	Synopsis of Reported Incidents
Fraud: SCAM:	SCAM: The victim received an email that instructed the victim to print the attached forms and take them to T-Mobile and pick up three (3) phones. The victim assumed it was a scam and ignored the email. A few days later, the victim began receiving calls and text messages from an individual who identified himself as “Detective Robert” with the FBI and was attempting to convince the victim to “finish the job” and pick up the phones at T-Mobile. Victim chose to ignore the calls and text messages and report the scam to the Sheriff’s Office.
Fraud: SCAM	The victim met the suspect on a dating site, eventually exchanging personal contact information. Over a few months, the suspect had requested financial assistance from the victim, always repaying the funds to the victim. The suspect then requested a larger amount, again, with the understanding the monies would be repaid. The victim sent the funds, but this time, the suspect did not repay, instead, made excuses for not paying back the borrowed funds. However, the suspect continued to ask for additional funds from the victim, assuring repayment due to a \$7.5 million check the suspect was waiting to deposit; suspect even sent a copy of the check to the victim. The victim became suspicious and realized they had been scammed. The victim cut off all contact with the suspect and reported the fraud to the Sheriff’s Office. Monetary loss of \$21,000.
Fraud: SCAM	The victim purchased a philodendron from “Gina Cinarcik”, who sells plants. "Ms. Cinarcik" said she would have to import the plant from overseas. After waiting a week, the victim reached out, and “Ms. Cinarcik” said she was having

problems with her importer. Months passed and still, no plant or contact from “Ms. Cinarcik” and the victim asked for a refund, which “Ms. Cinarcik” stated she didn’t have the money to refund. The victim then asked if she could simply have a plant of equal value and “Ms. Cinarcik” stopped communicating with the victim altogether. Monetary loss of \$385.

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 the Northern Virginia Sheriff’s Department within the past two weeks. 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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