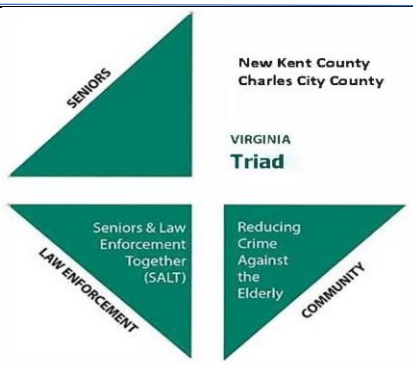

Chickahominy Area Triad

Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #20

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 an email from Norton saying that he owed them money. He related that he called the number on the email (313-636-9500) and spoke with an individual who identified themselves as "Ryan". “Ryan” told the victim that he resolved the issue on the payment to Norton, but accidentally refunded him too much money equaling $4,000 to the victim’s bank account. “Ryan” told the victim he was a new employee and that he would get in trouble for refunding that amount money, so he asked the victim to go to stores to buy gift cards to make the balance even. The victim bought the cards for a total of approximately $3000. He later learned that it was a scam.
Fraud: SCAM	The victim related that she received a phone call from someone claiming to be “Sgt. Chris Staples,” badge #3776, with the local Sheriff’s Office. This person told the victim that she missed court on June 3rd and got a failure to appear on April 2nd of this year. The victim was told she would need to pay a fine of $12,000 or she would never be able to step foot on government property again. Additionally, the victim was told she would be detained and then arrested. The victim was informed that in order to pay the fine, she needed to withdraw $9,000 and then another $3,000 from her bank. She was told that once she did that, she needed to go a coin star machine which located at Giant, and the victim complied. The victim eventually shared her experience with a friend, and they explained to her this was a common scam, at which time the caller reported the fraudulent crime.

Fraud: SCAM	The victims received a phone call from a female pretending to be their granddaughter and a man calling himself "Richard Egan," who stated that he was an attorney for their granddaughter. A female, pretending to be their granddaughter, stated she had been arrested for reckless driving and that she had hired an attorney, aka Mr. Egan. When the victim asked the woman why she did not sound like herself, the woman stated that she had been sick. The granddaughter then explained that "Mr. Egan" was going to need $20,000 in cash to get her out of jail, and that he would send a courier to her home to retrieve the money. The victim then went to the bank and retrieved $20,000 in cash to give to the courier to get their granddaughter out of jail. The victims noticed a grey SUV-looking vehicle with a bright yellow license plate, sitting outside of their home. The victims quickly called their granddaughter's cell phone, and she answered the phone. It was at this point the victims realized this was a scan and they disconnected with the caller. Once disconnected, they noticed the SUV in front of their home drove off.

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 Northern Virginia Sheriff's Department or the Better Business Bureau (BBB) within the past month. Stay alert, do not become a victim, as you can see it can be costly and do not think that it couldn't happen to you.

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