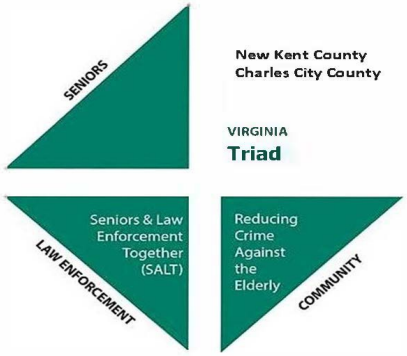


# *Chickahominy Area Triad*

## Scam/Fraud Alert Bulletin #16

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

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

| Type | Synopsis of Reported Incidents |
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| **Fraud: SCAM:** | The victim received a call from "Danielle Lamb" who claimed to be with Publisher Clearing House, advising the victim she had won a $7.5 million giveaway. However, she would have to pay $1,750 for the processing fee and then she would receive the check for $7.5 million. The victim was then contacted by a "George William" who worked with "Danielle" and was going to walk the victim through the process to make the processing fee payment. "George" had the victim drive to Walmart and purchase two (2) Vanilla gift cards for $500 each. She was then instructed to provide "George" the numbers on the back, which she did. Fortunately, the victim locked her keys in her car and had to call her spouse for assistance. When her husband found out what was happening, he immediately had the victim disconnect from the call and explained this had been a scam. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim was contacted by someone claiming to be with her bank. The victim proceeded to give the caller her credit card information. Shortly afterward, $17,000 from the victim's account was routed overseas. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim "googled" the Apple customer service phone number online and called. The victim advised during the phone call she entered her social security number, name, and date of birth. She was advised to obtain Target gift cards to provide to the caller for them to repair her phone. Victim advised they had obtained two (2) $250 cards, one (1) $350 card, and an additional $200 card and provided the card information to the subject over the phone and never heard back from them. |

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| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim stated that someone intercepted checks in his mail that were meant for him. Soon after, on January 15th, 2024, he got a letter from a bank stating that someone had opened an account with his name. They attempted to cash the two (2) checks that had been stolen from the victim, one for $6,169.77 and another for $2,492.70. Due to the fraud procedures in place at the bank, the victim sustained no monetary loss. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim was called by an unknown individual pretending to be his bank, a common telephone scam. This individual asked for his social security number and bank information, which the victim provided. He was later contacted by his bank and informed that there was suspicious activity on his account. He also was contacted by CashApp and was told there was an account attached to his bank but under a different name. Due to fraud procedures in place at the victims' bank and CashApp, the victim sustained no monetary loss. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim advised that her social security number was used to obtain employment through DoorDash. Victim became aware of the situation when she received a 1099 in the mail for $17000 worth of earnings from DoorDash, with her name and address on it. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim was contacted by someone calling from the phone number (443)-918-7263 representing themselves as being with Wells Fargo. The alleged Wells Fargo agent told the victim that he had a fraudulent transaction and that he needed to secure his funds. He was told he could do this by putting his funds onto an Apple gift card. The victim said he was told this was a more secure way of transferring his money into another account. The victim was provided identifying information from the caller, such as agent name, phone number, badge numbers, etc. This made the victim believe he was speaking to a real representative from Wells Fargo. The victim stayed on the phone for approximately 2 hours while he purchased a $400 Apple gift card and provided the gift card number to the scammer over the phone. The caller advised the victim that he would receive a call from an investigator with the Police Department the next day, but the call never came. |
| **Fraud: SCAM** | The victim was contacted via WhatsApp by an individual named "Amy Christian". The victim informed "Amy" was she was employed by a company named Work Source Inc. and that they were urgently looking to hire new staff members. The victim stated he was then contacted by "Valeria" via WhatsApp after being |

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| | forwarded by “Amy” who assisted the victim in setting up his profile on the website. “Valeria” also assisted the victim on how to set up a crypto account for payments, which included the victim’s personal information. The victim was then instructed by “Valeria” to deposit his money into a crypto wallet that she assisted him in setting up; the victim deposited various amounts of money over two weeks totaling approximately $68,000. Victim then became suspicious and requested the money back, however, “Amy and Valeria” have blocked him. |

**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 Victim was contacted via WhatsApp by an individual named “Amy Christian”. Victim stated “Amy”

informed the company named Work Source Inc. that was looking for staffing urgently. Victim stated he

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became suspicious and requested the money back, however, “Amy and Valeria” have blocked him.Better Business Bureau (BBB) within the past two weeks. Stay alert, don’t become a victim, as you can see it can be costly and don’t think that it couldn’t happen to you.

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