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AUGUST 8 THROUGH 14, 2018

TIP OF THE WEEK

GETTING THINGS DONE

Here at the FTC, we're known for getting things done on behalf of regular people. Unfortunately, sometimes scammers try to take advantage of our good reputation.

The latest example: Some people have gotten an email that claims to be from Maureen Ohlhausen, the FTC's Acting Chairman. But it's not. The email asks you to give your bank account information – so, it says, you can get money from the government's settlement with Western Union. The email is a scam to steal your financial information. And it's just the latest variation of an imposter scam. In 2016, consumers reported more complaints about imposter scams to the FTC than any other fraud.

If you get an email like this, don't respond or click on any links. You can forward it to the FTC at spam@uce.gov.

The FTC is involved in a \$586 million settlement with Western Union, but the U.S. Department of Justice will run the refunds process. And it hasn't started yet.

This email is a good reminder that scammers are skilled liars. They'll say anything or claim to be anyone to get your financial information – then they'll use it to steal from your financial accounts or commit other crimes.

The FTC does shut down scams and return money to people who lost it to dishonest or unfair business practices. But we will never ask for money, your Social Security number, or any banking information so you can apply for a refund or cash a check. If the FTC needs to get money to you, we usually send a check through the mail.

Got a question? We've got more information about our current refund programs and our procedures for refunding money at FTC.gov/refunds.

Want to stay ahead of the latest scams? Sign up for our free scam alerts by email.

Nat Wood
Associate Director, Consumer & Business Education, FTC

(June 20, 2017)

INCIDENTS

ROBBERY

Mystic Millwork, 10822 Courthouse Road, on August 7, 2018, between 7:00pm and 8:00pm the victim work alone and was stuck on the head. The victim came to and checked the business. Missing is \$550.00, a 12" DeWALT chop saw valued at \$500.00, two Bosch cordless drills and three batteries valued at \$300.00, a vial of Xanax valued at \$30.00, and a vial of Hydrocodone valued at \$30.00. CFS 18-076245

ROBBERY-SALEM RUN TOWNHOUSES

5600 block Albin Court, on August 11, 2018, between 12:27am and 3:09am the two victims were robbed near the intersection of Albin Court and Salem Run Blvd by two black males wearing masks



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and dark clothing. One is about 5'11" and the other about 5'9". The victims ran towards the tree line and the suspects followed. The suspects took one of the victim trousers and they ran away. In the pants were the victim's keys, wallet with ID, a credit card, a Wal-Mart Money card, \$30.00 and a cellphone. The handgun is black, no further description. CFS 18-077227

BRANDISH FIREARM

McDonalds, 5420 Jefferson Davis Highway, on August 10, 2018 between 8:26 and 9:54pm, a female stopped at the drive thru window and was upset and very verbal towards the cashier. In the vehicle were two black males. The male on the right front seat pulled out a black handgun and pointed it at the cashier and another female employee. The cashier gave the food to the female and they drove away. The black female is between 20 and 29 years, very slim, has braided hair up in a ponytail and wore a pink shirt. The male with the weapon is a light skin black, between 20 to 29 years, short weave hair and wore a black shirt. The male in the rear is dark skin between 20 to 29, long dreads and wore a black shirt. The vehicle is a silver Honda, possibly a Pilot, partial black sidings, and black rails on top. CFS 18-077137

GRAND LARCENY AUTOMOBILE

200 block Southgate Avenue, on August 13, 2018, between 10:00 and 11:00am someone stole the victims bronze 2015 Toyota Rav4 displaying Virginia license plates from the front of the residence. The keys were in the house and when the victim checked they were missing. CFS 18-078021

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT

Sheetz, 9825 Hospital Blvd, on August 11, 2018 between 4:23 and 4:30am, black male, late teens entered the store with a multicolor backpack. He went to the displays, took items and put them in his pants pockets. He went to the ice cream area and took three ice cream bars, put them in the backpack and left the store. He wore black sandals, white socks, black and white short-sleeve hoodie and pants. CFS 18-077253

FRAUD-OAK GROVE TERRACE

5500 block Elder Street, on August 7, 2018 between 10:00am and 11:30am the victim was called by a male stating that the warranty company that covers the laptop is going out of business and is refunding the victim \$400.00. The victim opened the savings' and checking accounts, as requested, and the caller was placing \$400.00 into the victims account. The fraudster entered \$700.00 into the account and told the victim of the error and to purchase 3 \$100.00 Apple iTunes cards. The victim purchased them and gave the card numbers to the male. While the victim was away the fraudsters took money from the checking account and money from the savings accounts. CSR 18-075909

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY



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Retail, 3503 Lafayette Blvd, on August 9, 2018, between 5:35pm and 7:15pm, an unknown person purchased merchandise and paid with a counterfeit \$5.00 bill. It is not known when the bill was taken. CFS 18-076739

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

WEIS Stores, 10611 Courthouse Road, on August 10, 2018, between 8:54 and 10:10pm, a male attempted to purchase merchandise with a counterfeit \$100.00. He became upset when the bill was not accepted and left the store. CFS 18-077135

COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

Chick Fil-A, 4220 Plank Road, on August 13, 2018, between 3:40 and 3:55pm someone made a purchase and gave the cashier a counterfeit \$20.00 bill. It is not known who passed it and who accepted it. CFS 18-078083

FRAUD-BREEZEWOOD FOREST

5200 block Magnolia Place, on August 7, 2018, at 12:01am, the victim called to activate a cell phone with an Apple phone number. The victim was told to purchase 3 \$100.00 I Tune cards. The victim did and the phone was not activated. CFS 18-076275

FRAUD-MEADOW MHP

6500 block Wagon Drive, between August 10, 8:00am and August 11, 2018 10:00am the victim was called by a "Sam Williams" notifying the victim qualified for a federal grant in the amount \$9,250.00. The victim needed to provide a holding fee of \$850.00. The victim purchased three Google cards totaling \$850.00. The victim realized it was a scam when someone else called and wanted \$650.00 to expedite the grant money. CFS 18-077328

VANDALISM-BALLANTRAYE

10700 Brice Court, between August 9, 10:30am and August 10, 2018, 6:01am, someone broke the left front door glass of the brown 2001 Honda 4-door. Property value is \$200.00. CFS 18-076882

VANDALISM-CHANCELLOR WEST

Chancellor West Clubhouse-Pool, 8805 Windtree Court, between August 11, 8:00pm and August 12, 2018 9:00am, someone entered the pool after-hours and poured an unknown substance in the pool water causing it to turn a dark blue color. A pool company representative checked the water and said the water was safe and could not say that the blue color is. Cost to empty and replace the water and clean the pool is \$5,000.00. CFS 18-077690

VANDALISM-SHERATON HILL WEST



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11800 block Taft Drive, on August 12, 2018 between 12:00pm and 1:50pm, someone broke the left rear window of the victims Ford van. Nothing was taken from the van. Cost to replace the glass is \$300.00.
CFS 18-077685



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Attempt to Identify

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August 13, 2018

If you have information about these cases, please contact Spotsylvania County Crime Solvers at 800-928-5822 or 540-582-5822

Reference Incident # 18-55769 (Eaton)



The Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the above-pictured black females involved in a shoplifting from the Hollister store located within the Spotsylvania Towne Centre on June 9, 2018. The suspects also provided false information and identification to Law Enforcement.



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From January 2008 through December 2017, the Spotsylvania County Crime Solvers has paid out \$45,590 in **CASH REWARDS** for information through 2,125 calls to the Crime Solvers Telephone Tip line, Crime Solvers Web Tip page and the Text-A-Tip phone number. Information obtained has resulted in 193 arrests involving burglaries, drug distribution, arson, vandalism, breaking & entering and other crimes against the citizens of Spotsylvania County. To date, there has been \$158,632 worth of stolen property recovered, and property and assorted types of drugs seized. From June 2010 through December 2017 44 Wanted Fugitives have been arrested and are facing their charges.

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