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SEPTEMBER 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2019

TIP OF THE WEEK

Self-defense against scams

September 30, 2019

To everyone who hangs up on unwanted calls, learns about the latest scams, and checks with friends about suspicious offers: good news! People who did all those things were less likely to lose money to a scam than people who didn't, according to *Exposed to Scams: What Separates Victims from Non-Victims?*, a report from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, and the Stanford Center on Longevity. The groups surveyed more than 1,400 people who had reported a scam and found several differences between people who did and didn't lose money. The people who avoided scams:

- Didn't engage with a scam offer. Nearly half the people surveyed said they had ignored emails, thrown away mailers, and deleted friend requests. They had also hung up on bogus tax and debt collection calls, and imposter phishing scams.
- Learned about scams and scammers' tactics. People who knew more about specific scams and scammers' tactics were more likely to reject an offer and avoid losing money. News stories were the top way to get information about frauds and scams for the majority of people surveyed.
- Talked to someone. The people who had someone to talk with about the offers were less likely to lose money. Some people who were caught up in scams were helped by store cashiers, bank tellers, or wire transfer employees who talked them out of sending money. Sometimes sharing what you know can help protect someone you know from a scam.

The FTC has resources to support you — and people you care about — avoid scams. Sign up to get email updates about recent scams. Order free publications to read and share in your community at BulkOrder.FTC.gov. And please, if you spot a scam, report it at FTC.gov/Complaint. By reporting fraud, you can help the FTC identify scammers.

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ARMED ROBBERY-BALLANTRAYE CFS 19-87614

10700 block Greta Lynn Court, on September 25, 2019 between 2:00 and 2:41am two males aimed a firearm to the victim's head and took \$280.00, a Wells Fargo bank card, a black wallet, a Galaxy cell phone. They left in a red Dodge Charger parked in the rear lot. CFS 19-87614

BREAKING AND ENTERING DAYTIME-SALEM STATION CFS 19-89801

5700 block Chadbourn Court, on October 1, 2019 between 2:42 and 3:50pm someone entered the residence and took \$200.00, a white XBOX 55" valued at \$275.00 and a Television Sceptre 55 valued at \$240.00. CFS 19-89801

GRAND LARCENY MOTORCYCLE CFS 19-89648

7600 block Chancellor Road, on October 1, 2019 between 5:00 and 8:00am someone stole the victim's green 2013 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle from the driveway of the residence. It is valued at \$12,000.00. CFS 19-89648

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 19-89138

WAWA, 10060 Jefferson Davis Highway, on September 29, 2019, between 5:00 and 5:30pm someone stole a Samsung Galaxy S10 and \$581.00 from the center cab of the victim's unlocked company work truck, while the victim was making an ice delivery. CFS 19-89138

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 19-88234

VDOT Commuter Lot, 12150 Gordon Road, on September 26, 2019, between 6:00am and 7:00pm unknown person(s) cut the catalytic from the victim's 2008 Ford F-150 truck. The converter is valued at \$1,100.00. CFS 19-88234

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 19-88217

VDOT Commuter Lot, 12150 Gordon Road, on September 26, 2019, between 6:10am and 5:15pm, someone stole the catalytic converter from the victim's Toyota Prius. It is valued at \$1,100.00. CFS 19-88217

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-FAWN LAKE CFS 19-87795

11300 block Longstreet Drive, on September 25, 2019 between 7:30 and 10:00am someone stole the victim's wallet from the center console of the work van containing \$1,000.00 and a Wells Fargo debit card. CFS 19-87795

GRAND LARCENY OTHER CFS 19-87739

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Wal-Mart, 10001 Southpoint Parkway, on September 25, 2019 between 11:20 and 11:25am the victim forgot a black leather purse containing a tan leather wallet, driver's license, a Woodforest Bank Card and \$450.00 in the shopping cart. CFS 19-87739

PETIT LARCENY FROM BUILDING-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK CFS 19-88870

Wal-Mart, 10001 Southpoint Parkway, on September 28, 2019 between 3:45 and 4:00pm the victim was at the nail salon and had an envelope containing \$141.00 and placed the envelope and other items on next seat. When the victim was ready to leave the envelope was not there. CFS 19-88870

PETIT LARCENY FROM PERSON-SYLVANIA HEIGHTS CFS 19-89759

100 block Bend Farm Road, on September 30, 2019 between 8:30 and 11:30pm someone stole \$280.00 by cutting the victims' back pants pocket while he slept. CFS 19-89759

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SAGUNS LANDING CFS 19-89279

9600 block Treemont Lane, between September 29, 2019 11:00 and September 30, 2019 8:53am someone entered the unlocked vehicle and stole a wallet containing four gift cards and \$20.00. During this time another victim found that someone had entered the unlocked vehicle and took \$20.00, a Target credit card, a Target gift card, and took \$10.00 from another wallet. CFS 19-89279

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 19-88818

B&B Auto Group, 10911 Courthouse Road, on September 28, 2019 between 2:06pm and 3:15pm a customer took a vehicle for a test drive and when the customer returned the victim noticed that the Virginia State Inspection sticker was missing. Value of the sticker is \$16.00. CFS 19-88818

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 19-89428

Enterprise Rental, 4810 Jefferson Davis Highway between September 29, 2:20pm and the 30th, 2019 and 3:00pm someone took the license plates from the silver 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe while it was parked in front of the business. Registration value is \$45.00. CFS 19-89428

PETIT LARCENY OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS CFS 19-88587

VDOT Commuter Lot, 12150 Gordon Road, on September 26, 2019 between 6:15am and 4:00pm unknown persons cut the catalytic converter of the 1998 Chevrolet Venture while it was parked in the lot. It is valued at \$150.00 CFS 19-88587

PETIT LARCENY OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS CFS 19-88370

VDOT Commuter Lot, 12150 Gordon Road, on September 26, 2019 between 6:45am and 5:25PM,

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Someone stole the catalytic converter from the blue 2007 Kia while parked on the commuter lot. It is valued at \$200.00. CFS 19-88370

PETIT LARCENY OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS CFS 19-88582

VDOT Commuter Lot, 4240 Plank Road, between September 26, 6:15am and September 27, 2019 5:00pm someone stole the catalytic converter from the rear of the 2011 Hyundai Sonata. It is valued at \$189.00. CFS 19-88582

PETIT LARCENY OF AUTOMOBILE PARTS CFS 19-88568

VDOT Commuter Lot, 4240 Gordon Road, on September 26, 2019 between 4:30 am and 4:30pm someone stole the catalytic converter from the victim's 2000 Honda 4-door. It is valued at \$300.00. CFS 19-88568

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 19-88213

CVS, 5832 Harrison Road, on September 26, 2019 between 5:10 and 5:18pm a male took an 18 pack of Coors Light valued at \$19.99 and left without paying. An employee attempted to get him to return and the suspect verbally refused. He walked between buildings and disappeared. CFS 19-88213

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK CFS 19-87832

Wal-Mart, 10001 Southpoint Parkway, on September 25, 2019 between 12:25 and 12:36pm a male and female went to the electronic department and the female distracted the clerk the while male took a stereo system valued at \$148.00 and walked out of the store without paying. The male is white and wore a dark shirt with Adidas written on front in white, khaki color cargo shorts, a dark necklace, a dark hat on backwards and a watch on his left wrist. The female is white. They left in a silver mini-van. CFS 19-87832

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 19-88628

Fas-Mart, 2515 Salem Church Road, on September 27, 2019 between 8:05 and 8:15pm, a customer went to the Alcohol section and took two bottles of Bootlegger. He concealed one on his person and paid for the other. It is valued at \$2.19. CFS 19-88628

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 19-89515

8000 block Granite Springs Road, between September 29, 10:00pm and September 30, 2019 4:30pm someone stole a green Ryobi Power Washer from the side of the house. It is valued at \$349.00. CFS 19-89515

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 19-89898

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Checkers, 3901 Plank Road, on October 1, 2019 between 5:38 and 7:17pm after dining, the victim walked to a trash receptacle and returned to the table when the victim returned the wallet was not there. It is a men's black Coach containing military identification, driver's license, a red BB&T debit card and a 1976 \$2.00 bill. CFS 19-89898

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 19-89670

10500 block Benchmark Road, between September 30, 8:00pm and October 1, 2019 7:00am someone stole the victim's open black utility trailer valued at \$200.00. CFS 19-89670

FRAUD CFS 19-88628

Target, 9785 Jefferson Davis Highway, on September 28, 2019, between 1:06 and 1:52pm someone used the credit card and debit card to make purchases at the Target Store in Spotsylvania. It is not known how the cards were taken. CFS 19-88628

FRAUD-SUMMERFIELD CFS 19-89653

1100 block Hudgins Farm Circle, on September 30 the victim went shopping at the Spotsylvania Mall and used the Visa Debit card. On October 1, 2019 the victim checked the balance and noted several unauthorized debit card charges. Someone used the card and charged \$595.26. CFS 19-89653

VANDALISM-LEE'S PARKE~THE FALLS CFS 19-89156

9000 block Laurel Oak Lane, on September 29, 2019 between 6:29pm and 7:25pm someone scratched the right side of the gray Ford Fusion 4-door. No monetary estimate was given. CFS 19-89156

VANDALISM-CHANCELLOR GREEN CFS 19-88601

Unit block Donahoe Court, on September 27, 2019 between 11:00am and 4:00pm someone fired a BB gun and a BB struck one of a neighbor's window. The window glass is double paned and the outside pane is the damaged one. Cost to replace it is \$325.00. CFS 19-88601

VANDALISM CFS 19-89494

8800 block Old Block House Lane, on September 30, 2019 between 12:01am and 4:00am someone knocked the victim's mailbox to the ground causing damage to the post. Cost to replace the post is \$6.00. CFS 19-89494

VANDALISM-ROYAL OAKS CFS 19-89268

11900 block Big Ben Blvd, between September 29 7:00pm and September 30, 2019 7:20am someone pulled out the mailbox and pole out of the ground and left it. No monetary damage. CFS 19-89268

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VANDALISM-MILLWOOD CFS 19-89261

Intersection Old Mill Lane and Robert E. Lee Drive, between September 29, 8:00pm and September 30, 2019, someone bent and damaged a street sign. This is one of sixteen signs that have been vandalized. CFS 19-89261

VANDALISM-FORTUNE'S LANDING CFS 19-89793

10900 block Downton Avenue, between September 30, 2:00pm and October 1, 2019 12:10am unknown vandalized three traffic control signs belonging to the property owner. The signs damage is \$750.00. CFS 19-89793

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From January 2008 through December 2018, the Spotsylvania County Crime Solvers has paid out \$49,750 in **CASH REWARDS** for information through 2,125 calls to the Crime Solvers Telephone Tip line, Crime Solvers Web Tip page, the former Text-A-Tip phone number, and the new P3 App Tip system. 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 drug seized. From June 2010 through December 2018, 63 Wanted Fugitives have been arrested and are facing or have faced their charges.

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