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CRIME SOLVERS REPORT

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

NOVEMBER 27 THRU DECEMBER 3, 2019

TIP OF THE WEEK



Scammers pretend to be the FTC

December 3, 2019

Did you recently get an official FTC letter from "me"? That's in quotes because it wasn't actually from me. And the letter wasn't official, or even from the FTC at all. In fact, scammers have been faking official-looking letterhead to write scary messages to people, threatening them. But, again: it's not real.

We know about this scam because a gentleman in Pennsylvania was smart enough to take it to his bank, and together, they reported it to the FTC. The letter said his online and financial activities put him under suspicion of money laundering and terrorism. And now, all his "activities will be under review."

Our best guess is that this letter is just the first part of a scam. The second part will probably involve "urgent" phone calls telling people to send money right away. Now, though, you can spot the scam. Here's what to know to protect yourself against government imposters like these.

- The FTC will never send a letter like this, and we'll never threaten you.
- The FTC *does* write back to people who write to us, and we sometimes send letters about a refund from a case – but then, we'll never ask you to pay anything or give personal info to collect your funds. (Find more about FTC refunds at ftc.gov/redress.)
- No government agency will ever demand that you pay by gift card, wiring money, or bitcoin. Anyone who does that is a scammer. Full stop.
- Find out more about imposter scams of all sorts at ftc.gov/imposters.

If you get a letter from the FTC, we want to know. Before you do anything else, please call the FTC's Consumer Response Center at 1.877.FTC.HELP (1.877.382.4357).



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PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-LAFAYETTE CROSSING CFS 19-110266

4600 block Alliance Way, on December 1, 2019 between 4:40 and 4:53am two males were seen entering the unlocked vehicle. Once inside the suspects took cash and a wallet containing credit cards. #1 suspect wore dark pants, a 2-tone jacket and white sneakers and the other male wore light color pants and jacket. CFS 19-110266

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SALEM RUN CFS 19-109403

11700 block Newbury Court, on November 28, 2019 between 1:32 and 1:40am a neighbor's camera recorded a male entering a neighbors' automobile. Suspect is possibly a Hispanic male wearing a dressy white shirt. Taken is a box of Marlboro Lite cigarettes valued at \$6.20. CFS 19-109403

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 19-109509

Sheetz Station, 5015 Mudd Tavern Road, on November 28, 2019 at 3:33pm two males took five cases of beer and did not pay for it. The beer is valued at \$100.50 and one suspect are a white male with blond hair, facial hair, mid 20s, wore a brown jacket and dark pants. The other is a black male, late 20s, and wore a black shirt, black pants. CFS 19-109509

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 19-109250

ABC Store, 10857 Tidewater Trail, on November 27, 2019 between 4:27 and 4:49pm a white female chose a bottle of Senator Club valued at \$2.99 and put it down the front of her trousers and then left the store. The half pint is valued at \$2.99. CFS 19-109250

PETIT LARCENY OTHER-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK CFS 19-110212

Marque Cinema, 5800 Southpoint Center Blvd, on November 29, 9:22pm and 11:32PM someone stole a Children's Cancer Research donation container that was full with approximately \$250.00 in coin and paper. The male was viewing a movie and would come to the counter and reach across the counter in an attempt to grab items for sale. The suspect was seen taking some money from the container before taking the container. CFS 19-110212

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-MEADOWS CFS 19-109361

10400 block Meadowview Drive, on November 27, 2019 between 9:00 and 9:30pm someone entered the unlocked vehicle and stole a black Nautica woman's purse valued at \$50.00. In it were credit cards, a work visa, social security card, and debit cards.

PETIT LARCENY OTHER-CEDAR BROOK CFS 19-110205

10600 block Bent Tree Drive, between November 27, 8:00pm and the 29th, 6:30pm someone stole a Sonar animal deterrent device from the victims back yard. The equipment is valued at \$23.00 and the theft is an ongoing. CFS 19-110205



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PASS A WORTHLESS CHECK-FIVE MILE CENTRE-CHERRY ROAD CFS 19-109219

6300 block Five Mile Centre Park, on November 27, 2019 between 3:29 and 4:00pm a male had a shirt tapered and paid the \$40.00 charge with a non-sufficient check. CFS 19-109219

FRAUD CFS 19-108584

5800 block Massey Road, on November 25, 2019 between 6:00 and 6:05pm the victim received a call from a male who said he worked for the FBI and asked for the victim's date of birth, social security number, and the name of the bank. The victim complied and then realized that it was a scam and stopped talking. CFS 19-108584

VANDALISM-SALEM FIELDS~THE GLEN CFS 19-108679

6300 block Hot Spring Lane, on November 26, 2019 between 12:59 and 1:41am someone threw an object at the rear windshield on the silver Ford 500 causing it to shatter and make a large hole on the glass. CFS 19-108679

VANDALISM-SPRING CREEK CFS 19-109782

10800 block Chancellorsville Drive, on November 29, 2019 between 3:00 and 3:30pm unknown person(s) fired BB gun(s) at the front of the home striking two windows. Damage costs is \$600.00. CFS 19-109782

VANDALISM CFS 19-110341

10600 block Post Oak Road, between November 28, 10:30am and December 1, 2019 3:00pm someone punctured the out sides of both rear tires on the green 1999 Ford Ranger. CFS 19-110341



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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.

Remember your phone call, Web Tip or

P3 App Tip can make a difference.

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