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February 19 thru 25, 2020

TIP OF THE WEEK

FTC: The bottom-line on fake checks scams

February 10, 2020

If someone you don't know sends you a check and asks for money back, that's a scam.

By law, banks have to make deposited funds available quickly — you'll usually see the money in your account within a day or two. But it may take weeks for your bank to learn the check was bad. By that time, the scammer has the money you sent, and you're stuck paying the bank back.

Over the last several years, the number of fake check scams reported to the FTC has steadily increased, and so have the dollars lost. In its most recent Data Spotlight, [Don't bank on a "cleared" check](#), the FTC reports that consumers lost more than \$28 million to fake check scams in 2019 alone. The median loss reported was \$1,988. That's more than six times the median loss on all frauds tracked by the FTC. What's more, reports about fake check scams are up by about 65% over 2015 levels. The FTC found that younger people are hit especially hard. In 2019, people in their twenties were more than twice as likely as people 30 and older to report losing money to a fake check scam. Want to learn more? Visit ftc.gov/fakechecks

Colleen Tressler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

PHONE THREATS-WILBURN FARMS CFS 20-18520

3700 block Wilburn Drive, on February 22, 2020 between 12:50am and 1:00am the victim received a telephone call from an unknown person and threatened the victim if \$1,500.00 was not paid and the threat included family members and he sent photos of persons dismembered persons. The call originated in The Dominican Republic. CFS 20-18520

ROBBERY CFS 20-17270

Garden Inn Hotel, 5317 Jefferson Davis Highway, on February 18, 2020 between 8:05 and 9:38pm the victim was approached by a male that produced a knife and demanded the victim's wallet. The victim struck the culprit and disarmed him. The suspect ran across U.S. 1 and is a white male, 25 to 30 years, 160 lbs, light brown hair, wearing a light green jacket, brownish pants, tennis shoes and had a bleeding wound on his face. CFS 20-17270

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BREAKING AND ENTERING-SOUTHWIND SHORES CFS 20-17205

15700 block Quay Court, on February 18, 2019 between 6:00am and 5:15pm someone forced a garage door entered, pried a house door and entered the residence. Taken are were 3 Dri-EZ Air Mover fans valued at \$250.00 each and two Memory Cards from cameras mounted on the property. CFS 20-17205

BURGLARY-CAVALRY RIDGE CFS 20-19106

3200 block Cavalry Ridge Court, on February 24 2020 between 7:54 and 9:32am the victim returned home after dropping children at the bus stop and went into a bedroom and while looking out a window someone struck the victim on the head with an object. The victim was able to describe the male as being 6'0" and wore all black clothing and mask. The victim noticed that he had a nose ring and olive skin. CFS 20-19106

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-RED ROSE VILLAGE CFS 18555

11800 block Geranium Street, between February 21, 10:00pm and the 22nd, 2020 7:00am unknown person(s) entered three unlocked vehicles; a 2014 Dodge, a 2004 Toyota, and a 2017 Hyundai vehicles. Taken were cosmetics, medications, phone adapters, charging cords, a computer bag, IPAD, and a Dell Laptop. CFS 18555

GRAND LARCENY OTHER CFS 20-16968

Sheetz, 5015 Mudd Tavern Road, on February 17, 5:00pm and February 18, 2020 7:00am unknown person(s) stole a 2-foot construction Kubota-200 bucket from the construction area at the station. It is valued at \$400.00. CFS 20-16968

PETIT LARCENY FROM BUILDING-OAK GROVE TERRACE CFS 20-18149

5500 block Rudy Lane, between February 20, 5:30pm and February 21, 2020 7:00am, someone entered the unlocked storage shed and stole two bicycles. One is a black and teal and the other is black, pink and purple and are valued at \$100.00 each. Serial numbers are unknown. CFS 20-18149

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-17097

Sheetz, 8533 Jefferson Davis Highway, on February 18, 2020 between 2:26 and 3:15pm a male entered the store and took three 24 packs of beer and exited the store where a white Hyundai displaying Virginia plates was waiting for him. The suspect is a black male 5'9" wearing a white and black jacket and blue jeans. CFS 20-17097

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-RED ROSE VILLAGE CFS 20-18643

11700 Geranium Street, between February 21, 5:00pm and February 22, 2020 1:00pm unknown person entered the unlocked green 2005 Trail Blazer parked in the driveway of the residence. Taken is an old faux leather briefcase valued at \$20.00. CFS 20-18643

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PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-RED ROSE VILLAGE CFS 20-18502

6900 block Violet Drive, on February 21, 2020 between 8:00 and 11:00pm someone entered two family vehicles and took a total of \$11.00 in change from one vehicle and nothing from the 2000 Dodge. CFS 20-18502

LOST WALLET CFS 20-17928

11500 block Shannon Drive, between February 19 7:00am and the 20th, 2020 4:42pm the victim lost a men's brown wallet containing a debit card, a Virginia Identification card and \$10.00. The suspect used the card to purchase \$6.00 in merchandise. CFS 20-17928

FRAUD-BATTLE STATION CFS 20-18033

11200 block Trisler Drive, between February 19 4:00pm and the 20th, 8:00pm the victim was conducting a purchase transaction valued \$1,400.00 via EBAY. The "seller" told the victim to purchase the \$1,400.00 in EBAY gift cards. The victim purchased cards and thought it was unusual and did NOT give the "seller" the card numbers. The victim attempted to make contact the "seller" and the web address was taken off. CFS 20-18033

FRAUD-RIVER BLUFFS CFS 20-18237

Unit block E. River Bend Road, on February 21, 2020 between 11:22am and 12:00pm an unknown person obtained the victims information and tried obtain Social Security benefits. The victim contacted the Social Security Administration they cancelled the false request. CFS 20-18237

FRAUD CFS 20-19252

Quail Ridge Products, 4821 Massaponax Church Road, on February 24, 2020 between 9:00am and 12:30pm the victim received a call from a male identifying himself as a Federal Marshal and told the victim was suspect in a crime in Texas. He convinced the victim into sending \$1,800.00 in Target Gift Cards and the victim complied. CFS 20-19252

FRAUD-BRITTANY COMMONS CFS 20-19108

5800 block Marble Arch Way, on February 24, 2020 between 12:01am and 4:00am someone used the victims debit account to purchase pizzas in Chesterfield 8 times, Richmond 3 times and once in New York.

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Crime Solvers Statistics

From January 2000 through December 2019, the Spotsylvania County Crime Solvers has paid out over **\$100,000** in **CASH REWARDS** for information through **2,320** 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 **207** arrests involving burglaries, drug distribution, arson, vandalism, breaking & entering and other crimes against the citizens of Spotsylvania County. To date there has been **\$164,132** worth of stolen property recovered, and property and assorted types of drugs seized. From June 2010 through December 2019 **64** **Wanted Fugitives** have been arrested.

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