

# Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office

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### CRIME SOLVERS REPORT MARCH 18 THRU MARCH 24, 2020 TIP OF THE WEEK

#### **Making mobile payments? Protect yourself from scams (Feb 4, 2020)**

Using mobile payment apps like CashApp, Venmo, or Zelle can be a convenient way to get quick cash to your family and friends. But remember the first rule of sending money, whether you're using an app or money wiring service: Be sure you know who's on the receiving end. Otherwise, you might lose the money you sent — and then some.

People have told the FTC they lost money to scammers using mobile payment apps. Some of these thieves pretend to be someone you know asking for money — say, for an emergency. Others say they're with the app company or your bank. Still other scammers with access to your contacts might trick you into thinking they're someone you've given money to before.

Don't be afraid to use mobile payment apps — just empower yourself against scammers who also use them. Here are a few tips:

- Never send money to anyone you don't recognize.
- If you get a cash request from someone you do recognize, call or contact them using a number you know to be right. Confirm they made the request before you send money — even if you've sent them money through the app before.
- When you use an app for the first time, it will usually ask permission to access information on your device — like your contacts — to make payments easier. If you're not comfortable with that, deny access or uninstall the app.
- Read your bank statements closely and regularly. Ask the app company and your bank to reverse any transactions you didn't authorize.

Find out more about mobile payments and securing your mobile device. And, as always, if you've experienced a money transfer scam or other fraud, report it to the FTC.

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### **GRAND LARCENY AUTOMOBILE-SALEM RUN** CFS 20-28175

11600 block of Rowan Court, between March 21, 10:00pm and the 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am someone stole the victims black 2013 Buick Enclave. CFS 20-28175

### **PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT** CFS 20-28178

FAS MART 11517 Tidewater Trail, on March 22, between 10:12 and 10:16am a male entered and took a cheese burger, French toast sandwich filled a cup of soda and left the store without paying the \$7.18. He is black, 50 to 60 years, 200 to 240 lbs, wore a blue sweatshirt, a tee shirt with 21 on it, and gray pants. He boarded a light blue 2000's Mercedes sedan. CFS 20-28178

### **PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT** CFS 20-27769

FAS MART 11517 Tidewater Trail, on March 20, 2020 between 4:50 and 6:25pm a male took two Muscle Milk drinks valued at \$5.00 and exited the store without paying. He is black and in the past was banned from the store. CFS 20-27769

### **PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK** CFS 20-27098

Wal-Mart, 10001 Southpoint Parkway, on March 18, 5:00pm and 5:15pm three male juveniles went to the toy aisle and picked a basketball goal and a pair of Hoverboard shoes. An adult male met the boys with a store cart and put the items in the cart and exited without paying. They boarded a new model white Mercedes-Benz SUV and left. Value of the stolen merchandise is \$376.00. CFS 20-27098

### **PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SALEM FIELDS~BROOKFIELD** CFS 20-26882

1100 block Plume Court, someone entered the victims locked vehicle and stole \$60.00 from the console. There was no visible damage to all doors or damage to the glass. CFS 20-26882

### **PETIT LARCENY OF AUTO PARTS** CFS 20-27500

3200 block Mine Road, on March 19, 2020 at 9:09pm someone stole the front license plate from the victims' pickup truck. Registration value is \$40.00. According to the victim the plate screws tight. CFS 20-27500

### **COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY** CFS 20-27120

Food Lion, 6320 Jefferson Davis Highway, on March 18, 2020 a female was observed by an employee attempting to purchase Green Dot Gift cards with six counterfeit \$50 bills. She is described as black, 140 lbs, brown eyes, brown hair, wore a blue hat, a gray hoodie sweatshirt, workout style pants and slippers. The six counterfeit bills were confiscated. CFS 20-27120

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### **FRAUD** CFS 20-27724

Bank of America 7110 Harrison Road, on March 20, 2020 between 1:55 and 2:10 pm  
A female attempted to cash a \$1,972.45 check using a false driver's license. When questioned the female became nervous and left the bank leaving the license and check. She is black, 5'5", about 45 years, 160lbs, black hair and brown eyes. CFS 20-27724

### **FRAUD** CFS 20-27800

7-11, 10100 Southpoint Parkway, on March 20, 2020 between 6:00 and 6:46pm someone placed a card reading device on the inside of one of the fuel pumps. It is unknown who placed inside the pump. Others have been found at other stations by the company inspector. CFS 20-27800

**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OF THE ABOVE INCIDENTS OR ANY CRIME CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REPORT IT. CALL OR TEXT USING THE CRIME SOLVERS NUMBERS NOTED ABOVE AND YOU COULD GET A REWARD OF UP TO \$1,000.00. ALL INFORMATION YOU GIVE IS CONFIDENTIAL, YOU REMAIN ANONYMOUS, AND DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT.**

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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.

**Remember your phone call, Web Tip or  
P3 App Tip can make a difference.**

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