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Avoiding SSA scams during COVID-19 April 7, 2020

While some of you are home, practicing social distancing and frequent hand washing to avoid the Coronavirus, remember that scammers are still busy trying to take advantage of people. Some scammers are pretending to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and trying to get your Social Security number or your money. Here's what to know:

- Do not trust caller ID. Scam calls may show up on caller ID as the Social Security Administration and look like the agency's real number, but it's not the SSA calling.
- Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended. And your bank accounts are not about to be seized.
- Don't verify your Social Security number or any other personal information to anyone who calls out of the blue. If you already did, visit IdentityTheft.gov/SSA to find out what steps you can take to protect your credit and your identity.
- SSA will never call to threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time.
- Talk about it. If you're getting these calls, chances are your friends and family are too. Please talk with them about it.
- People who know about scams are much less likely to fall for them. So by discussing them you are helping protect people you care for and people in your community.

Check out this video for more information on Social Security scams.

Want more information on the latest Coronavirus-related scams we're seeing? Visit ftc.gov/coronavirus, and sign up for our consumer alerts.

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BREAKING AND ENTERING-INDIAN ACRES CFS 20-32181

6400 block Morris Road, between August, 2019 and April 5, 2020 someone broke into the victim's trailer through the front door by cutting the screen and breaking the door glass. Nothing appeared to be taken. CFS 20-32181

GRAND LARCENY FROM BUILDING CFS 20-31480

8300 block Seays Road, on April 4, 2020 between 8:00am and 6:30pm an unknown person(s) removed the siding from the back of the victims' storage shed and took two chain saws valued at \$200.00 each and a pole saw valued at \$100.00. CFS 20-31480

GRAND LARCENY FROM BUILDING CFS 20-32403

Hampton Inn 4800 Market Street, on April 6, between 3:00am and 8:00am someone stole 43 U.S. Morgan Silver dollars from his hotel room. The victim had a visitor/tenant until the victim escorted him out of the room. The victim went out and after returning noticed that 43 of the silver dollars were missing. They are estimated from \$480.00 to millions, according to the victim. CFS 20-32403

GRAND LARCENY-SHERATON HILLS CFS 20-31359

5900 block Sheraton Circle, between April 1, 4:00pm and April 2, 2020 10:21am unknown persons cut the cable lock and took 3 bicycles. The bicycles are described as two Mountain Bikes and one Cruiser brand name Schwinn. One is black, 29", valued at \$500.00, a green Schwinn 24" mountain bike valued at \$500.00, and a 26" Purple Schwinn female Cruiser valued at \$400.00. CFS 20-31359

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-30861

Giant Food 10346 Courthouse Road, on March 31, 2020 between 3:45 and 4:15pm a female concealed two mangos. When approached by a store employee she exited the store and boarded a Honda 4 door and drove away. She is black, late 30's, 5'5 to 5'7", between 180 and 200 lbs. CFS 20-30861

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-30888

Dollar General 5720 Courthouse Road on March 31, 2020 between 5:35 and 6:02pm a female was seen concealing merchandise and valued at \$6.95 and walking out without paying. She was accompanied by a black male and he paid for items he picked. He would not identify the suspect. CFS 20-30888



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PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-31967

Family Dollar, 10744 Tidewater Trail, on April 4, 2020 between 3:00pm and 3:56pm a female went shopping with two children and the children ate chips, ice cream and drinks. When the female went to pay for her items she refused to pay for what the children consumed. They boarded a black Chrysler with Virginia registration. CFS 20-31967

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-31321

Northern Tool & Equipment, 3609 Plank Road, on April 2, 2020 between 8:26 and 8:36am a male filled a cart with merchandise and put on a pair of Gravel Gear Men's boots and headed towards the exit when an employee who was watching him made a comment to him. The male then walked out of the store while wearing the boots valued at \$90.00. The male is black and boarded a silver Saturn ION. The plates returned to another vehicle. CFS 20-31321

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS-20-32546

7800 block Curtis Lane, on April 6, 2020 between 6:34 and 7:46pm someone went to the victims Mailbox, opened the package and stole an AR 15firearm muzzle brake/Fake Suppressor valued at \$59.99. CFS-20-32546

FRAUD-CAMBRIDGE CFS 20-30712

5700 block Cambridge Drive, on March 30, 2020 between 12:01am and 8:00pm someone used the victims Bank account to charge the purchase of a Dell computer valued at \$1,649.15. The delivery address Is in Hampton, Virginia. CFS 20-30712

VANDALISM CFS 20-30809

Benchmark Motors, 10801 Tidewater Trail, between March 30 7:00pm and the 31st, 2020 11:30am unknown person(s) caused damage to a 2003 Jaguar, a 2000 Jeep and a 2008 Dodge. The three vehicles taillights were damage and the Jeeps' water line was cut. CFS 20-30809



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Crime Solvers Statistics

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

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