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APRIL 8 THRU APRIL 14 2020

TIP OF THE WEEK

Avoid scams while finding help during quarantine April 7, 2020

Older adults may be hard hit by the coronavirus – and scammers prey on that. If you or someone you know must stay at home and needs help with errands, you'll want to know about this latest scam.

Scammers are offering help with errands, and running off with your money

If you're an older adult or a caregiver for one, you may need help picking up groceries, prescriptions, and other necessary supplies. If someone you don't know offers to help, be wary. Some scammers offer to buy supplies but never come back with the goods or your money. It's usually safer to find a trusted friend or neighbor or arrange a delivery with a well-known company.

If you're ordering supplies online, know who you're buying from. Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't. Use an established delivery service, or order directly from the store. Many grocery stores and pharmacies are offering contactless delivery. If you need additional help for yourself or a loved one, the Eldercare Locator, a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging, can connect you to services for older adults and their families. You can also call 1-800-677-1116.

Are you also helping to manage someone's money?

If you're helping with basics, you might also be managing money for someone and can't be with them because of social distancing and quarantines. If so, here are some ideas:

- Check in by phone or video chat. Stay in touch to know how they're handling things – and so they know you're thinking about them.
- Ask questions. If your loved one mentions concern about money or spotted unusual activity in their accounts, ask for details. Older adults and their family members can learn about common types of scams, as well as how to avoid and report them by checking out the Pass it On and Money Smart for Older Adults programs.
- Financial caregivers: learn more about your responsibilities. The CFPB's Managing Someone Else's Money guides can help you understand your role as a fiduciary. Each guide explains your responsibilities, and how to spot financial exploitation and avoid scams.

Help keep everyone safe from scams

Help spread the word and keep those you care about from falling for a scam, regardless of their age or health status. If you spot a scam, report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint.

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GRAND LARCENY FROM BUILDING CFS 20-33113

Unit block Louisa, on April 7, 2020 between 8:00am and 5:00pm unknown persons entered the house under repairs and took a 24' ladder, two step ladders, a 12' walk board, 2 ladders a DeWALT miter box saw and a compressor. CFS 20-33113

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-34132

Royal Farms, 5301 Jefferson Davis Highway on April 12, 2020 between 3:35 and 3:42pm a male stole a 12 pack of Budweiser beer valued at \$14.99, a single 24 ounce Budweiser can valued at \$2.99 and left the store without paying. He is an older black male, gray hair and facial hair, and wore a dark green hooded sweat shirt with U.S. Army on the front, dark sweatpants, black and white Nike shoes. CFS 20-34132

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-BELLEUE COURT CFS 20-33675

300 block Stratford Avenue on April 10, 2020 between 5:19 and 6:07pm someone stole the two license plate registration 2021 stickers from the plates of the 1996 Ford Ranger. CFS 20-33675

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-LAKESIDE CFS 20-33584

4700 block Wensel Road, on April 10, at 11:32am someone broke the rear window and stole \$400.00. No vehicle description and the cost of the window is \$550.00. CFS 20-33584

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SALEM RUN APARTMENTS CFS 20-36672

5600 block Acree Avenue, on April 10, 2020 at 5:18pm the victim placed items in the vehicle locked it and went inside the residence. The victim returned to the vehicle a short time later and noted that the vehicle was unlocked, ransacked and items stolen. Missing is a black Victoria's Secret clutch wallet valued at \$30.00 and a Starbucks drink. No damage was found to the vehicle. CFS 20-36672

VANDALISM-LEE'S PARK~THE ESTATES SECTION 1 & 2 CFS 20-34069

9400 block Deep Creek Lane, on April 12, 2020 between 12:30am and 10:45am someone pulled up the mailbox left from its post and left it on the street. CFS 20-34069

VANDALISM-CHANCELLOR HILLS CFS 20-34005

6900 block Runnymede Trail, on April 11, 2020 10:00pm and 11:17pm, someone threw an object at the front door glass causing it to shatter. The victim did not know the glass was shattered and when the victim opened the door it collapsed in small pieces. The glass door is valued at \$350.00. CFS 20-34005

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VANDALISM-LEE'S PARK~THE ESTATES, SECTION 2 CFS 20- 34062

6000 block Greenspring Road, between April 11, 11:30pm and April 12, 2020 8:00am someone removed the mailbox from the victims' front property and damaged the post. Residents saw an older black SUV or a Jeep Cherokee with racks on top. The box is valued at \$40.00. CFS 20-34062

FRAUD CFS 20-33062

4113 Plank Road, on April 8 2020 between 10:30 and 11:00am the victim rented a DVD from the Express machine and paid the \$3.00 fee. The victim received a call from the bank and was notified of a possible fraud charge of \$28.87. CFS 20-33062