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TIP OF THE WEEK



Not every COVID-19 testing site is legit

April 30, 2020

You probably know that COVID-19 tests are in short supply. But did you know there's no shortage of scammers setting up fake COVID-19 testing sites to cash in on the crisis?

The fake sites can look real, with legitimate-looking signs, tents, hazmat suits, and realistic-looking tests. And the damage these fake testing sites can cause is very real. They aren't following sanitation protocols, so they can spread the virus. They're taking people's personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card information, and other health information – all of which can be used for identity theft and to run up your credit card bill. Worst of all, they're not giving people the help they need to stay healthy. In other words, these testing sites are bad news.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when looking into testing sites.

- If you think you should get tested, ask your doctor. Some people with COVID-19
 have mild illness and are able to recover at home without medical care. They
 may not need to be tested, according to the CDC. Not sure if you need to get
 tested? Try the CDC's self-checker.
- Get a referral. Testing sites are showing up in parking lots and other places you wouldn't expect to get a lab test. Some of these are legit and some are not. The best way to know is to go somewhere you have been referred to by your doctor or state or local health department's website. In other words, don't trust a random testing site you see on the side of the road.
- Not sure if a site is legit? Check with your local police or sheriff's office. If a legitimate testing site has been set up, they should know about it. And, if a fake testing site is operating, they'll want to know.

Spotted a fake COVID-19 testing site? We want to hear about it. Report it at ftc.gov/complaint. Ari Lazarus Consumer Education Specialist, FTC



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ABDUCTION-CAMELOT/TIMBERS CFS 20-39006

11800 block Clarence Drive & Green Arbor Drive, on May 1, 2020 between 11:50am and 12:09pm the juvenile was walking alone when a male exited a vehicle and grabbed and the victim and attempted to pull the juvenile into the vehicle. The victim was able to pull away and ran home. The car is an old model 2-door vehicle. The male is light skinned mixed race and wore a dark gray zipped hoodie, blue jeans, white Nike sneakers, wore a full face black mask and black rubber gloves. No description on the female in the car. CFS 20-39006

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-REGENCY GLEN CFS 20-39440

7700 block Wellington Glen Drive, on May 2, 2020 between 10:45am and 3:45pm someone stole a purse from the victims unlocked Jeep Cherokee. The purse is a large gray Dooney & Burke, containing work identification cards, Coach sunglasses, credit cards, a government credit card and several prescription medications. CFS 20-39440

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-38292

Northern Tool and Equipment, 3609 Plank Road on April 28, 2020 between 3:23 and 3:48pm a white male entered and picked an orange and white Stihl FS56RC weed eater. The sales clerk took the weed eater and the male to the register and the clerk was called away. The male took the weed eater and walked out without paying. It is valued at \$200.00. CFS 20-38292

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-38578

300 block Southgate Avenue, on April 29, 2020 between 5:01 and 5:26pm someone stole the 2021 validation sticker from one of the license plates of the 1993 Ford pickup truck. CFS 20-38578

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-BRITTANY COMMONS CFS 20-39648

10200 block Brittany Commons Blvd, between May 2, 12:00pm and May 3, 2020 11:30am someone entered the unlocked 2004 Nissan Frontier and poured fuel injector cleaner inside the vehicle. Taken is the vehicles' shift knob valued at \$50.00. CFS 20-39648

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE -KINGS CREST CFS 20-39658

5700 block Fall Way Court, between May 2, 11:00pm and May 3, 2020 9:30am someone entered the victims unlocked 2007 Toyota and threw the contents in the wallet in the street. Missing is a debit card. CFS 20-39658



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PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-LEE'S HILL~GERMANNA POINT CFS 20-39219

4500 Leighann Lane, on May 2, 2020 between 4:11 and 4:37am someone rummaged through the victims unlocked automobile. The locking system is broken and cannot be locked. Missing is \$5.00 in change. CFS 20-39219

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-VILLAGES OF SALEM STATION CFS 20-39618

11100 block Kensington Place between May 2, 5:00pm and May 3, 2020 10:00am someone entered the victims 2006 Chevrolet HHR and took an Axe/Hammer valued at \$15.00, \$10.00 in change and a box of latex gloves valued at \$10.00. CFS 20-39618

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-BELLEUE COURT CFS 20-38578

300 block of Southgate Avenue, on April 29, 2020 between 5:01 and 5:26pm someone stole the rear license plate registration sticker of the 1993 Ford pickup. CFS 20-38578

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-VILLAGES OF SALEM STATION CFS 20-39575

11100 block Stalbridge Court, between May 2 5:00pm and May 3, 2020 8:48am someone had entered the unlocked vehicle and took several boxes containing merchandise that was to be picked up by UPS. The boxes were found open and scattered in the yard. Taken is an JUQITECH IPad 7 valued at 49.99. CFS 20-39575

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 20-39635

11000 block Surry Woods Court, between May 2, 8:00pm and May 3, 2020 10:00am someone stole a container of surface cleaner from the work trailer. It is valued at \$300.00. CFS 20-39635

DEFRAUD AN INNKEEPER-MAPLE COURT CFS 20-39635

Intersection of Glen Eagles & Hazel Court, on May 5, 2020 between 1:00am and 1:07am the victim cab driver took two females to the intersection. One gave the driver a \$100.00 bill and he gave her \$70.00 change. The victim noticed the back of bill was written in Chinese. The victim went after them and they hid behind buildings and lost sight of them. Both are white teenager, one is blond and the other is brunette. CFS 20-39635

VANDALISM CFS 20-39257

Wilderness Community Church, 10501 Plank Road on May 1, 2020 between 9:00 and 10:00pm a vehicle driven on the church property and the drive begin to spin the tires leaving ruts. Damage is estimated at \$100.00. CFS 20-39257

<u>VANDALISM</u> CFS 20-39886 Fredericksburg Auto Sales, 4703 Jefferson Davis Highway, on May 4, 2020 between 2:16am and 12:31pm unknown persons vandalized five vehicles. The windows were broken and the ignitions were damaged. CFS 20-39886



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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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