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JULY 15 THRU JULY 21 2020

TIP OF THE WEEK

Utility company calling? Don't fall for it. July 14, 2020

Every day, millions of people who have lost their jobs are making difficult choices about how to pay their bills. As the Coronavirus continues to spread, scammers are taking advantage of people's heightened economic anxiety. Their latest ploy is posing as representatives from utility companies to dupe people out of their cash and personal information by convincing them their utilities will be shut off if they don't pay.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be your utility company, here are some things you can do:

- Thank the caller for the information. Then firmly tell them you will contact the utility company directly using the number on your bill or on the company's website.
- Even if the caller insists you have a past due bill or your services will be shut off, never give banking information over the phone unless *you* place the call to a number you know is legitimate.
- Utility companies don't demand banking information by email or phone. And they won't force you to pay by phone as your *only* option.
- If the caller demands payment by gift card, cash reload card, wiring money or cryptocurrency, it is a scam. Legitimate companies don't demand payment by gift cards (like iTunes or Amazon), cash reload cards (like MoneyPak, Vanilla, or Reloadit), or cryptocurrency (like Bitcoin).
- Tell your friends and loved ones about the scam so they can protect themselves. If you got this scam call, others in your community probably did to. We know when people hear about scams, they're much more likely to avoid them.

Tell the FTC. Your reports help the FTC and our law enforcement partners stop scammers. Jim Kreidler Consumer Education Specialist, FTC



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GRAND LARCENY MOTORCYCLE-VILLAGES OF SALEM STATION CFS 20-63615

11100 block Sunburst Lane, between July 15, 10:00pm and July 16, 2020 7:19am someone stole the victims blue and black 2007 Suzuki GSXR 600 Motorcycle from the front of the residence. It is valued at \$4,000.00. CFS 20-63615

GRAND LARCENY MOTORCYCLE-VILLAGES OF SALEM STATION CFS 20-64332

11100 block Sunburst Lane, on July 18, 2020 between 9:30am and 2:00pm someone stole the black 2016 Yamaha motorcycle while parked in front of the residence. It is a valued at \$7000.00. CFS 20-64332

GRAND LARCENY MOTORCYCLE-ALLURE @ JEFFERSON CFS 20-64255

4600 block Monroe Way, between July 17 4:00pm and July 18, 2020 7:00am someone stole the victims white and red 2009 Yamaha R6 motorcycle from the parking lot. It is valued at \$6,000.00. CFS 20-64255

GRAND LARCENY MOTORCYCLE-SILVER COLLECTION APARTMENTS CFS 20-64265

9500 block Silver Collection Circle, between July 17 8:00pm and July 18, 2020 8:30am, 2020 someone stole the black and red 2016 Yamaha motorcycle for the parking lot. It is valued at \$6,000.00. CFS 20-64265

LOST OR STOLEN PHONE CFS 20-63922

10100 block Brock Road, between July 16 9:20pm and July 17, 2020 2:11am the victim was at OReillys Auto store and may have set it on the counter. It is a red iPhone SE in a black Otter box. a search was made and the SE iPhone was not found. It is valued at \$400.00. CFS 20-63922

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 20-63278

Sheetz, 2870 Lafayette Blvd, on July 15, 2020 between 2:15 and 2:33am three black males entered together and once inside they took merchandise valued over \$50.00 and left without paying. They are described as being 6'0 to 6'1" and young. One is thin, curly hair, wore Adidas slippers, black jogging pants and a black t-shirt with a white emblem on the upper left chest. The other wore a gray hoodie with the hood up, tight blue jeans, a white belt and wore black and white sneakers; the 3rd is medium build, curly hair, Hawaii style shorts, a gray t-shirt and red shoes. They boarded a blue SUV with a loose rear license plate. CSR 20-63278

PETIT LARCENY OTHER-GREENBRANCH FARMS CFS 20-64590

4800 block Green Branch St, between July 17 3:00pm and July 19 2020 12:30pm someone stole two Ford F-150 brake drums from the yard. They are valued at \$200.00. CFS 20-64590



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FRAUD-CAMBRIDGE CFS 20-64320

5600 block Westbury Court on July 18, 2020 between 12:14 and 1:04pm, the deputy found a resident was using county water without a permit and a meter. Citation issued. CFS 20-64320

FRAUD CFS 20-64111

Wells Fargo ATM, 10637 Courthouse Road, on July 17, 2020 between 5:02 and 5:51pm the victim received a check received from a "Mystery Shopper" event and deposited the check into a church's account since the victim did not have enough to cover the purchases. The victim was sent was sent \$2,860.00 and spent that amount. The check was returned marked insufficient funds to the churches' account. CFS 20-64111

VANDALISM CFS 20-63205

Garden Inn, 5316 Jefferson Davis Highway, on July 14, 2020 between 7:21 and 7:24pm a male was standing out front of the hotel. The duty clerk asked if he was staying at the hotel and he wasn't. He was asked to leave and as he was grumbling and from a distance he threw a rock at the window and broke it. The suspect boarded a black jeep and left. Cost to replace the glass is \$500.00. CFS 20-63205

VANDALISM-LEE'S PARKE~THE FALLS CFS 20-64111

5200 block Yellow Birch Drive, on July 17, 2020 between 12:01 and 12:30am someone broke a wind located on the side of the residence. It is valued at \$250.00 and to replace it. The striking object was not located. CFS 20-64111

VANDALISM-COURTLAND COMMONS CFS-20-64421

FAS MART, 9815 Courthouse Road, on July 18, 2020 between 9:00 and 9:35pm someone forced open the panel door to a fuel pump. A customer reported it to the employee and the citizen did not see anyone near the pump. CFS-20-64421

FRAUD CFS 20-64783

9119 Dean Ridings Lane, someone obtained the elderly victim's personal information and the suspect obtained a BANA Credit Card and charged \$16,768.81. CFS 20-64783



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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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