

# Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office

## Crime Solvers



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OCTOBER 14 THROUGH OCTOBER 20 2020

### TIP OF THE WEEK

#### **You've won! Now pay us" is always a scam**

August 12, 2020

During these difficult economic times, it is easy to imagine our financial problems disappearing by winning a big prize. Who wouldn't like to win a million dollars, a new car, or a vacation home? But if you get a call from someone saying, "You've won," don't believe the hype.

Here's how it works. You get a call from someone who says they're from Publishers Clearing House or some other well-known organization. They say, "Congratulations, you've won a million dollars, a Mercedes-Benz, and seven thousand dollars a week for life!" or some other amazing sounding prizes. Then they ask you to pay a "processing fee," "taxes," or "shipping and handling charges," to claim your prize.

The scammers are trying to push you into a heightened emotional state, to knock you off balance just long enough to steal your money and personal information.

The fact is, Publishers Clearing House never notifies winners in advance. And anyone who says, "You've won. Now pay us," is always scammer. Period. Consider these tips to avoid this scam: Legitimate sweepstakes don't make you pay a fee to get your prize. That includes paying "taxes," "shipping and handling charges," or "processing fees." There's also no reason to give someone your checking account or credit card number in response to a sweepstakes promotion.

- Don't send money transfers or gift cards, or give personal information. Sending money transfers or gift cards (or providing the gift card numbers) is like sending cash: once the money's gone, you can't trace it or get it back. The same goes for sending money by mail or using a money order.
- Don't trust your caller ID. Scammers can make any name or number show up on your caller ID. They might use an official-sounding name like Publishers Clearing House or Reader's Digest.  
Scammers don't just scam one person. Tell your friends and family about the scam so they can avoid it. Then report it to the FTC: [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint).

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**SHOOT INTO OCCUPIED DWELLING-TIMBER RIDGE CFS 20-93312**

3600 block Timber Ridge Drive, on October 18, 3:36am unknown persons discharged several rounds into the residence thru the rear. Anyone having ANY information contact Spotsylvania Crime Solvers remain anonymous and get a reward. CFS 20-93312

**GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-CEDAR RIDGE CFS 20-93673**

5900 block South Cedar Ridge Lane, on October 19, 2020 between 4:30 and 11:25am unknown person(s) entered the unlocked vehicle and took a driver's license, several debit and credit cards, a pair of sun glasses, and three \$5.00 bills. A neighbors Ring camera shows three males going thru vehicles. CFS 20-93673

**TAMPER WITH A VEHICLE-WOODSIDE CFS 20-93568**

4000 block Bonnie Brea Court, on October 19 2020 between 3:15am and 3:44am the victim was awakened by a motion alarm. The victim saw two males enter the unlocked Honda SUV; nothing was taken. The suspects may have noticed the camera light and ran into the wooded area. CFS 20-93568

**VANDALISM-SALEM RUN APARTMENTS CFS 20-93313**

5600 block Acree Avenue, between October 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30pm and the 18<sup>th</sup> 3am someone cut the four tires of the 2017 purple Toyota SUV while it was parked near the residence. The tires are Nokian tires and are valued at \$400.00. CFS 20-93313

**VANDALISM-COURTHOUSE VILLAGE CFS 20-93402**

7500 block Graham St, between October 16, 5:00pm and the 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 3:00pm unknown persons scratched the hood of the victims black 2014 Nissan Rogue and the hood of the blue 2015 Honda Accord while they were parked on the street. The scratch marks are 2 1/2" long. CFS 20-93402

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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  
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