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Frosty the Con Man: avoiding family emergency scams December 15, 2020

"Hello? It's me — Frosty. Look it's a long story but without my top hat, I'm melting. Please, I need your help — send money now or I'll be nothing but a puddle!"

OK, so that's a silly example and real imposters aren't funny. But, on the 8th day of Consumer Protection, it's definitely worth remembering that scammers can be really convincing. And they don't take a break, even at this time of year. It's surprisingly easy for a scammer to impersonate someone to snow you. Networking sites make it easier than ever to sleuth out personal and family information. And they play on your emotions. Scammers are banking on your love and concern to outweigh your skepticism.

You might get a call or message supposedly from an out-of-town family member or friend claiming to be in an accident, arrested, or hospitalized. To make their story seem legitimate, they may involve another crook who claims to be an authority figure, like a lawyer or police officer.

What do you do if you get a message like this?

Stop – and check it out. Resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is.

Call a phone number for your family member or friend that you know to be genuine. Or reach out to another family member or friend to check out whether what the message claims is true.

• Don't wire money — or send a check, money order, or gift card by overnight delivery or courier.

And then tell the Federal Trade Commission: ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Carol Kando-Pineda Attorney, FTC, Division of Consumer & Business Education

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ROBBERY-SALEM RUN CFS 20-110072

5700 block Castlebridge Rd, on 12-8 between 10:56 and 11:50pm the victim was approached by a black male in a white vehicle and asked for directions. The victim turned to point to a location when the black male reached out the car window and grabbed the victims pant pocket and drove away with the victim holding on to the suspects arm. The victim was able to strike the suspect while he drove away still holding on to the victims' pants. The victim was able to break away and the suspect drove away. The suspect was driving a white Hyundai and the front bumper was damaged. The suspect was unable to take anything from the victim. CFS 20-110072

BREAKING AND ENTERING-WAVERLY VILLAGE CFS 20-111234

800 block Churchill Drive, between 12-11 11:00pm and the 12th 8:30am someone attempted to enter the garage and damaged the key pad. Someone went onto the back deck nothing appeared to be missing. CFS 20-111234

GRAND LARCENY AUTOMOBILE-LEE'S PARKE~THE FALLS CFS 20 111144

9500 block Laurel Oak Drive, on 12-12 between 3:02am and 3:03am someone stole the victims' vehicle while it was parked in the driveway unlocked and the keys inside. The vehicle was involved in Fairfax County. CFS 20 111144

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-LAKESIDE CFS 20-111160

4600 block Wensel Road on December 12, 2020 between 2:00 and 9:00am someone entered the unlocked Lexus and took a men's wallet containing credit cards and personal papers. The suspect went to an unlocked Audi and nothing was taken. CFS 20-111160

GRAND LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-LEE'S HILL @ GERMANNA POINT CFS 20-111625

4500 block Leighann Lane, between 12-13-11:00pm and the 14th, 7:05am someone entered the vehicle by gaining entrance thru a partially open window and took 12 cigarettes, a black Michael Kors purse and a wallet containing Wells Fargo and Capital One credit cards and a debit card. CFS 20-111625

GRAND LARCENY 4-WHEELER-GRANINGERS II CFS 20-111628

11400 block August Court, on 12-14 between 12:01am and 8:23am unknown persons removed the shed door and rolled away the victims blue white and gray Yamaha model 350 4-wheeler valued at \$8000. CFS 20-111628

GRAND LARCENY DIRT BIKE-MILL GARDEN CFS 20-111735

200 block Wyatt Drive, between 12-13 8:00pm and 12-14 5:45pm someone entered the rear yard and stole the green 1993 Kawasaki dirt bike. It is valued at \$2,000.00. CFS 20-111735 Bob Fregoso Crime Solvers and P3 Coordinator



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GRAND LARCENY OTHER-CHANCELLOR HILLS CFS 20-110624

6900 block Runnymede Trail, between 12-8 6:00pm and the 9th, 7:00am unknown persons' stole a locked black Leonard utility trailer valued at \$1,000.00 from a construction site. It has a spare tire mounted on the front. CFS 20-110624

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-TAVENEER CFS 20-109751

5700 block South Court, on 12-8 between 2:57 and 3:10am the victim checked the security camera and saw 3 males inside the Ford truck and the Lexus in the victims' driveway. The three males attempted to take a leaf blower and were unable to and left the area. Missing are the keys to the Ford truck. CFS 20-109751

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-TIDEWATER PLAINS CFS 20-109824

10500 block Tidewater Plains Drive, on 12-8 between 5:40 and 6:05am someone entered the unlocked black 2014 Hyundai and stole an IPhone charger and \$2.00 in change. A neighbor of the victim saw two black males and a white male board an older tan and gold vehicle. CFS 20-109824

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-TIDEWATER PLAINS CFS 20-110674 & CFS 20-110679 10600 block Boxmeer Court, between 12-9 5:00pm and 12-10 4:00am someone entered the unlocked 2015 Nissan and stole a work bag valued at \$270. The 2nd unlocked vehicle (CFS 20-110679) a white 2015 Ford truck was entered and nothing was taken. CFS 20-110674 & CFS 20-110679

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SHERATON OAKS CFS 20-111544

5900 block Alicia Court, on 12-13 between 7:57pm and 9:06pm someone entered the victims unlocked vehicle and stole \$240 from a purse. CFS 20-111544

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SHERATON OAKS CFS 20-111480

5900 block Danielle Drive on 12-13 between 3:26 and 3:50pm someone entered the unlocked blue 2019 Honda and took \$10.00 in change from a wallet. CFS 20-111480

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SHERATON HILLS EAST CFS 20-111425

5800 block Jackson Road, between 12-11 9:00pm and the 13th, 9:00am someone entered the unlocked Toyota and took \$500.00 from a purse wallet. Nothing else was taken. CFS 20-111425

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-SHERATON HILLS SOUTH CFS 20-111441

11600 block Hoover Lane, between 12-12 7:00pm and the 13th, 9:00am unknown persons entered the unlocked Nissan and took \$212.00 and two bicycles parked next to the garage were

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taken. One is maroon and the other is black and green and valued at \$70.00 and \$100.00 respectively. A medication vial was found and it belonged to a neighbor whose car was entered. CFS 20-111441

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-LEE'S HILL~TURNBERRY WEST CFS 20-111669

9600 block Blantyre Court on 12-14 between 9:39 and 10:27am someone entered the victims' automobile and took a wallet containing \$100.00 and some foreign currency. CFS 20-111669

PETIT LARCENY AUTOMOBILE PARTS-SPOTSWOOD HEIGHTS CFS 20-110281

300 block Wallace Lane, between 12-8 4:00pm and the 9th, 3:19pm someone stole the rear license plate from the 2008 Ford Ranger. It was seen on the vehicle on the 8th. CFS 20-110281

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-OVERLOOK TERRACE CFS 20-111741

4500 block Lookout Lane, on 12-14 between 1:10 and 2:31pm the victim locked the vehicle and left the car roof open. The suspect scattered the contents in the car and took a check book and two rings. CFS 20-111741

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE LEE'S HILL~TURNBERRY VILLAGE CFS 20-111807

4500 block Turnberry Drive, between 12-13 10pm and the 14th, 2pm someone entered the unlocked vehicle and taken was a gym bag containing a basketball, shoes and some clothing that was in the vehicle. CFS 20-111807

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-109899

7-11 Stores 12135 Gordon Road, on 12-8 between 1:10 and 1:50pm a white male took a music box valued at \$9.99, and concealed it. He is 5'5" 160lbs wearing a beige trench coat, a black or blue beanie. CFS 20-109899

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-111546

Royal Farms, 5301 Four Mile Fork on 12-13 between 8:17 and 8:37pm a male entered and took a turkey sub, a chicken tenders a fountain drink and did not pay for the merchandise. When he was asked to pay for the items he stated he was homeless. When he was asked to pay for a drink he threw it on the floor and left without paying for anything. The items are valued at \$17.67. CFS 20-111546

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-111080

7-11 10501 Courthouse Road, on 12-11 between 10:45 and 11:33pm 2 males wanted to purchase alcohol without identification and they exited the store. The 3rd male in the car took a firewood pack priced at \$7.99 from the front of the store and put it inside the car and they left. CFS 20-111080

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PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT-SOUTHPOINT INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY CFS 20-111196

Wal-Mart, 10001 Southpoint Parkway, on 12-10 between 8:14 and 8:21pm two males went to the alcohol and took a 24 pack of Bud Light Seltzer, two 12-paks of Smirnoff Ice Fun Pack and a bag of Dorito Chips then left without paying. They boarded a light blue Honda Civic with Virginia registration. Value of the alcohol products and chips is \$61.94. CFS 20-111196

PETIT LARCENY OTHER CFS 20-111806

Rappahannock Foot & Ankle, 195 falcon Drive, on December 14, between 12:00noon and 4:32p m the victim went shopping and later noticed that a wallet was missing from a purse. It contained credit cards, driver's license and \$15.00. CFS 20-111806

CREDIT CARD THEFT-THE VILLAS AT TOWNE CENTRE CFS 20-110632

Park Lane Tavern, on 12-10 between 2:30 and 2:57pm two males claimed to have lost two credit cards and the employee gave them two cards. The males could not describe the cards and the employee gave them two cards. The cards were attempted and were rejected. The suspects are black, are 6'5" and the other is 6'7" and have facial tattoos. A black female was seen with them. CFS 20-110632

FRAUD-LEE'S HILL~TROON NORTH CFS 20-109965

13100 block Beckman Court on 12-8 3:53 and 4:35pm the victim was on the computer and noticed a charge \$5000.00 for a purchase not made by the victim. The victim called the phone number noted and was told that it was an Amazon error that deposited \$5000 in the victims account and told the victim to send the \$5000 back to an address provided. The victim realized the scam and notified the bank. CFS 20-109965

FRAUD-WILLOW OAKS CFS 20-110305

7400 block Drew Lane on December 9, 2020 between 5:02 and 5:35pm the victim purchased a washer and dryer and paid through CASHAPP and afterwards the victim atempt4ed to contact the seller and the person would not respond. CFS 20-110305

FRAUD-CFS 20-110356

MAMA'S Laundromat, 11031 Leavells Road, on December 8, 2020 between 12:01am and 11:59pm the owner found a counterfeit \$10.00 bill in the Change Machine and someone wrote "FAKE" on the bill. CFS 20-110356

FRAUD-FAWN LAKE-SECTION 19A CFS 20-110991

11100 block Vanderbilt Cove, on 12-11 between 11:00am and 4:00pm the victim found a notice to the victim regarding the bank account had been compromised and to call the provided phone Bob Fregoso Crime Solvers and P3 Coordinator

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number. The victim believed that it was her banking institution and assisted them in transferring \$7,000 To a new account. The victim gave account information and at that time a family member heard the victim and informed the victim to stop. The victim then contacted the local branch and were attempting to repair the damage. CFS 20-110991

FRAUD CFS 20-111206

Dottie Den 3701 Lafayette Blvd on 12-12 between 7:37am and 1:40pm the victim was defrauded by a female over the internet thru CASHAPP for a PS5. After sending the \$300 for a PS5 the victim could not contact the female seller. CFS 20-111206

FRAUD-LEAVELLS CROSSING CFS 20-111445

10700 block Joyce Court on 12-13 between 1:04 and 1:43pm someone used the victims' PayPal account that was linked to the victims banking account to purchase a MacBook valued at \$1,065.18. CFS 20-111445

VANDALISM-NEW POST CFS 110470

2100 block Champions Way, between 12-9 8:00pm and the 10th, 7:00am someone threw a rock at the fence causing some damage to it. CFS 110470

VANDALISM CFS 20-110987

Durango's 4256 Plank Road, between 12-10 7pm and the 11th, 10:00pm someone slashed one of the tires of the victims' 2010 Acura sedan. Cost to replace it is\$100.00. CFS 20-110987

VANDALISM-SOUTH OAKS CFS 20-111257

5400 block O'bryant Court, between 12-11 10:30pm and 12-12 5:00pm someone slashed the four tires of the 2017 Infiniti QX60. Cost to replace them is \$400.00. CFS 20-111257

VANDALISM-SALEM RUN CFS 20-111429

11500 block Summerfield Court, on 12-13 between 5:15am and 11:02am someone used a steel pipe to break the right rear window of the 2015 Volkswagen Jetta. Cost to replace it is \$150.00. CFS 20-111429



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