



The Police Report

Scam Alert!

Over the past few months Southern Shores Police have spoken with several residents who have reported these particular fraudulent activities. Calls have been received on both landline and cell phones. Messages have been left on voicemail asking for urgent response and those who spoke to potential suspects, via telephone, stated the callers were aggressive and wanting action to take place immediately. Here are three of the most recent scam types:

Internal Revenue Service seeking payment for unpaid taxes with threat of arrest:

These calls are received at random and has been reported several times within the Town of Southern Shores and throughout Dare County. The caller usually has a Middle Eastern accent and is calling from a "spoofed" Internal Revenue Service phone number. In these types of fraud attempts voicemails are sometimes left and the caller requires a rapid response. Suspects usually require payment to be via Western Union or

some other kind or wire transaction. Do not give any information as the Internal Revenue Service will never contact anyone via telephone.

Lottery/Sweepstakes Scam:

These particular calls are placed from random "spoofed" telephone numbers in which the suspect tells the victim they have won a lottery or some kind of large prize. In order to collect the prize the scammer states they cannot release the prize unless "taxes" are paid up front and once the "taxes" are paid the prize will be delivered. These types of scams also involve sending money via wire transfer, Money Gram or Green Dot transactions (reloadable cash cards). Ask yourself, "Did I enter any kind of lottery or sweepstakes drawing?" Sometimes "things are too good to be true."

Loved One's in Jail:

This particular call will be a caller pretending to be a family member and saying they need you to send money to an attorney to assist them in getting out of jail or criminal charges. The callers will usually have an accurate name of a loved one but they do not do so well in disguising their voices. The caller tries to obtain your money



SCAMS
TARGET YOU
PROTECT YOURSELF

quickly stating this is their only phone call and they need help now. Do not provided any information. Simply hang up and call family members to confirm the whereabouts of your loved ones.

Awareness is key to prevent fraudulent activity. Please report any suspicious activity to your local Police Department. If you have any questions about fraudulent calls or activity please contact First Sergeant Brad T. Eilert of the Southern Shores Police Department at 252-261-3331.

2015 KHES Fall Carnival



The Southern Shores Police Department once again participated in the annual Kitty Hawk Elementary School Fall Carnival. Two bicycles, which were generously donated by Walmart, were raffled off to raise money for the school. The officers gave out Halloween bags and other freebies. They also offered Child Identi-Kit fingerprinting services in addition to bringing the fun with a bean bag toss. Some of the officers, including Lt. Jon Slegel, gave the kids an opportunity to "Dunk A Cop" which is always a big laugh for everyone including the officers. In all, it was another successful carnival. Thanks to everyone for their participation and support.



Holiday Safety

Many of the following tips you have seen before but they are always worth reviewing as a reminder that you can never be too careful especially during the holidays...

The holiday season is a time when busy people can become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips from the Los Angeles Police Department Crime Prevention Section can help you be more careful, prepared and aware during the holiday season.



- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Dress casually and comfortably.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry.
- Do not carry a purse or wallet, if possible.
- Always carry your California Driver License or Identification Card along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use.
- Even though you are rushed and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas, transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses and other rapid transit.
- Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. At this time of year, "con-artists" may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.

Driving on shopping trips during the holidays requires some extra safety precautions.

- Avoid driving alone or at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- If you must shop at night, park in a well-lighted area.
- Avoid parking next to vans, trucks with camper shells, or cars with tinted windows.
- Park as close as you can to your destination and take notice of where you parked.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.



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- **Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.**
- **Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.**
- **Be sure to locate your keys prior to going to your car.**



- **Keep a secure hold on your purse, handbag and parcels. Do not put them down or on top of the car in order to open the door.**
- **When approaching and leaving your vehicle be aware of your surroundings.**
- **Do not approach your car alone if there are suspicious people in the area.**
- **Ask mall or store security for an escort before leaving your shopping location.**

The holidays can present potentially dangerous situations for children. Some simple prevention measures can help keep your children safe during the season.

- **If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.**
- **Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.**
- **Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.**
- **Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.**
- **Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.**
- **Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security. Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.**



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The Southern Shores Police Department supports the core of Community Policing, and accepts its definition as both a philosophy and an organizational strategy that will allow the police and the community to work closely together. Together, we will work to establish and maintain mutual trust among all entities to improve the quality of life while enforcing the law.

We are committed to being a leading community-oriented department.

We are committed to being recognized as leaders in our profession by providing quality, customer focused, problem solving services in partnership with the community we serve.

We are committed to ensuring that police and the community share the responsibility for finding workable solutions to problems that detract from community safety and security.

We are committed to have open and honest communications both internally and externally.

We are committed to making sure that with each contact with the public, we treat each person with dignity and a sense of professionalism.

We are committed to excellence in all professional endeavors, maintaining high ethics, and striving to be the best in all we do.

Law Enforcement History

April 6, 1970

Four California Highway Patrolmen, James Pence, Roger Gore, Walt Frago and George Alleyn died in a 4 minute gun battle with two heavily-armed suspects. The Newhall Incident, as it became known, reverberated throughout the law enforcement community and led to major reforms in training procedures, firearms use, and arrest techniques.



If you have a rental home, please feel free to print a copy of this newsletter and display it in your home. This is valuable information that renters and guests need to know, particularly first time visitors. Thank you!