

ALPHA ZONE

Stafford County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit

Weekly Crime Report

May 17 to May 23, 2021



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Blake Way Beau Ridge 05/19/21

Fraud: SCAM: Amazon: Victim look-up the phone number for "returns" for Amazon. Unbeknownst to victim, a look-alike Amazon website popped up. Victim called listed number and spoke with a representative who instructed victim to download a peer-to-peer remote program and Zelle to personal computer, and instructing victim to transfer funds using new apps. Victim did not comply, instead, hung up, contacted bank and froze account, but not before \$200.00 had been transferred from account.

147 Warrenton Road Heflin's Garage 05/19/21

Larceny: Theft of trailer and lawn mower.

England Pointe Drive England Run 05/19/21

Larceny: Theft of gift card from unsecure vehicle.

Denison Street Celeva 05/20/21

Fraud: SCAM: SOCIAL MEDIA DATING: Victim met suspect on Hangout App. Relationship grew romantic at which time suspect claimed he had acquired a "box of jewels" but needed help getting them through customs, requiring paying off agents. After transferring money several times, and suspect not keeping his promises, victim realized this was a scam. Monetary loss of \$115,000.00.

Falls Run Drive A & Z Motors LLC 05/20/21

Larceny: Theft of inspection sticker from vehicle.

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1044 Warrenton Road Atlantic Union Bank 05/21/21

Fraud: Attempt to pass a forged check in the amount of \$9,200. No monetary loss to business.

Kellogg Mill Road Bryant Estates 05/21/21

Larceny: Theft of Apple iPad 7th Generation.

Hulls Chapel Road Cook 05/21/21

Fraud: Victim's identity compromised and an attempt to file an Unemployment claim was made. Flagged as suspicious and no monetary loss to victim.

9 South Gateway Drive Wawa 05/23/21

Larceny: Shoplifting.

BRAVO ZONE

Sebastian Road Kendallwood Estates 05/19/21

Fraud: SCAM: Law Enforcement: Victim contacted by a person identifying himself as law enforcement. Suspect informed victim of their social security number being connected to drug trafficking. Victim required to pay money to secure funds in her account. Caller convinced victim to purchase Google Play gift cards and provide suspect the card information. Victim attempted to call suspect back, the number was no longer in service; monetary loss of \$390.00.

Taylor Street North Ferry Farm 05/19/21

Fraud: Victim hired an independent licensed contractor paying for services and materials upfront. Contractor has failed to complete work.

Ridgemore Circle Spring Valley 05/21/21

Fraud: Victim had not received unemployment checks, and upon further checking with the unemployment office, it was discovered the checks had been fraudulently rerouted to a new account; unknown monetary loss.

Perry Drive Grafton 05/23/21

Fraud: SCAM: RING/Alexa Echo: Victim's purchased a Ring/Alexa Echo combo from website: GETALEXASTARTERKIT.COM. Victim's incurred problems and called the I-800 number included in the packaging. The "rep" requested remote access to victim's computer, as well as additional information to include Amazon account and credit cards on file. Once the call ended, victim became suspicious and immediately contacted bank; several fraudulent charges were pending on the credit cards on file with their Amazon account. All charges denied with no monetary loss.

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Spring Valley Road Spring Valley 05/23/21

Fraud: SCAM: FEDERAL PROSECUTOR: Victim was contacted by suspect identifying himself as a federal prosecutor. Suspect claimed victim's granddaughter was incarcerated and for her release, victim would need to pay \$16,600 in cash. Victim was instructed not to tell bank reason for withdrawal, victim was directed to divide \$15,000 into three envelopes in equal distribution of \$5,000, and the remainder \$1,600 in a fourth envelope to pay taxes on the \$15,000. Victim complied. Victim realized the scam once contact was made with granddaughter advising she had never been in jail; monetary loss of \$16,600.

CHARLIE ZONE:

1705 Jefferson Davis Highway Advanced Motors 05/18/21

Larceny: License plate stolen from vehicle.

Courthouse Road Winkler 05/20/21

Larceny: Theft of business sign from property.

Cruiser Drive Aquia Harbour 05/20/21

Larceny: Theft of clarinet.

Marlborough Point Road Stafford 05/20/21

Fraud: Victim's credit cards compromised and out-of-state fraudulent charges incurred; monetary loss of \$4,937.71.

Hatchers Run Court Stoner 05/21/21

Fraud: Victim discovered fraudulent Verizon account established; monetary loss of \$362.18.

Blackbeard Drive Aguia Harbour 05/20/21

Fraud: Victim's credit card incurred fraudulent on-line charges of \$581.94.

Hope Road Woodard Estates 05/23/21

Larceny: Victim rents his personal vehicle for others to use through Turo App, a carsharing service. Car was picked up, but never returned.

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Cookson Drive Spring Lake Farms 05/18/21

Fraud: SCAM: CashApp: Victim was called by suspect identifying themselves as a rep from CashApp instructing victim to download an authentication app in order for her to send funds via CashApp. After doing so, two fraudulent transactions occurred from personal bank account; monetary loss of \$698.00.

Cherry Hill Drive Cherry Hill 05/18/21

Fraud: Victim received notification that a new device had logged into victim's PayPal account. Victim found account had been compromised, and was able to cancel order and cancel credit card attached to account before incurring monetary loss.

28 Fleet Road Berea Baptist Church 05/19/21

Larceny: Theft of catalytic converter.

Garrison Woods Garrison Woods 05/19/21

Vandalism: All four tires slashed on vehicle.

Garrisonville Road Meadowbrook 05/19/21

Fraud: Victim's credit card was compromised after making in-store purchases at various establishments. Six fraudulent charges occurred, but flagged by bank and account frozen; no monetary loss to victim.

Garrison Woods Drive Garrison Woods 05/19/21

Fraud: Victim's identity compromised resulting in termination of unemployment pay.

Dandridge Court Colonial Forge 05/19/21

Fraud: SCAM: JOB OFFER: Victim contacted, interviewed, and offered a new job via Zoom calls. After training began virtually, victim received a check with unusual directions to deposit the check. Bank informed victim the check was fraudulent, and once victim reached out to hiring company, it was determined victim had never been hired by said company. No direct monetary loss to the victim.

105 Garrisonville Road Wawa 05/20/21

Fraud: Purchase of large quantities of cartons of cigarettes with intent to sell out of state.

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Larceny: Theft of a carton of cigarettes.

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217 Garrisonville Road Walmart 05/23/21

Larceny: Shoplifting.

Garrison Woods Garrison Woods Drive 05/23/21

Vandalism: Back side window's of vehicle smashed.

05/23/21 117 Garrisonville Road BB&T Bank

Fraud: SCAM: INTERNET SECURITY FIREWALL: Victim experienced computer issues and received a pop-up message indicating a virus was found, and for assistance, call a 1-800 number. Victim spoke with "representative" who requested remote access to computer and bank account information to process payment for services. Victim attempted to pay \$500, but the computer adjusted decimal to transfer \$50,000. Suspect verbally harassed victim and insisted the victim visit bank to transfer additional funds, giving strict instructions not to tell the bank personnel the truth for the transfer, but instead, telling them "a friend in Thailand needed money for medical cost." Speaking with the law enforcement and bank personnel, victim realized this was in fact a scam; monetary loss of \$50,000.00.

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