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SCAMS HAPPENING IN GREEN VALLEY

BANK SCHEME

Victims will either receive an e-mail or a telephone call stating "This is _____ from your bank" and they either need your account number or password. A bank will never contact you for this information; they already have this in their files.

CHECK SCHEME

You receive an authentic looking check. You are instructed to deposit this check into your account and then immediately wire a portion of it to the company to cover a fee, handling charges, etc.

After you have sent the funds, the bank will advise you that the check you have deposited in your account has bounced---leaving you out the money you had wired.

E-MAIL FROM SPAIN

You will get an e-mail saying your friend has been robbed in Spain or any other location and he needs money to get home. This e-mail will be sent to everyone on your contact list. DELETE IT!

"GRANDPARENT" SCHEME

Victims get a phone call from someone claiming to be a "grandchild" or "relative" who is in trouble, either, arrested, car trouble, stranded, etc. HANG-UP. Try to call the "relative" if you want to verify this information.

LOTTERY WINNER

You receive, either by telephone or by e-mail "You have just won a lot of money in another country. They will ask you to send money to process the prize and for taxes. There are no processing fees on prizes. Ask yourself, did I enter any foreign contests or any contests at all? If you didn't you can't win any prizes. Besides, foreign lotteries are illegal in the United States.

PUBLISHER'S CLEARING HOUSE-READER'S DIGEST SCHEME

You will get a call that your have won a lot of money and they just need you to send them \$500.00 to claim the money. As in the Lottery Scam, any legitimate company will deduct from your winnings any taxes or processing fees from your prize.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SCHEME

You will receive an e-mail or flyer left on your door saying UPS, USPS, or DHL is attempting to deliver a package with a phone number that is not from these companies. DELETE OR DESTROY.

IDENTITY THEFT

An estimated 9 million people have their identities stolen every year. Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. The crimes take many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a phone account in your name.

If you feel you are a victim, act quickly. Keep a record with the details of your conversations and copies of all correspondence. The longer you wait, the greater the damage to your credit. File a report with your local Sheriff's Department. Place a fraud alert on your credit reports, and review your credit reports. You only need to submit an alert to one of the following:

Transunion: 1-800-680-7289, www.transunion.com

Equifax: 1-888-766-0008, www.equifax.com

Experian: 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com

Close the accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently. Dispute charges on existing accounts and unauthorized opening of new ones.

PROTECT YOURSELF

2012 data to date (data from Consumer Reports, June 2012)

ID theft: 15.9 Million

Households in which someone experience ID theft in the past 12 months.

Trend: *Up from last year*

Malware problems: 29.9 Million

Homes that had at least one malware infection on a computer in the past 12 months.

Trend: *Steady*

“Phishing schemes: 9.1 Million

Household in which someone submitted personal information to a ‘phishing’ e-mail scam in the past 12 months.

Trend: *Up from last year*

Security breaches: 7.8 Million

Household notified by a company, government agency, or other organization that personal information of someone had been stolen or lost in the past 12 months.

Trend: *Up from last year.*

Unauthorized charges: 7.4 Million

Household that had charges placed on an existing credit card by unauthorized person in the past 12 months.

Trend: *Steady*



**A message from your
Sheriff's Auxiliary
Volunteers....**

HANG UP



DELETE...

SHRED...

**When the telephone
rings and you do not
know who is calling,
remember you are
in control! Do not**



give out any information to a stranger!

HANG UP!

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