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County warns of potential insurance scam

A county resident was recently contacted by someone via phone posing as a county employee, asking to come to her home to discuss a Medicare plan with her. Fortunately, the resident declined the offer and contacted the county to verify the caller's claims.

The county is now warning residents of the potential insurance scam. County employees do not initiate calls to residents to discuss Medicare or any other insurance plans with them.

Should you receive a call from someone posing as a county employee offering information on Medicare or other insurance, do not provide any personal information or agree to meet with them. Contact the Chesterfield County Police Department at the non-emergency number, 748-1251, to file a report. The Virginia Bureau of Insurance also recommends contacting them to report any calls, as insurance companies are not allowed to cold-call people. The Virginia Bureau of Insurance can be reached at (800) 552-7945.

NEWS BRIEFS

Teens arrested for bomb threat

Police charged two Swift Creek Middle School students late last month with threatening to bomb or damage a building. The 13- and 14-year-old students are accused of calling another student and communicating a bomb threat involving the school. Police determined the incident was a prank and that there was no credible threat. The teens' names are being withheld because of their ages.

Road contracts approved

Virginia Department of Transportation Commissioner David Ekern recently approved two contracts for road improvements in the county.

Payne's Parking Designs of Bealeton, Virginia, was awarded a contract to install pavement markers on I-295 south and various

unidentified primary routes in the county. The project is expected to be complete in May.

Elderlee of York, Pennsylvania, was awarded a contract to replace four signs and structures along Route 10 and Route 288. Temporary lane closures will be required during the work. The project is expected to be complete this November.

For more information about VDOT projects and programs, visit www.VirginiaDOT.org.

Gas station robbery

Police are searching for a man who robbed the East Coast gas station at 6116 Iron Bridge Rd. at about 11:45 p.m. on Jan. 30. Police said the man approached the clerk, displayed a gun, demanded money and then fled on foot.

The suspect is a black male, 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, and has brown eyes. He wore a black stocking hat, blue jeans and a black quilted jacket.

Anyone with information should call the police department at 748-1251 or Crime Solvers at 748-0660.

Police arrest robbery suspects

Two Richmond men were arrested on Feb. 1 shortly after the CVS store at 6911 Walmsley Blvd. was robbed at about 9:30 a.m. No one was injured during the robbery.

According to police, Ramell Fowler, 23, of the 1000 block of Woodhaven Drive, and Lamont E. Hill, 21, of the 1000 block of Dixon Drive, both from Richmond, are charged with robbery, abduction and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Police said two men entered the store, and one suspect approached the clerk, displayed a gun, demanded money and restrained the clerk. The suspects fled in a vehicle with an undisclosed amount of money. Officers stopped the vehicle a short time later and took Fowler and Hill into custody without further incident.

Vandals set off extinguishers in Chalkley Elementary

Unknown person(s) entered Chalkley Elementary School in the 3300 block of Turner Road between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, but police don't know how they gained entry. Once inside, they set off four extinguishers, vandalizing the interior. Two of the extinguishers were found outside the school building.

CRIME WATCH

If you have any knowledge of this crime or any other in the county, call Crime Solvers at 748-0060.

In other reported crimes:

Ayshire Court. The elderly victim answered the door of her residence at Tanglewood Apartments at 11:10 p.m. on Feb. 4, and two suspects pushed their way in asking for her nephew. The nephew gave up his money when the suspect with the handgun and knife threatened the elderly woman.

Courthouse Road. The victim left her 1999 white Dodge disabled on Feb. 5 near the Food Lion. When she returned, the vehicle was gone.

Den Bark Drive. The victim ran out of gas and left his 1997 Infinity in the 8400 block on Feb. 4. When he returned later that afternoon, the vehicle was gone.

East Hundred Road. Catalytic converters were stolen from a 1994 Ford Ranger and a 1997

Dodge Ram 1500 parked in the 2300 block on Jan. 30-31.

Gardengate Road. Someone stuffed oily rags in a mailbox in the 12100 block on Feb. 3 at about 3 a.m. and set it on fire.

Harrowgate Market Place. The suspect entered the store in the 16000 block of Harrowgate Road on Feb. 2 at 12:23 p.m. Holding what was believed to be a fake gun, the suspect demanded money. The suspect ran off when the clerk threatened him by raising a wine bottle over his head.

Hunt Master Drive. An unknown suspect attempted to kick in the front door of a Hunter's Chase Apartment in the 5300 block at 1 p.m. on Jan. 31. Police believe the suspect was scared off when the complainant heard the noise and opened the door.

Meadowburn Drive. The victim was walking home at 2 a.m. on Feb. 3 in the 6400 block when he was confronted by two suspects who demanded money. The victim ran off and later discovered he had been cut by one of the suspects.

Meadowdale Boulevard. The victims were in their Regency Lake apartment at 6:40 p.m. on Feb. 5 when they heard a loud noise and discovered three suspects had kicked in the front door. The suspects took off after being seen.

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