

SCAMS IN OUR AREA

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Are you aware of the latest scams that are targeting seniors in our area? Below are some of the recent scams that are happening to seniors in our area. Please take the time to share this information with those that may not be aware of the most recent scams. Most of the time once a scam happens, there is little to no chance that a victim will get ANY of their money back. If you have been a victim of a scam, contact your local police department to make a police report.

Funeral Plot Scam-

In December 2016 a funeral home employee in Pasco County sold a “fake” burial plot to an elderly woman. He pocketed the check by putting his name on the check rather than actually selling the burial plot through the business. This came to light when she contacted the funeral home months later to make a change.

Debit Card Scam-

In October 2016, a 30 year old woman called 3 elderly residents in Pinellas County posing as a representative from their bank. She informs the victims that they need an updated debit card and she will have someone from the bank come get the old card. This woman does go to the home of each victim and collect their debit card and informs them the new card is being mailed to them. She then goes to local stores to make purchases, and drains the victims accounts.

Vacation Rental Scam-

From January through June 2016, scammers would post a Clearwater condo weekly rental ad on the Craig’s List website that they do not actually own. The scammer then collects the money from the victim before the vacation date. Once the victim arrives at the condo, they find out that the person who posted the listing was a scammer, and not the owner. There were about 15-30 cases from January through June last year.

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