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Wire Fraud Scams On The Rise In The Area

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In the past two weeks, the Farmville Police Department has taken two reports of wire frauds totaling more than \$500,000 in losses. Fortunately for both victims, reports to law enforcement were made in a timely manner and the funds were able to be recovered. However, in most instances this is not always possible. These cases are currently under investigation and no further details can be released at this time.

With the increase in these and other types of scams, the Farmville Police Department would like to remind citizens to be vigilant with any type of money transfer they make. If you are in the process of transmitting money and see any of the following indicators, stop immediately and contact an official at your financial institution or the payee directly:

- Requests to change banking and routing information
- Suspicious emails from unknown/altered email addresses, even if they seem to be from someone you know
- Requests to pay bills via pre-loaded money cards
- Any request to send money to a foreign country



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“We ask that citizens be vigilant in any monetary transaction they make. Online banking and shopping are here to stay, and they make things easier for the consumer. Unfortunately, they make it easier for criminals to take advantage of you as well. If something doesn’t feel right or seems too good to be true, trust your gut and check it out before proceeding. It takes a lifetime to save your money, but only a few seconds to lose it” said Lieutenant C. W. Moss.

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