PUBLIC SAFETY TIPS

The year before may have ended, but the scammers still have not stopped! The Charleston County Sheriff’s Office wants to make you aware that the scams are still rampant and to stay vigilant and aware when you get calls, emails, or even when shopping/selling online.

To stay safe from these scams, please DO NOT:

- Give your name, social security number, phone number, or any other personal information to these individuals
- Accept payments in form of gift cards, or pay the individual in gift cards
- Pay anyone who only accepts cryptocurrency
- Open an email from someone you don’t know

Be aware of the new Zelle or other payment app scams. When selling items online, (like Facebook Marketplace) there will be some that will send you an email or picture stating they paid you more than you asked for, even though you never received any payment or notification of it. They, then, will ask you to send back the money through Zelle, or another payment app, gift cards, etc. THIS IS A SCAM. Ignore that transaction. Ignore them if they threaten to call the cops on you as a scare tactic. They can’t do anything.

Also when selling items on a selling site, check the profile of the potential buyer. It’s not bad to research your potential buyers. Many scammers create “shell” profiles, which are profiles they created very recently (possibly a couple hours, days, or months ago) and only have one profile picture. If it shows little to no activity on that profile, this is a possible scammer. DO NOT sell to them.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

If you See Something, Say Something. Tell a first responder. Call 911 or call the non-emergency number at 843-743-7200. IMPORTANT: Teach your child how to call 911 in case of an emergency.

www.CCSOjobs.com

Charleston County Sheriff’s Office is hiring! We have open positions for Detention Deputy, Juvenile Detention Deputy, Deputy Sheriff, and some non-sworn positions. Become a part of our family and begin a long and fulfilling career! If you know of someone who is looking for a job, pass this on to them. Click on the link and examine the offerings. The job descriptions and requirements are posted with the job openings on the website. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Recruiter Terry Reed at treed@charlestoncounty.org or 843-529-7390 (Office) or 843-259-3719 (Cell)
See a Deputy or First Responder, Give Them Your Thanks
All first responders work and live in our communities. When you see one of us (Sheriff, Police, Fire, EMS, etc.), walk up and say thank you, or good morning/afternoon. It will always brighten our day while we provide you “Service Beyond the Call”.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY
Be the change you want to see in your community. Making a positive change always starts with you! Engage with you neighbors, be active in your community and cooperate with your local law enforcement. Research any local events and participate in them. There are so many ways you can create a positive impact.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS

*** Purpose: This public crime information bulletin is an informational publication focusing on significant incidents in a given area that impact the quality of life of its residents. ***

Lincolnville Area

- Stolen Vehicle – 10000 block of Highway 78 on December 24th, 2023 around 8:00pm, a Ford Mustang was stolen

Ladson Area

- Vandalism – 4400 block of Outwood Street on December 23rd, 2023 around 4:30pm, an item was damaged
- Shots Fired – 4400 block of Outwood Drive on January 2nd, 2024 around 9:00pm, a report of shots fired was investigated
- Attempted Burglary – 10000 block of Highway 78 on January 5th, 2024 around 9:30am, a business was entered.
- Embezzlement – 10000 block of Highway 78 on January 7th, 2024 around 4:00pm, items were reported stolen

North Charleston Area

- Breach of Trust Vehicle – 2900 block of Otranto Road on December 16th, 2023 around 11:00am, a Volkswagen Passat was taken without permission.
- Breach of Trust Vehicle – 5000 block of Nelston Street on December 26th, 2023 around 10:00pm, a Chevy Colorado was taken without permission.
- Shooting – 3000 block of Matipan Avenue on December 30th, 2023 around 11:00pm, a shooting was investigated
- Stolen Motorcycle – 6300 block of Fain Street on December 24th, 2023 around 9:00pm, a Honda CBR 600 RR was stolen
- Auto Break-ins – 2200 block of Hayne Street on January 2nd, 2024 after 10pm, several vehicles were forcibly entered
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- **Auto Break-In** – 2000 block of Hayne Street on January 10th, 2024 around 2:00am, a vehicle was entered

**Mt. Pleasant/Awendaw Area**

- **Vandalism** – 1400 block of Earthlee Lane on December 22nd, 2023 around 12:30pm, an item was damaged
- **Larceny** – 1900 block of Ronlin Farm Road December 24th to 27th, 2023 items were taken
- **Attempted Burglary** – 1700 block of Highway 41 on January 5th, 2024 around 11:30pm, attempted forceful entry into a residence was made.
- **Auto Break-Ins** – 900 block of Rosa Green Road on January 7th, 2024 around 1:00pm, vehicles were entered

**McClellanville Area**

- **Larceny** – 800 block of Runey Lane on December 23rd, 2023 after 12:00pm, an item was stolen
- **Burglary** – 400 block of Brailsford Road on January 6th, 2024 after 4:00pm, a residence was entered
- **Shooting** – 9000 block of Randall Road on January 8th, 2024 around 10:30pm, a shooting was investigated

**West Ashley**

- **Embezzlement** – 1000 block of Saint Andrews Boulevard after December 14th, 2023, a report of embezzlement was investigated.
- **Burglary** – 400 block of Geddes Avenue after December 22nd, 2023, a residence was entered.
- **Vandalism and Gunshots Heard** – 2800 block of South Palmer Drive on December 25th, 2023 after 12:00am, a report of vandalism and gunshots was investigated.
- **Burglary** – 1500 block of Gardenia Road on December 26th, 2023 after 3:00am, a residence was entered.
- **Larceny** – 3600 block of Savannah Highway on December 27th, 2023 around 7:00pm, an item was stolen.
- **Fraud** – 3600 block of Savannah Highway on December 27th, 2023 around 5:30pm, fraudulent transactions were made
- **Larceny** – 2000 block of Sam Rittenberg Boulevard on January 1st, 2024 around 11:30am, an item was stolen.
- **Burglary** – 2500 block of Savannah Highway on January 1st, 2024 around 6:30pm, a residence was entered.
- **Burglary** – 300 block of Swift Avenue on December 29th, 2023 after 8:00am, a residence was entered.
- **Fraud** – 800 block of Hughes Road on December 31st, 2023, a fraudulent transaction was made.
- **Armed Robbery** – 2300 block of Ashley River Road on January 2nd, 2024 around 9:30pm, an armed robbery was investigated
- **Breach of Trust** – 300 block of Hickory Street on January 3rd, 2024 around 3pm, a report was made regarding items being purchased and not delivered.
o Embezzlement – 2500 block of Savannah Highway December 29th, 2023 to January 3rd, 2024 items were reported taken
o Breach of Trust – 300 block of Hickory Street on January 3rd, 2024 around 3pm, a report was made regarding items being purchased and not delivered.

Adams Run

o Larceny – 8700 block of Mitchell Road on December 22nd, 2023 after 1pm, items were stolen

Edisto Island Area

o Gunshot – 1000 block of Gingerbread Lane December 30th, 2023 to January 1st, 2024 a bullet entered a residence
o Trespassing & Vandalism – 8500 block of Oyster Factory Road on December 22nd, 2023 after 7am, the property was entered and damage was done to a septic tank

Hollywood Area

o Vandalism – 5800 block of Highway 174 on January 7th, 2024 around 12:00pm, an item was damaged
o Fraud – 5500 block of Highway 162 on January 9th, 2024 around 6:30pm, a check was stolen

Meggett Area

o Jail Scam – 4800 block of Gibson Road on December 27th, 2023 around 2pm, a call was received by a subject fraudulently claiming to be with the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office Detention Center and wanting money transferred to pay for a bond.

Parker’s Ferry Area

o Larceny – 9300 block of Willtown Road on January 4th, 2024 around 9:00am, items were stolen.

Rantowels Area

o Nothing significant to report
Ravenel Area

- Pointing Firearm – 7300 block of Bertha Plowden Lane on December 23rd, 2023 around noon, a subject pointing a firearm was investigated.
- Stolen Vehicle – 6300 block of Savannah Highway on December 27th, 2023 around noon, a Ram 3500 was reported stolen.
- Auto Break-in – 6200 block of Savannah Highway on December 27th, 2023 around 6pm, a vehicle was entered.
- Stolen & Recovered Vehicle – 7300 block of Bertha Plowden Lane on December 26th, 2023 after 6pm, a Nissan Frontier was taken and later returned.
- Gunshot Vandalism – 7200 block of Highthorne Road December 17th to 30th, 2023 an item was damaged by gunfire
- Larceny and Vandalism – 5300 block of Savannah Highway on January 5th, 2024 around 6:00pm, items were damaged and stolen
- Larceny – 5900 block of Savannah Highway on January 11th, 2024 around 1:00pm, an item was stolen

Yonges Island Area

- Embezzlement – 4500 block of Smoak Road after December 21st, 2023, fraudulent transactions were made

James Island Area

- Larceny – 400 block of Riverland Drive on December 21st, 2023 after 9am, a tag was taken.
- Burglary – 1700 block of Combahee Street on December 23rd, 2023 after 8pm, a shed was forcibly entered.
- Fraud – 1500 block of Kemper Avenue October 1st to December 26th, 2023 fraudulent accounts were opened.
- Shoplifting – 900 block of Folly Road on December 27th, 2023 around 2am, merchandise was taken.
- Fraud – 1800 block of Sol Legare Road December 7th to 22nd, 2023 a room was posted for rent and a cashier’s check was sent. Subjects arrived to get back most of the money prior to the check bouncing at the bank.
- Auto Break-in – 800 block of Simpkins Road on December 29th, 2023 after 2am, a vehicle was entered.
- Animal Cruelty – Battalion Drive & Fort Lamar Road on December 30th, 2023 around 1pm, a report of a dog being dragged behind a vehicle was investigated.
- Gunshot – 900 block of Mooring Avenue on December 31st, 2023 after 11pm, a spent bullet landed on a vehicle
- Larceny – 200 block of Yates Avenue on December 30th, 2023 around 9:00pm, an item was stolen
- Auto Break-In – 1500 block of Secessionville Road on January 4th, 2024 after 5:00pm, a vehicle was entered
- Vandalism – 900 block of Dills Bluff Road on January 6th, 2024 around 8:00pm, an item was damaged.
Assault – Riverland Drive on January 5th, 2024 around 4:00pm, an assault was investigated

Fraud – 600 block of Stono Edge Drive after October 8th, 2023, checks were cashed.

Shots Fired – 1400 block of Kemper Avenue on January 9th, 2024 around 12:00am, a report of shots fired was investigated

Facebook Scam – 2000 block of Saint Lukes Drive after November 27th, 2023, items were purchased and never delivered.

Assault – 1700 block of Tower Battery Road on January 9th, 2024 around 3:00pm, an assault was investigated.

Johns Island Area

Stolen & Recovered Vehicle – 800 block of River Road on December 25th, 2023 around 8am, a VW Atlas was taken and later returned.

Attempted Burglary – 3200 block of Esau Jenkins Road on December 26th, 2023 around 4am, a building was damaged with no entry being made.

Fraud – 5900 block of Chisolm Road December 4th to 16th, 2023 fraudulent charges were made.

Larceny – 4300 block of River Road October 30th to November 16th, 2023 an item was taken.

Breach of Trust Vehicle – 3800 block of Viola Court on December 26th, 2023 around 7am, a Kia Sportage was lent to a contractor and was not returned.

Wadmalaw Island & Kiawah Island/Seabrook Island

(Seabrook Island) Larceny & Forgery – 2600 block of High Hammock Road May 1st to December 30th, 2023 checks were taken and forged.

(Wadmalaw Island) Stolen Tag & Recovered Tag – 6400 block of Bears Bluff Road on December 29th, 2023 around 3pm, a vehicle was stopped with a stolen tag and driver stated his tag was stolen.

(Wadmalaw Island) Breach of Trust Vehicle – 6500 block of Bears Bluff Road on December 29th, 2023 after 11pm, a Nissan Armada was taken and later located.