



Economic Crimes

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Fraud-Scam Alert

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Scam to obtain credit card three digit codes

Arlington police warn about a telephone scam where individuals are claiming to represent Visa or Master Card corporate security. No known instances have occurred in Arlington

Basic Scam Information:

- Suspect(s) call representing themselves as corporate security for either Visa or Master Card
- Basic card information and personal information are stolen prior to the telephone call in an unknown manner and read to victim
- Victim is tricked into providing the three digit security code on the backside of their credit card

What can happen:

- The three digit security code can authorize the suspects to make fraudulent purchases
- Victims don't call their credit card when false charges appear because they believe that their account will be credited on the next billing cycle as told by the suspect(s)

Avoid becoming a victim:

- Never provide the three digit code unless the purchase/conversation is initiated by you
- Understand that corporate security for financial institutions such as credit card companies will never ask you to provide sensitive information when they do initiate the conversation