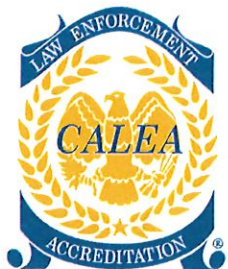




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MISSION

Provide superior services that enhance the quality of life and community pride.



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Important Phone Numbers

Police Non-Emergency
Number
727-587-6730

City Hall 727-587-6700
Fire Rescue Non-Emergency Number
727-587-6714

Emergency Preparedness

www.largo.com/emergency_preparedness

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Welcome to the Largo Police Department, a state and nationally accredited police department of excellence. Every sworn officer, civilian staff member, and volunteer in our department is committed to providing responsive and professional service to the residents of Largo.

CRIME PREVENTION

is the attempt to reduce and deter crime and criminals. It is applied specifically to efforts made by governments to reduce crime, enforce the law, and maintain criminal justice.

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@LargoPD The latest tweets from Largo PD. This account is not monitored for police reporting. Please call 911 in an **Emergency**. To report a crime, call our Communications Center 727-587-6730

Download the Largo Police mobile app available in the app store of your cell phone or other mobile devices.

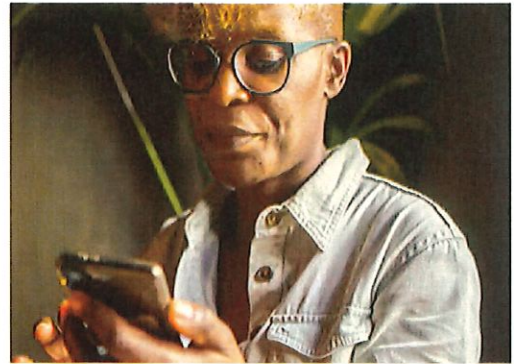
FRAUD ALERTS

From Chase Bank

Watch out for scammers impersonating Chase

They'll pretend there's an issue with your account and your money is at risk. They may claim there's fraud on your account and put pressure on you to act fast so you don't lose the rest of your money.

How it can happen:



My phone rang. It said it was from Chase.

The man on the line spoke calmly and asked if I had withdrawn \$2,200 from my account. When I told him it wasn't me, he said I needed to transfer my money to a secure Chase account that the fraud department had created in my name.

I was scared it was a scam, but everything sounded official. When I hesitated, he reassured me and offered to connect me with his supervisor. The woman was also professional and nice. She said, "We're trying to help you. I'm watching activity in your account right now. If we don't move fast, you could lose everything." When I said I felt more comfortable going to the Chase branch, she confided in me that they suspected branch employees may be in on it. So, I went ahead and transferred the money to the new account.

After I hung up, doubt crept in. I called the number on the back of my card. My voice shook as the Chase employee told me my account had been emptied and there was no other account in my name. They couldn't get the money back because I transferred the money to the scammer and it was sent almost instantaneously.

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I wish I'd known:

- Scammers impersonate banks and claim your account is at risk. Reputable banks will never ask you to move money to resolve fraud.
- Scammers can make caller ID, emails and texts display as messages from your bank or other businesses. If you are ever unsure, end the conversation and reach out to the company directly through their official website.
- Scammers may urge you to distrust bank employees, but neither your bank nor the police will ask you to help in a sting operation.
- I should treat Zelle®, checks, wires, cashier's checks, gift cards, transfers and crypto like cash. Once scammers get the money, you probably won't get it back.

Additional tip:

- Scammers are advertising on social media and social marketplaces. Whenever possible, shop through official websites and be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true before sending any money.

Scammers are impersonating government officials

Scammers often pose as representatives from agencies such as the IRS, FBI, police, immigration, or Social Security. They may use bits of your personal information to enhance their credibility. Their tactics can include offering services for a fee to help recover lost funds or using intimidation to coerce you into sending money.

How it can happen:



Seeing "IRS" on my caller ID stopped me cold

It was a Washington D.C. number. I used a search engine and the number belonged to the IRS. When the woman said I owed a lot of money in unpaid taxes, my stomach dropped. She claimed they'd sent reminders and what I owed had been outstanding for weeks, so now I only had an hour to pay it all back or face a huge penalty.

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She knew my address, my employer and even the last four digits of my social security number. It was so convincing.

I wired \$1,500 thinking things would be settled. An hour later, when the fear wore off, I called the IRS myself. They told me I'd been scammed, they would never demand immediate payment in that way. I had underestimated how advanced these scams could get.

I wish I'd known:

- Scammers are able to make caller ID appear as if the call is coming from the IRS or another legitimate business.
- Data breaches make it easy for scammers to access my personal information.
- Before sending money, I should've hung up and called the agency directly to confirm.
- The way you pay matters. I should treat Zelle[®], checks, wires, cashier's checks, gift cards, transfers and crypto like cash. Once scammers get the money, you probably won't get it back.
- The IRS typically contacts you for the first time by mail. To confirm it's really them, the IRS recommends logging on to your IRS online account to see if there is a letter or notice on your profile.

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You can always call the Largo Police Department BEFORE you send any money to see if it sounds like a scam.