

# **Crime Alert Bulletin**

# SCAMS and FRAUDS December 5th, 2022

Unfortunately, on-line scams and frauds continue to inundate our e-mail in boxes. In order to avoid being a victim, always exercise due caution before acting and look to helpful resources for guidance with a suspicious e-mail.

Always remember to be alert to suspicious e-mails -

- 1. E-mails can sometimes look authentic and be convincing, always be alert
- 2. Never share a user name or password
- 3. Never share financial or credit card information
- 4. Never activate hyperlinks or attachments
- 5. If the advertisement is too good to be true, then it most likely is, always be alert

To assist you, the UPD website contains a number of helpful information resources.

## **Suspected Scams and Frauds**

Recently received suspicious e-mails will be posted on this webpage along with helpful guidance. https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/reports/suspected-scams-and-frauds.aspx

#### **Guide to Fraud Scams**

An informative and helpful guide for students.

https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/safety-and-preparedness/fraud-scams.aspx

#### **Identity Theft Information**

What to do if you believe that you are the victim of Identity Theft. <a href="https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/safety-and-preparedness/identity-theft.aspx">https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/safety-and-preparedness/identity-theft.aspx</a>

For additional information or to report a scam or fraud to the Federal Trade Commission contact <a href="https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/">https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/</a>.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact the University Police at 727-873-4444 or <a href="mailto:stp-police@usf.edu">stp-police@usf.edu</a>.

## **HELPFUL TIPS**:

- ✓ Add UPD to your cellular phone contact list
- ✓ At our UPD website, Subscribe to the Emergency Notification System Alert USF, and
- ✓ At our UPD website, Subscribe to the smartphone safety app USF SAFE

