

GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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CRIME ALERT BULLETIN
College Students Targeted Grant Scam

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The college police department received notified from the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office about two recent reports they have taken in regards to a scam targeting college students and or parents in the area. The individuals were contacted via telephone by a subject about either winning a college grant or would receive a grant if they paid the taxes for it. The victims are instructed to purchases ITunes gift cards and give the caller the gift card numbers over the phone.

No creditable agency or government organization will demand money in a manner used by the person or persons conducting this scam. In addition to the known scam described previously, there are several different ruses that scammers may use to attempt to obtain money from unsuspecting people.

If you receive a call which you believe is a scam, ask the caller for their organization, name, and a call back number. Hang up the phone and contact your local law enforcement agency or the college police department. As a reminder, if you see or hear of any suspicious person or activity in or around the college, please notify the College Police Dispatch Center immediately at extension **2911 from any college VoIP phone** or **540-727-2911 from a cell phone**.

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