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Region Two Newsletter

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Sheriff Warns Citizens of Phone Scams Involving Government Agencies

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott continues to warn citizens of not falling prey to criminals who call and demand money. The Sheriff stated that the department continues to receive calls from citizens stating that they have been contacted by the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Leon Lott states that no government agency will call you and threaten jail time if you do not pay them; furthermore, the big red flag should be the fact that these scam artists are asking you to go and purchase Green Dot cards. No one is immune from receiving telephone calls from these scammers. The Sheriff stated that the suspects behind these scams are ramping up their efforts as the holiday season approaches to steal your hard earned money.

Sheriff Leon Lott also warns of scams that are specifically targeting our precious elderly; family members should always check to make sure our seniors are not getting caught up in such scams. The Sheriff adds that senior citizens can fall prey and become too embarrassed to tell anyone about how much money they've lost to these criminals. Stay alert, protect yourself and your family members!

The Sheriff reminds citizens to be aware of these scams and the techniques used to steal your money:

- beware of phone calls or letters claiming that you have won the lottery or sweepstakes
- Beware of phone calls claiming they are the IRS, INS, RCSD, or any law enforcement agency collecting money
- Be suspicious of any call asking for money

The Sheriff states that Richland County Sheriff's Department investigators will continue the efforts to arrest those responsible for fraud. If you have any information to assist with solving these types of crimes, please call.

Anyone with information on the identity of those responsible is asked to call, email or text your anonymous tip to:

crimestoppers
1-888-CRIME-SC
www.sccrimestoppers.com

RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life for ALL citizens. Through passion and commitment, we will maintain a high standard of professional accountability and will reduce the fear of crime and the fear of retaliation by the criminal element.

The mission will be accomplished by building unity between the Sheriff's Department and the community; joining our high standards of excellence with our vision for safer communities. Everyone will employ effective community policing strategies and problem-solving techniques, all supported by aggressive enforcement of federal, state and local laws

Region 2 Command Staff



Capt. Soto



Lt. Duke

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A Message from Captain Soto



“Building Unity in the Community” Kid Print Program Offers Peace of Mind and Reminders to Parents and Love Ones

There's no doubt that if a child goes missing, every second counts until they return home. The Richland County Sheriff's Department "Kid Print Program" helps speed up the process of an investigation and the recovery of a lost child. The program also reminds us just how important it is to talk with our children about being safe.

Kid Print is a great program, it's very important and most importantly it works. Kid Print events take place weekly all over Richland County. The program is offered FREE to the public and is sponsored by the Richland County Sheriff's Foundation.

Over the past 5 years, almost 30,000 children were printed and photographed by our Kid Print team. The parents of those children received an identification picture, statistical information about their child and an imprint of the right and left thumb all on an 8x10 paper for use in an emergency situation. The Sheriff's Department does not keep a record of the information, all the material goes home with the parents.

The Sheriff stated that a lot of times we have people from out of town visiting the area come to an event that Kid Print is present at, and they have their child fingerprinted. They will compliment RCSD on the program; some don't have something like this where they are from, and so we are happy to accommodate them. It provides comfort and the assurance that all the critical information about the child is in one place.

As your Sheriff I understand the importance of program like Kid Print and the importance of child safety. I am extremely proud of those that are making this program a success and that help give parents that peace of mind in the case of an emergency. I want to remind everyone to talk with their children and grandchildren about staying safe and about what to do when danger approaches. Please encourage your kids to go to our child page of our website at www.rcsd.net or our interact with us on our teen facebook page – as adults I would encourage you to go to our website and social media sites to receive tons of FREE information that can protect you and your community.

So far this year, we have printed and photographed over 7,000 children. Our teams can come out to visit community groups, schools, churches, and other organizations (under the premise that the event is children related).

For more information about the Kid Print program visit <http://www.rcsd.net/dept/kidprint.htm> or email a request to have us come out at sheriff@rcsd.net.

Important Numbers

911: Emergencies and crimes in progress

252-2911: Non Emergency dispatch number

576-3000: Sheriff's Department.

576-3444: Region 2

929-6000: Reporting non-criminal issues, such as, street signs, drainage overgrown property, etc. Ombudsman's Office

551-1149 Traffic Enforcement

576-3115 Victim Services

576-3151: Civil Process

576-1864 Code Enforcement

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Holiday Safety Tips

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, in partnership with our business community, would like to encourage you to be safe shopping this holiday season. The Sheriff is asking you to take some extra precautions and follow some tips that will keep you safe.

Sheriff Leon Lott realizes that the holiday season is fast approaching and that many of you will be out shopping getting into the holiday spirit – kicking off the holiday season with some early morning shopping and some of you shopping in all day marathons on black Friday and the days to follow. Unfortunately we live in a society where not everyone is out spreading holiday cheer. It is with that in mind, that Sheriff Leon Lott and your community businesses want to remind you to be vigilant and alert as you venture out.

Sheriff Leon Lott offers these tips:

- Avoid concentrating so hard on shopping that you fail to keep track of your surroundings, or others near you or your personal property.
- Be alert in crowded places
- Pickpockets favorite places are revolving doors, fanned aisles, elevators and at public transportation bus stops— make sure your pocketbook/wallet in on your person at all times.
- Wear conservative, comfortable clothing
- Grip your carried items firmly and avoid leaving them attended
- Carry the day's most expensive purchases closest to your body, and don't carry so much you lose the ability to react quickly.
- Do no leave purchased items visible in the car— leave them in the trunk
- Carry minimal cash and valuables in the car— leave them in the trunk
- Credit cards offer convenience and security, however, keep track of all cards and receipts to compare to your monthly statement
- Shop with relatives or friends if possible, there is safety in numbers.
- If possible, leave your children with a baby-sitter while you are shopping. If you take your children with you, keep a close eye on them while shopping.
- Report suspicious people or activity to law enforcement immediately !

**Sheriff Leon Lott extends the very best of this Holiday Season
from our family to yours!**

Have you had Richland County Sheriff's Department out to your house or business to conduct a FEEE 20 minute security analysis be calling 576-3033

DRIVING TIPS

- Keep your car in good condition with the gas tank at least half full.
- Park in well-lighted areas and lock your doors, no matter how long you'll be gone
- Put valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Check front and rear seats and floorboards before entering your vehicle.
- Drive with all doors locked and windows rolled up
- Never pick up hitchhikers
- If your car breaks down, put the hood up, lock the doors and turn on the flashers, and move to the passenger seat. Do not leave your car. If someone stops to help, roll down the window slightly and ask them to call the police or a tow truck.
- Avoid underground and enclosed parking garages if possible.
- When parking or returning to your vehicle, carry your keys and be aware of your surrounds.
- **IF YOU SEE FLASHING LIGHTS, MOVE TO THE RIGHT !**

Deputy Spotlight

DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

Cpl. Boyles

Birthplace: August, Georgia

How long with RCSD: 13

Favorite saying or quote:

You never know strong you are, until being strong is the only choice you have

In my spare time I like to:

Ride motorcycles and play with my dogs.

If I could have any job in the world: Pilot for skydiving and transporting organs.

When I need a lift I like to:

Ride my motorcycle and pray

My favorite TV show:

Blindspot

The best advice I ever got:

My grandmother always said to “Trust Gods Plane”

Education: Columbia College and Certificate of Alcohol and Drug Studies from USC

Before RCSD: Alcohol and Drug counselor for 10 years

Favorite Food: Chicken Wangz

Favorite Sports: Clemson Football

Favorite Music: Anything

Goals for RCSD: To make it to retirement!



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

October 2017

Community	Meeting Location	Date	Time
Arcadia Lakes	Arcadia Lakes Town Hall	11/02/2017	6:00p
Mossley Hills	1712 Thorndyke Drive	11/06/2017	6:00p
Greengate Board Meeting	Pool Hall	11/07/2017	6:00p
Christopher Towers	805 Devine Street	11/08/2017	6:00p
Belvedere Community	Burton Pack Elementary	11/09/2017	6:00p
Woodfield Park HOA	Woodfield Baptist Church	11/09/2017	6:30p
Briarwood HOA	United Methodist Church	11/09/2017	7:00p
Springwood Lake	Region 2	11/11/2017	12:30p
Melrose Park	1500 Fairview Drive	11/13/2017	7:00p
Trenholm Acres	Trenholm Acres Community Center	11/14/2017	6:30p
Wyndham Pointe	80 Brighton Hill Road	11/15/2017	6:00p
Newcastle Community	Newcastle Community	11/16/2017	6:30p
Forest Acres	Good Shepard Lutheran	11/21/2017	7:00p
Lionsgate Pt. 1/2	Pool Hall	11/22/2017	5:30p

