

## Reporting Financial Crimes

If you encounter a financial crime or suspect fraudulent activity, take the following steps:

- 1. Contact Law Enforcement:** Report the incident to your local police department or the Alabama A&M University Department of Public Safety.
  - 2. Inform Financial Institutions:** if your bank accounts or credit cards are compromised, notify your financial institution immediately.
  - 3. Maintain Documentation:** Keep records of all communication, transaction details, and any evidence related to the financial Crime
- Remember:** Awareness and prevention are your best defense against financial crimes. Stay vigilant, trust your instincts, and protect yourself and your finances.



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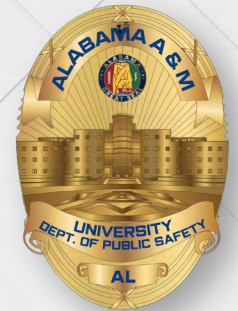
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# FINANCIAL CRIME AWARENESS: PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS



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## Stay Informed, Stay Protected

Financial crimes, including scams and fraud, are on the rise in today's digital world. It is essential to arm yourself with knowledge to protect your money and personal information. This pamphlet aims to raise awareness about financial crimes and provide tips on how to prevent becoming a victim.

## Protect Yourself

- 1. Be Skeptical:** Question unsolicited emails, calls, or messages requesting personal information or immediate payments. Verify the legitimacy of the source independently before sharing any sensitive data.
- 2. Secure Online Accounts:** Use strong, unique passwords and enable two-factor authentication for your online accounts to add an extra layer of security.
- 3. Protect Personal Information:** Avoid sharing sensitive details like Social Security numbers or financial information unless necessary. Regularly monitor your and bank statements for any suspicious activities.
- 4. Educate Yourself:** Stay informed about the latest scams and fraud techniques. Be cautious while clicking on links, downloading attachments, or sharing personal information.

## Types of Financial Crimes

- 1. Phishing:** Scammers pose as trustworthy entities to deceive individuals into revealing sensitive information, such as bank account details or Social Security numbers, through emails, text messages, or phone calls
- 2. Identity Theft:** Criminals steal personal information to access your accounts, open new ones in your name, or make unauthorized purchases.
- 3. Credit Card Fraud:** Criminal gain unauthorized access to your credit card information to make fraudulent transactions or create cloned cards.

