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Chatham County Police Department Investigating After Victim Loses More than \$76,500 to Scammers

Chatham County, GA (February 10, 2026) – The Chatham County Police Department is investigating after a victim lost more than \$76,000 to scammers.

On Friday, February 6, 2026, the victim received a phone call from someone she did not know stating that her bank account had been compromised and that she needed to withdraw all of her money immediately. The victim withdrew \$32,500 from a Truist Bank branch on Wilmington Island and handed the cash to someone she had never met before in the parking lot. The victim then traveled to a Truist Bank branch on E. DeRenne Avenue, withdrew \$34,000, and gave the cash to a second person she did not know in the parking lot. Finally, the victim went to the Truist Bank branch on Mall Boulevard, withdrew \$10,000, and handed the cash to a third person she did not know in the parking lot. In total, the victim lost \$76,500 in cash to the scammers.

Sadly, the Chatham County Police Department receives reports almost weekly of people who have lost significant amounts of money to a scam that began with a phone call. We cannot stress enough the importance of not giving out personal information, banking information, or handing over cash, gold, gift cards, or Bitcoin to someone you do not know who has suddenly called you and demanded action.

There are many different scam scenarios. Your best defense is to be skeptical of anyone who calls, texts, or emails you and tells you that there is an issue involving your finances or an issue that must be solved by making an immediate payment. Do not act or give any information until you have independently verified the claims. Do not give in to pressure, threats, or coercion. If you have been scammed, please report it to police and your financial institution.

Anyone who can provide information regarding this case is asked to contact police. Anonymous tips can be sent through the Chatham County Police Department app, or the Department's online tip form found here: <https://police.chathamcountyga.gov/Tips> .