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LCSO, TPD Investigating Craig's List I-Phone 4 Scams

On May 24, 2011, the Leon County Sheriff's Office documented two reports involving a citizen attempting to buy new I-Phone 4 by responding to an add on Craig's List. In each case, the buyer opened what appeared to be a factory sealed box after leaving the seller. In both cases, the box was found to contain stacks of nickels instead.

In the first reported incident, a thin built black male approximately 6'-02" tall, wearing military style desert camouflage posed as the seller. The man was last seen driving a white BMW and used the nickname "Jester."

During the second incident, a heavy built white male approximately 5'-11" tall posed as the seller. He was dressed in camouflage also and wore an orange vest with reflective stripes. He was also driving a white BMW.

The Tallahassee Police Department is investigating a similar incident involving a white male wearing military style camouflage and an orange reflective vest.

Your local law enforcement wants you to be protected against scams like the ones mentioned above. If you are going to purchase something by responding to an add on Craig's List, remember these tips:

- Buy local**
- Don't buy it unless you can inspect it first.**
- When you inspect it, make sure you are getting what you pay for.**
- Know who you are dealing with. Ask for Identification and get a vehicle tag number if possible.**
- Remember, if the deal appears too good to be true, it probably is.**

Anyone with information about these I-Phone 4 scams is asked to call the Leon County Sheriff's Office at (850) 922-3300, the Tallahassee Police Department at (850) 891-4200, or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Remember, Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information. You could be eligible for up to a \$1,000.00 reward.

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