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This will end our series of reported phone scams. We included a panhandling scam for everyone to read in this posting as well. Again we do hope this has helped. You may contact us on Facebook at anytime if you have any further questions regarding these crazy scams.

PANHANDLERS – Many panhandlers, some of whom portray themselves as veterans, homeless, or stranded individuals, are nothing more than professional swindlers who make easy money playing upon the patriotism, generosity, or sympathies of compassionate citizens. Caution should always be exercised when solicited for money by people on the street.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS - Scammers often portray themselves as charitable organizations. Effective frauds have posed as charities supporting children, veterans, churches or religious organizations, law enforcement, and medical research, to play upon the sympathies of caring Macon County residents. Make sure you donate only to known, reputable charities so that you know where your hard-earned dollars are going.

HOME REPAIR FRAUD – Scam artists, some of whom target primarily our senior citizens, will pose as handymen offering to do home repair, tree and brush trimming or removal, asphalt sealing, or other services at your home. They request large down payments or payment in full prior to doing the work. Some will provide minimal substandard work, while others take the money and run, never intending to return to do the work.



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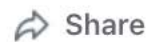
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