

SCAMS IN SC | SEP 2020

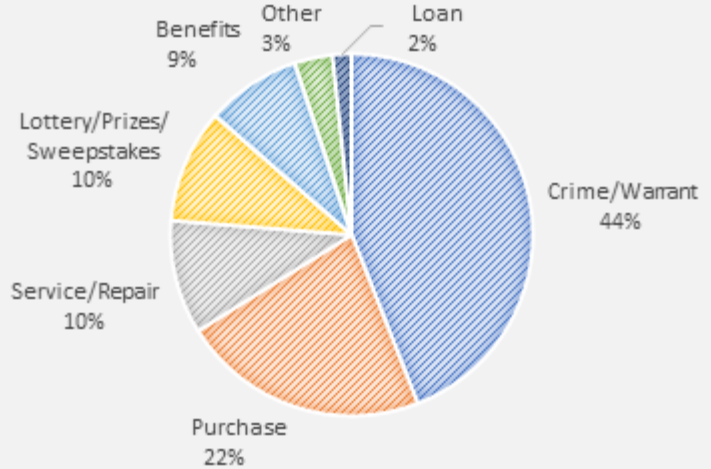
Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow Headlines—and the money.

The charts below reflect scams reported to SCDCA in Sep 2020

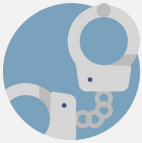
Top Reported Scams in South Carolina

59 REPORTS
TOP THREE CATEGORIES

1. Crime/Warrant
2. Purchase
3. Service/Repair



Crime/Warrant



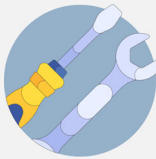
Consumer threatened with jail or arrest

Purchase

Consumer directed to or approached by imposter business to trick consumer into paying for a fake service or repair. Example: Fake credit repair companies; internet services.
 Most online purchase scams occur when a payment is made online to purchase



Service/Repair



Consumer directed to or approached by imposter business to trick consumer into paying for a fake service or repair.
 Example: Fake credit repair companies; internet services

POTENTIAL LOSSES

\$17,135.95

This is the total amount of money reported to SCDCA by consumers who did NOT fall for a scam



ACTUAL LOSSES

\$55,826.95

This is the total amount of money reported to SCDCA by consumers who DID fall for a scam

TOP SCAMS BY MONTH

