

## Local Computer User Victimized by Scammer

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#### CREDIT CARD FRAUD

**A woman in the 1500 block** of Northeast South Street in Jensen Beach reported she was the victim of a scam. She said she got

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a call from someone who told her that her computer had a virus. The caller offered to fix it for a fee. The woman gave the caller a credit card number. The next day her credit card company called to tell her there were three charges to her account made from India. She also discovered that her computer had a virus, thanks to the scammer who got control of the device.

This article highlights an example of how scammers can take advantage of unsuspecting computer users. This person fell victim to a 'Phishing' scheme in which the scammer attempts to gain access to your computer and obtain your credit card number by planting a seed of doubt about your computer's security

Your phone number and your internet address are different; a random caller can't associate one with the other.

If you are in doubt, have your computer checked by a trusted information technology professional with whom you initiate the contact.