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## HPD Warns Public of Increased Scams

Harrisonburg, Va. – On March 5, 2019 the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD), received two separate reports of scams that are believed to be related.

Both victims reported that they received an e-mail from a supervisor requesting that they purchase Google Play cards and send the activation codes back. The e-mail from their supervisor was hacked or appeared similar enough that the victim believed they were communicating with someone they knew.

In both instances, the victim's sent information back with the activation codes, then learned they were scammed.

HPD is warning residents, especially those with an e-mail address linked to James Madison University, to be extremely cautious when responding to and opening e-mails. This scam has plagued our area recently with numerous reports over the past several weeks.

It is important to remember that no reputable business will request you purchase any type of pre-paid card or gift card and send back activation codes. If you believe you are a victim of this type of scam, report the incident to your local police department.

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