



Nassau County residents are being targeted by individuals who are pretending to be helpful or in need of assistance, but are actually stealing pocketbooks, credit cards, and monies withdrawn from banks.

EXAMPLES OF DISTRACTION SCAMS:

- **Bank Withdrawals** – Individuals will flatten Victim's vehicle tires and then remove unattended money envelopes from the unlocked vehicle while Victim tends to the tire
- **Dropped Money** – Individuals will approach Victims and claim Victim dropped money on the ground, and will then remove credit/debit cards from pockets and/or wallets while in close proximity
- **Loading Groceries** – Individuals will remove unattended pocketbooks from unlocked vehicles while Victims are loading groceries into trunks
- **Jewelry Sales** – Individuals will sell fake gold jewelry to Victims who believe it to be real
- **Gas Money** – Individuals will claim they are in need of gas or travel money
- **Panhandling** – Individuals will stand in roadways with signs asking for money

In all of these scenarios, one individual will distract Victim while another individual removes Victim's property.

Be mindful of your surroundings. Never leave property unattended.

REPORT EMERGENCIES TO 911