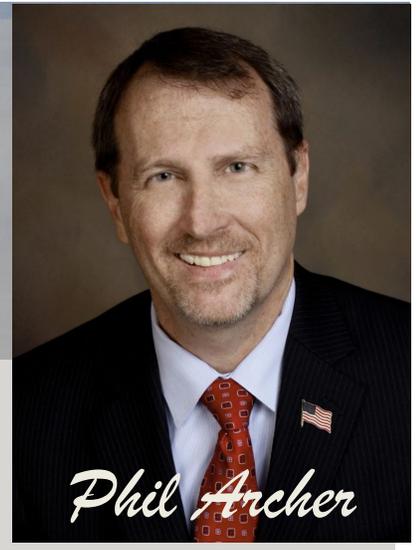




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**Domestic Violence
 Awareness Month**



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DV AWARENESS MONTH

Don't stay silent. It's time to speak up all month long.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship.



Domestic violence does not discriminate. Anyone of any race, age, sex, religion or gender can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all backgrounds and education levels.

Domestic violence includes behaviors that physically harm, arouse fear, prevent a partner from doing what they wish or force them to behave in ways they do not want. It includes the use of physical and sexual violence, threats, intimidation, emotional abuse and economic deprivation. Many of these different forms of domestic violence/abuse can be occurring at any one time within the same intimate relationship.

Every October, we rededicate ourselves to breaking the cycle. Here are just a few ways to [learn more about DV](#) or get help:

In Seminole: [Safe House of Seminole](#)

In Brevard: [Serene Harbor](#) (321) 726-8282

Nationally: [The Hotline](#) (800) 799-7233

SAO Advocates: Seminole (407) 665-6116

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Is This You? Video Scam

Have you received a Facebook message with a video link asking, "Is this you?" If you have, don't click the link. Delete the message and make sure your firewall and anti-virus software are up-to-date.

There's a phishing scam making the rounds. If you're a victim, you receive a message from someone you know and trust, one of your friends or family members. The message expresses they were surprised to have seen you in a video and contains a web address that's supposed to lead you to it. You're not in the video, it's not from your friend. Don't follow the link. If you ignore it, your account remains secure. Also alert your friend.

Phishing (pronounced fishing) is an attempt to steal your information. Cybercriminals want your passwords, bank account numbers or other sensitive information, or in this case trick you into downloading malware onto your computer.

If you've already taken the bait, [report the scammers to Facebook](#) and let your friends and family know what happened to you. Then, change your login credentials. If you use the same username and password on other accounts, change those too. Also, use antivirus software to check and see if your computer has been infected with malware.

Learn more about Phishing Scams and how to protect yourself with [tips from the BBB](#).
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PAYPAL ORDER SCAM

The scam works like this. You receive an email claiming to be from the PayPal headquarters. The subject title is: "Order was successful", while the content of the message states that you have sent a \$225.00 payment to Playwith Interactives, Inc, a random or fictitious company.



Scammers know you'll fight back, since you didn't purchase anything. The scam message provides a few links to the "PayPal login page", in order to cancel/dispute the fake purchase. The buttons may say "Resolve now", "View details of the transaction online", or "Resolution Center". The links open a replica of the real PayPal website, which will ask the victim to log-in by providing both the email address and the password. Once that happens, the accounts are compromised along with your email if you use that same password for it and other accounts.

While the email looks legitimate with correct PayPal logos and proper grammar, there are some red flags. The email address appears to be from PayPal, however the detail view shows it didn't originate from @PayPal.com and the fake websites won't display "https" in front of the address. Also, PayPal always addresses emails to the account holder name, while fictitious emails are generically addressed like "Dear Member."

PayPal has [more tips on email scams](#) using their company logo, [how to report a scam](#) and a [video explaining what to watch out for](#).
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