The Economic Crimes Unit (ECU) was established in October of 2021 with the goal to educate the community on how to avoid becoming the victim of a scam. ECU is tasked with investigating financial and digital crimes that require great attention to detail and expertise.

The Crime Prevention Unit focuses on reducing crime in the community by promoting programs and practices that deter criminal activity.

**ECONOMIC CRIMES:**

Investigates:

- Credit card fraud
- Check fraud
- Forgery
- Theft of intellectual property

Anything in the "digital world" involving computers and cell phones.

- Ransomware
- Phishing
- Tech support scams
- Charity scams
- Romance scams

Economic Crimes Unit can be reached at fraud@sarasotasheriff.org

**CRIME PREVENTION:**

- Presents to public groups
- Attends community and neighborhood meetings
- Facilitates the neighborhood watch program which trains citizens in property security and enlists each residence in the neighborhood in the Operation Identification program
- Provides security surveys
- Hosts the Citizen's Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA), a 12-week program that includes classroom instruction, ride-a-longs, live demonstrations, and a firearms exhibition
- Maintains residential and commercial alarm registrations

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**Report a crime:**
Emergency call 911
Non-emergency (24/7) call 941.316.1201
Front desk (walk-ins) Monday - Friday 7am-7pm
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