

# Meet the Candidates

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## Beshear: Scam Switches Your Bank Deposit to a Con Artist's Account

Hoax letter, call targeting Kentuckians' Social Security and veteran benefits

FRANKFORT, KY. (Sept. 28, 2018) – Attorney General Andy Beshear is warning senior citizens and military veterans to be wary of a new scam that attempts to switch their monthly bank deposit to a con artist's bank account.

Beshear's office has recently received reports from seniors and veterans in Edmonson, Fayette, Jefferson and Spencer counties who say scammers tried to steal their monthly Social Security or veteran benefit.

Beshear said that this week his office was able to help one of the veterans scammed recover \$3,169.

The scam begins by someone pretending to be an employee of a bank, the Social Security Administration or a veteran organization, and claims the victim's benefit deposit must be 'reverified' following 'suspicious activity.' Once the victim provides their personal, banking and account login information, the scammer has what they need to steal the victim's identity and make unauthorized direct deposit changes.

"Con artists will stop at nothing to steal, including targeting seniors who rely on their benefits as a large portion of their income after retirement," said Beshear. "Thanks to those making reports to our office, we know that this scam is trending in the state and it is especially critical that Kentuckians validate any benefit changes directly with the legitimate organization."

Beshear's office indicates identity thieves and mobile deposit scams are increasing as online banking advances allow Kentuckians to change their own mobile deposit routing information online or through smartphone apps.

The availability of mobile deposits can also result in con artists targeting unsuspecting victims to transfer money to the scammer using prepaid credit and gift cards, which are most difficult to trace.

Kentuckians can avoid many scams by following these essential steps.

Do not respond to unknown callers. If you did not initiate contact with the Social Security Administration or the Veterans Benefits Administration, and are randomly contacted by them – it is most likely a scam.

Never provide your personal, financial or account login information to unknown, unverified people. Always contact the legitimate agency independently before any transaction.

Protect your computer and banking data by using security software, firewalls and keep security patches and passwords up to date.

Since taking office, Beshear has been working to protect Kentucky families from scams by issuing an alert when new and trending scams are reported in the Commonwealth.

Beshear recommends all Kentuckians stay ahead of scammers by signing up for his office's Scam Alerts. To enroll text the words KYOAG Scam to GOV-311 (468-311) or online at [ag.ky.gov/scams](http://ag.ky.gov/scams) and select text message or email alert.

Beshear has conducted outreach and education programs in more than 180 locations throughout the state to better protect the senior and veteran population, which are often targeted by con artists.

Earlier this year, Beshear joined with AARP Kentucky to launch Mission Veterans Protected (MVP), an outreach program that helps Kentucky's veteran community combat the findings in an AARP study where veterans were found to be twice as likely to fall victim to fraud when compared to nonveterans. The MVP website has a complete list of the top-10 scams that most frequently target veterans and tips on how to avoid falling victim.

Beshear encourages Kentuckians to report scams and identity theft via his office's online form.

## State Releases County Unemployment Data for August 2018

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 27, 2018) – Unemployment rates fell in 115 Kentucky counties between August 2017 and August 2018, rose in Owen, Monroe and Metcalfe counties, and stayed the same in Nelson and Lyon counties, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYS-TATS), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Boone, Campbell and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the Commonwealth at 3.1 percent each. It was followed by Fayette, Kenton and Oldham counties, 3.2 percent each; Scott, Shelby and Spencer counties, 3.3 percent each; and Jessamine and Washington counties, 3.4 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate at 11.7 percent. It was followed by Carter County, 8.9 percent; Elliott County, 7.8 percent; Harlan County, 7.5 percent; Owsley County, 7.2 percent; Clay, Knott and Leslie counties, 6.9 percent each; Breathitt County, 6.7 percent; and Lewis and Wolfe counties, 6.6 percent each.

Kentucky's county unemployment rates and employment levels are not seasonally adjusted because of small sample sizes. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. The comparable, unadjusted unemployment rate for the state was 4.1 percent for August 2018, and 3.9 percent for the nation.

## On National Voter Registration Day, Grimes Reminds Deadline is Two Weeks Away

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 25, 2018) – Tuesday marks National Voter Registration Day and two weeks until the close of the voter registration rolls for the 2018 General Election in Kentucky. Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes is reminding eligible Kentuckians that the deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, Oct. 9.

"Registering to vote is the first and most important step in making sure you can have your say at the ballot box on Election Day," said Grimes. "On this National Voter Registration Day, I encourage all Kentuckians who are eligible to get registered and then vote on Nov. 6."

Kentuckians can easily register and update their registration with GoVoteKY.com, the Commonwealth's online voter portal. County clerks' offices throughout Kentucky will accept online and paper applications until 4 p.m. local time on the deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by Oct. 9.

### To be eligible to vote, Kentuckians must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a Kentucky resident for at least 28 days before Election Day.
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the General Election.
- Not be a convicted felon, or if convicted of a felony offense, must have obtained a restoration of civil rights.
- Not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent."
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky.
- Young people who are 17 years old but will be 18 years old on or before the Nov. 6, 2018 General Election are eligible to register as well.
- Voters who have recently moved need to update their voter registration information by no later than Oct. 9, 2018.

Voters may check their current registration status and where they vote with the Voter Information Center found at [GoVoteKY.com](http://GoVoteKY.com). For questions, contact your county clerk or the State Board of Elections at (502) 573-7100.

## Bring your kids and pets for The Center for Rural Development's free "Fun Run" on Oct. 19 prior to start of the Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk

Grab your kids and pets too and enjoy a free family-friendly "Fun Run" on Friday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of The Center for Rural Development's sixth annual Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk!

The Center has added a "Fun Run," a shorter 1-mile course, for children of all ages, young moms and kids in strollers, and others, including pet owners who want to bring along their "furry friends," for a fun, exciting event for the entire family. All pets must be on a secured leash and under the control of their owners at all times.

The "Fun Run," which is free and open to everyone, is scheduled to start 30 minutes prior to the Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk near the front entrance to The Center, just off U.S. 27 (at Traffic Light 15) in Somerset. Registration is not required for the "Fun Run."

Participants in both the "Fun Run" and Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk are encouraged "to get their glow on" by wearing bright colors, neon bracelets, necklaces, neon tights, glow paint, and other glow accessories. Glowing costumes and Halloween costumes are welcome.

You could even win a prize for the "coolest" glow gear or Halloween costumes at the event. Judges will be presenting prizes for the winners in the following six contest divisions: individual (female), individual (male), partner/couple, team, individual (12 and under) female, and individual (12 and under) male.

The Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk is a chip timed race and a proud participant in the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital Journey to Fitness race series.

Awards for the Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk will be presented to the top three overall male and female finishers, top three teams, and winners in their respective age groups at an awards recognition ceremony immediately following the race at Courtyard by Marriott, located adjacent to The Center.

Registration for the Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk is \$20 for adults (18 & up), youth (17 & under), \$10, and teams/groups (5 or more), \$15 per participant. Registration on the day of the race is \$25.

All proceeds will go to support The Center's Rogers Scholars program, a week-long leadership and entrepreneurship development program for upcoming high school juniors from 45 counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

For more information on the "Fun Run" or to register for the Rogers Scholars 5K Glow Run/Walk, contact Trey Richardson, Associate Director of Development and Donor Relations, at 606-677-6000; email [trichardson@centertech.com](mailto:trichardson@centertech.com); or register online at [www.centeryouthprograms.com](http://www.centeryouthprograms.com).

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