



**July 30, 2015**

**RE: Scam Alert**

**To: Whispering Sands Owners**

**From: Whispering Sands Office**

We have had an influx of calls in the last couple of weeks from individuals calling the office asking about the authenticity of ads on Craigslist, Zillow and VRBO for units to rent here on the property. After reviewing the information with those individuals it is apparent that they are scams. They are advertising units on the property by the day, week, etc. and asking for payments in advance. They also use names of owners in the ads and seem to have all the pertinent information. They have included photos of the property and it looks like they are using the same photos of the inside of a unit here for all the ads. Our office has flagged the ads as scams on Craigslist and Zillow when we know about them but that does not mean they will not continue to reappear on those sites. We have also notified the owners whose units are mentioned in these ads. This type of activity has been mentioned in our local newspaper as similar scams have been going on around Sarasota County.

Thank you.