

LOCAL NEWS

Five arrested in Chiriqui and Panama Oeste over WhatsApp scams

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Summary

Police raids in Chiriqui and Panama Oeste detained five people suspected of stealing WhatsApp accounts and impersonating their owners to defraud victims, in operation "Anzuelo Digital".

Details (summary of the article)

Mi Diario reports that five people were detained during raids in Chiriqui and Panama Oeste as part of an investigation into electronic fraud. The operation, called Anzuelo Digital, was run by the National Police cybercrime division with the Public Ministry and support from Senafront border service units. Investigators say the suspects took over WhatsApp accounts and impersonated their owners to trick contacts into sending money. The money was allegedly transferred straight into bank accounts linked to those under investigation. Computers and phones were seized as evidence and handed to judicial authorities along with the detainees. Residents are reminded to verify by voice call any message from a contact asking for money, as this type of scam is active in Chiriqui.

Original (es)

¡Cuidado con WhatsApp! Cinco aprehendidos por presuntas estafas electrónicas en Chiriquí y Panamá Oeste

Cinco personas fueron aprehendidas en Chiriquí y Panamá Oeste durante la operación Anzuelo Digital, por una investigación sobre presuntas estafas electrónicas mediante el robo de cuentas de WhatsApp y la suplantación de identidad.