

Fraud Alerts from the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

SCAM PREYING ON AMERICANS' EMOTIONS FOR U.S. DEPLOYED SOLDIERS

August 10, 2006 – The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) has received reports concerning multiple e-mail hoaxes claiming to be from a soldier deployed to Iraq. The individual claims to be in possession of millions of dollars and requests assistance in moving the funds.

The funds allegedly came from a soldier who was an orphan and recently died while on a mission in Iraq. The individual claims he wants assistance with donating the funds to an American orphanage.

THIS E-MAIL IS A HOAX. IF YOU RECEIVE THIS E-MAIL OR AN E-MAIL SIMILAR TO THIS, DELETE THE MESSAGE.

ANOTHER FRAUDULENT FBI E-MAIL ALERT

July 24, 2006 – IC3 has received reports concerning another e-mail hoax claiming to be from the FBI. The new e-mail hoax is similar to the warning posted on the IC3 Web site on November 22, 2005. The attachment to the e-mail message contains a virus.

This hoax e-mail contains the following text:

*Dear Sir/Madam,
We have logged your IP address on more than 30 illegal Web sites. Important: Please answer our questions! The list of questions are attached.*

*Yours faithfully,
Steven Allison
Federal Bureau of Investigation - FBI
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 3220
Washington, DC 20535
Phone: (202) 283-5817*

THIS E-MAIL IS A HOAX. IF YOU RECEIVE THIS E-MAIL OR AN E-MAIL SIMILAR TO THIS, DELETE THE MESSAGE AND DO NOT OPEN THE ATTACHMENT.

FRAUDULENT E-MAIL PURPORTEDLY FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION (FDIC)

June 14, 2006 – IC3 has received complaints concerning a spam e-mail purportedly from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). This scheme was originally unleashed in 2004, but is currently resurfacing. The e-mail claims:

In cooperation from the Department of Homeland Security and Federal, State, and Local Governments, your account has been denied insurance from the FDIC due to suspected violations of the Patriot Act.

Recipients are requested to click the link provided, <http://www.fdic.gov/idverify/cgi-bin/index.htm>, to verify their identity.

Once your identity is validated, all suspensions of insurance on your account will be lifted.

Failure to complete the identity verification will result in termination of insurance on your account and all records of your account will be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C., for analysis and verification.

Failure to provide proper identity may also result in a visit from Local, State, or Federal Government or Homeland Security Officials.

Be cautious of e-mails requesting personal and/or financial information. Information related to federal deposit insurance or consumer issues should be submitted to the FDIC using an online form accessed at **<http://www2.fdic.gov/stars-mail/index.asp>**. □