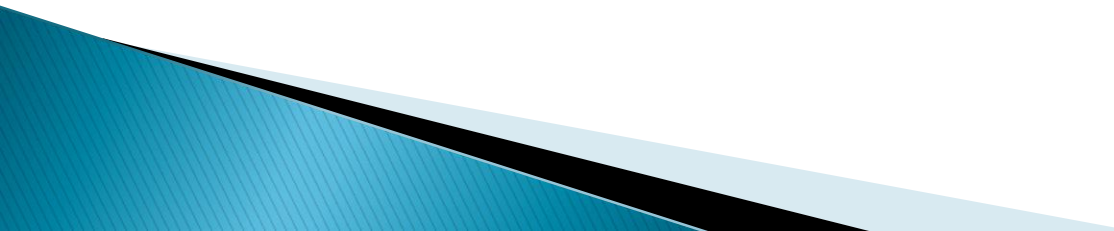




SCAMS

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WHO CAN BE A VICTIM?

- ▶ ELDERLY?
 - ▶ CHILDREN?
 - ▶ WEALTHY PEOPLE?
 - ▶ SOMEONE WITH GOOD CREDIT?
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THE UNINFORMED



TYPE OF SCAMS:

- ▶ COMPUTER
- ▶ TELEPHONE
- ▶ MAIL SERVICE
- ▶ FACE TO FACE



COMPUTER

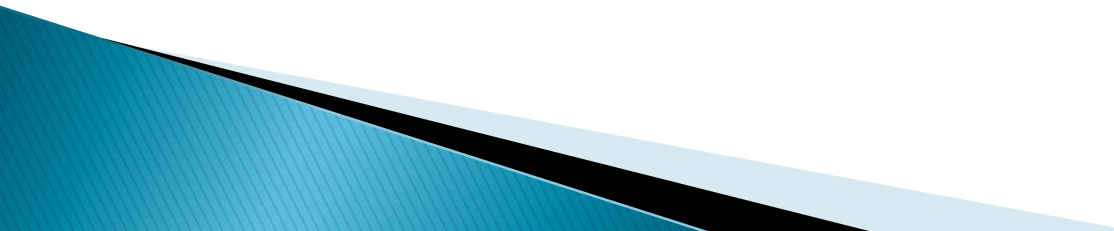
- ▶ MOSTLY THROUGH EMAIL
- ▶ MADE TO PLAY ON EMOTIONS
- ▶ “TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION!”
- ▶ MADE TO LOOK REAL
- ▶ “RE-CONFIRM FINANCIAL INFO”
- ▶ “CLICK LINK OR DOWNLOAD IMAGE”



TELEPHONE

- ▶ RECORDINGS ASKING YOU TO PROVIDE “INFORMATION”
- ▶ A PERSON PRETENDING TO BE SOMEBODY ELSE
 - IRS
 - FAMILY MEMBER
 - BANK
 - POLICE/JAIL

MAIL SERVICE

- ▶ OFFICIAL LOOKING DOCUMENTS
 - ▶ REAL LOOKING CHECKS
 - ▶ LOTTERY/SWEEPSTAKES WINNER
 - ▶ LEAVING MAIL IN THE BOX
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FACE TO FACE

- ▶ FAMILY
- ▶ FRIENDS
- ▶ ACQUAINTANCES
- ▶ SOMEONE WITH ACCESS TO YOU RECORDS



“It’s not that I don’t trust you...I don’t trust anyone!”

WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING FOR?

- ▶ OBVIOUSLY MONEY
- ▶ PERSONAL INFORMATION
 - TO GAIN ACCESS TO MONEY AND/OR CREDIT
 - OPEN CREDIT CARDS
 - GAIN LOANS
 - BUY A CAR ETC...

HOW ARE THEY GETTING IT?

▶ YOUR BELIEF THAT THEY ARE REAL

- AGREE TO USE A THIRD PARTY (PERSONAL COURIOR)
- PROVIDE INFORMATION WITHOUT QUESTIONING
- PERSONALLY HANDING IT OVER (FAMILY)
- LEAVING IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WHERE OTHERS CAN GET IT. (SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, CREDIT CARD)
- NOT USING SECURE WEBSITES
- THEFT/BURGLARIES

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES



GREEN DOT CARDS



GREEN DOT

- ▶ I'M WITH THE IRS
- ▶ I'M WITH THE UTILITY COMPANY
- ▶ THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT

GET MONEY FAST

THREATEN LEGAL ACTION

TREATED THE SAME AS CASH, ONCE GONE, GONE FOREVER.

SELLING AN ITEM

- ▶ CRAIGS LIST
- ▶ NEWSPAPER AD
- ▶ EBAY
 - FINANCIAL SHUFFLE USING A THIRD PARTY
 - CASHING CHECKS AND KEEPING A PORTION
 - SENDING MONEY OVERSEAS



PURCHASING AN ITEM

▶ SELLING A PUPPY

- TRANSFER MONEY TO SHIP
- PRAYING ON ANIMAL LOVERS
- ASKING FOR HELP

MANY TIMES THE SAME PICTURE THROUGH
MULTIPLE SOURCES

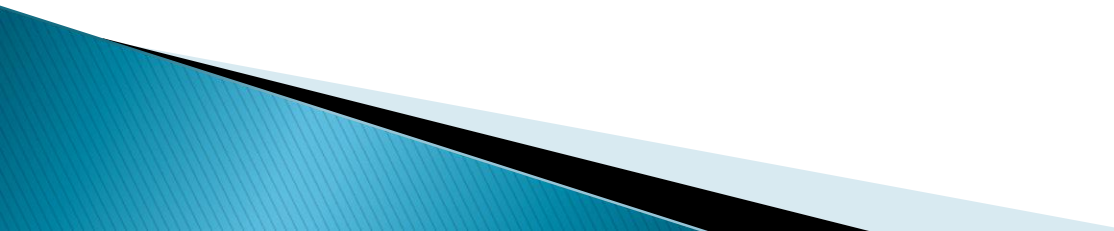


LOTTERY WINNER!

- ▶ REAL LOOKING CHECK
 - CASH TO PAY TAXES
 - THE REAL PRIZE WILL COME...



HELP!

- ▶ I NEED BAIL MONEY!
 - ▶ THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT!
 - ▶ DON'T TELL MOM/DAD!
 - USE WESTERN UNION TO MY FRIEND
 - GIVE THE #'S ON A GREEN DOT CARD
 - SOUNDS LIKE A FAMILY MEMBER
 - SHORT CALL
 - EASY TO KNOW AGES OF FAMILY MEMBERS!
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CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS

- ▶ USING YOUR CARD
- ▶ BEGGING
- ▶ STEALING YOUR CARD
- ▶ FUELED BY GREED, SUBSTANCE ABUSE ETC...



PREVENTION

- ▶ DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE GIVING
- ▶ VIGILANT ABOUT FINANCES
 - WHY DID THEY LOOK AT MY CARD HOLDING A CELL PHONE?
- ▶ KNOW WHO YOU ARE DEALING WITH
- ▶ CREDIT CHECKS
- ▶ INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER
 - IC3.GOV

SMELL TEST

- ▶ IF IT SMELLS FISHY IT PROBABLY STINKS!





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