



IMPORTANT INFORMATION for 18th September 2008

EMAIL NEWS

A new twist to the Nigerian 419 email scams this week with an email from 'David Bamko' at the Nigerian Government Reimbursement Committee who asks you to contact him if you have been scammed by a fraudulent email so that the government can help you. The email comes from gmail.com and a website in Utah, USA; no doubt they will require you to send them cash so that they can process your refund claim. Another email from a 'Jim Jones' which is very poorly worded, he claims to be from the Benin Republic Presidential Task Force. He wishes to inform you that you have been mandated 1.1 million US dollars via Western Union Money Transfer so you need to contact him immediately. Also another message through Yahoo.com from the Bill and Exchange manager at the Bank of Africa who has a secret fund of 10.5 million US dollars to transfer into your account. Finally Prof Charles Soludo at the Office of the Governor in Abuja has 7.690 million US dollars waiting for you from a Thomas Mick who has been paralyzed in a car accident; he requires your personal bank details, no doubt so that he can empty your account!

Another email from Continental Airlines regarding your online flight ticket for which you have been charged as shown on the attached invoice, the attachment contains a virus and should not be opened, please delete the whole message immediately. Also Hawaiian Airlines name is being used on other messages.

Bank scams have increased recently with Lloyds being targeted by an email claiming that due to multiple login errors on your account you need to verify your details by clicking the link, this leads to a website in Nashville, USA. Similar email also to Lloyds bank which warns your account is at risk, this goes to a website in Seoul, South Korea. Smile Bank and Egg also targeted this week with the same claims of unauthorized log ins.

Yet another PayPal scam email trying to obtain your account details, this one claims that an EU directive requires you to click on the link provided and verify your account, this leads to a website in Thailand hosted on a server in the USA.

TELEPHONE SCAMS

Information from a N/W co-ordinator regarding a watch member who received a phone call from 2Ergo offering 1000 free texts on his mobile. He texted 86880 and was asked to sign up online. He later found out that he was being charged £1.50 for receiving texts from 2Ergo. He had to get help from 02 his normal supplier to get the charges stopped. The 'Mail on Sunday' has also recently reported that a new phone scam has started where a foreign sounding caller rings up claiming that you owe BT for an unpaid bill and demanding your credit card details. The caller warns that if you do not pay immediately they will disconnect your phone. The line then goes dead and you cannot ring out, shortly after the caller will ring back saying if you do not give your details your service will be cut off. If the card details are given your account will immediately be charged. BT have confirmed that this is not genuine, no BT staff would ever demand your credit card details over the phone and that it is possible for a caller to temporarily disconnect your line but they will not disclose how this is done to prevent others from using this trick. BT confirmed that they are already investigating where the calls are coming from

£50,000 COCAINE SEIZED IN CROYDON

On Friday 29th August 2008 Kenley Safer Neighbourhood team and 4 Area TSG executed a section 23 warrant in Wordsworth Avenue, Kenley.

Acting on local intelligence, officers attended the address and arrested two suspects after finding within the property approximately a kilo of cocaine with an approximate street value of £50,000.

Quantities of cannabis were also found. The Kenley SNT are now working closely with their partners to obtain a closure order under the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Sergeant Paul Potter, Kenley Safer Neighbourhoods team said:

"Our team is committed to dealing with the quality of life issues that local residents highlight to us. After gathering and evaluating all the intelligence received The Kenley team in conjunction with 4 Area TSG made sure positive action was taken to tackle this problem. Our aim is to make the ward a safer place for those that live in or visit the area."

INFORMATION FROM SURREY POLICE

Suspicious Incident near to Croydon, suspect may come into the Met Police area.

During the hours of darkness a white male has knocked on the front door of a flat situated on the top floor of a block of flats in Redhill, he stated to the elderly female occupant that he had come from British telecom to save her some money and that she should have been expecting his call

Having been asked by the occupant for id he stated that he had lost this on the bus on the way over and refused to give his name when asked. He then stated he was from Talk Talk and the story changed he asked to enter the property but was refused entry and then left on foot

The male attended a number of neighbouring properties and asked other persons if they were happy with their phone service and stated that they were from Talk Talk and attempted to sell the occupants broadband.

Suspects: male, white, aged late teens, with short dark hair slightly wavy at the front, f508 tall, medium to stocky build, clean shaven, no glasses, had a Surrey southern accent, dark trousers, blue jumper, under the jumper was a white open neck shirt, no tie, carrying a small plain white folder

6,000 EXTRA SPECIALS

The number of Special Constables is to increase by a third over the next three years. A recruiting drive aims to attract a further 6,000 Specials to work alongside Police Community Support Officers and Police Officers on the streets of local communities in England and Wales.

Special Constables serve as volunteer police officers in their own time, often in the evenings or at weekends.

By 2011 the Special Constabulary will be 20,000-strong. A £2.5million fund has been created to pay for recruitment, training and to develop the role of the Special Constable.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said: "Special Constables and Police Support Volunteers are a vital part of our modern police service. Every day of the week, Specials are making a real difference - responding to people's concerns and making communities safer places to live."

Specials have the full powers of a police constable within their force and surrounding force areas, including the power of arrest (which distinguishes them from other members of the extended police family such as Community Support Officers).

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

From Monday 1st September Croydon Police will cease to have any dedicated crime prevention officers due to the withdrawal of funding. One PC will remain to give advice to owners of shops and business premises.

Crime prevention advice for residents in the Borough will in future be given by your local Safer Neighbourhood Team; addresses for each team are shown each week on our weekly crime reports.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH OFFICE Telephone: 020 8649 0318

The Office will be manned every Tuesday and Friday morning from 8 am to 2.30 pm. The answer phone will be available for messages outside these times. **Please note: Sarah Gardner will be on holiday from 8th Sept to the 21st Sept inclusive.**