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FBI - Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) Alert

CLAIMS OF BEING STRANDED SWINDLE CONSUMERS OUT OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

07/01/10—The IC3 continues to receive reports of individuals' e-mail or social networking accounts (MySpace, Facebook, etc.) being compromised and used in a social engineering scam to swindle consumers out of thousands of dollars. Portraying to be the victim, the hacker uses the victim's account to send a notice to their contacts. The notice claims the victim is in immediate need of money due to being robbed of their credit cards, passport, money, and cell phone; leaving them stranded in London or some other location. Some claim they only have a few days to pay their hotel bill and promise to reimburse upon their return home. A sense of urgency to help their friend/contact may cause the recipient to fail to validate the claim, increasing the likelihood of them falling for this scam.

If you receive a similar notice and are not sure it is a scam, you should always verify the information before sending any money.

If you have been a victim of this type of scam or any other Cyber crime, you can report it to the IC3 website at www.IC3.gov.

IC3 is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The IC3 complaint database links complaints for potential referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency for case consideration. Complaint information is also used to identify emerging trends and patterns.

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Upcoming Holidays

In observance of the upcoming, holidays, all offices will be closed on

Labor Day
Monday, September 6th

Columbus Day
Monday, October 11th

Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25th
On Friday November 27th all
offices will close at 12:00 Noon.

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On the face of a dollar, what does the letter inside the circular seal mean?

The black seal with the big letter in the middle signifies the Federal Reserve bank that placed the order for the bill.

A = Boston	F = Atlanta
B = New York City	G = Chicago
C = Philadelphia	H = St. Louis
D = Cleveland	I = Minneapolis
E = Richmond, VA	J = Kansas City
K = Dallas	

The letter also corresponds to the black number that is repeated four times on the face of the bill. For example, if you have a bill from Dallas with the letter K, then the number on the bill will be 11 because K is the eleventh letter in the alphabet.



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