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Cyber Task Force (CTF) Utah Model

- Established in July 2013
- Is a collaboration between FBI Special Agents and Agents from the Department of Public Safety/State Bureau of Investigation.
- Agents are housed at the FBI.
- Agents investigate various kinds of Internet fraud and computer intrusions which are reported through IC3.gov and other sources.
- Utah was the first in the nation to do this with cyber



Benefits to Utah From the CTF



- Access to Federal Databases
- FBI provided training and funding for training
- Standardized assistance around the U.S. and world
- LEGAT program
- Access to other Federal agencies
- Equipment
- Case are being investigated that previously were not



FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION
Internet Crime Report
2023



INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER

IC3 BY THE NUMBERS¹²



\$12.5 Billion

Losses in 2023



2,412

Average complaints received daily

2021
2019
2018
2017
2016

758,000+

Average complaints received per year (last 5 years)

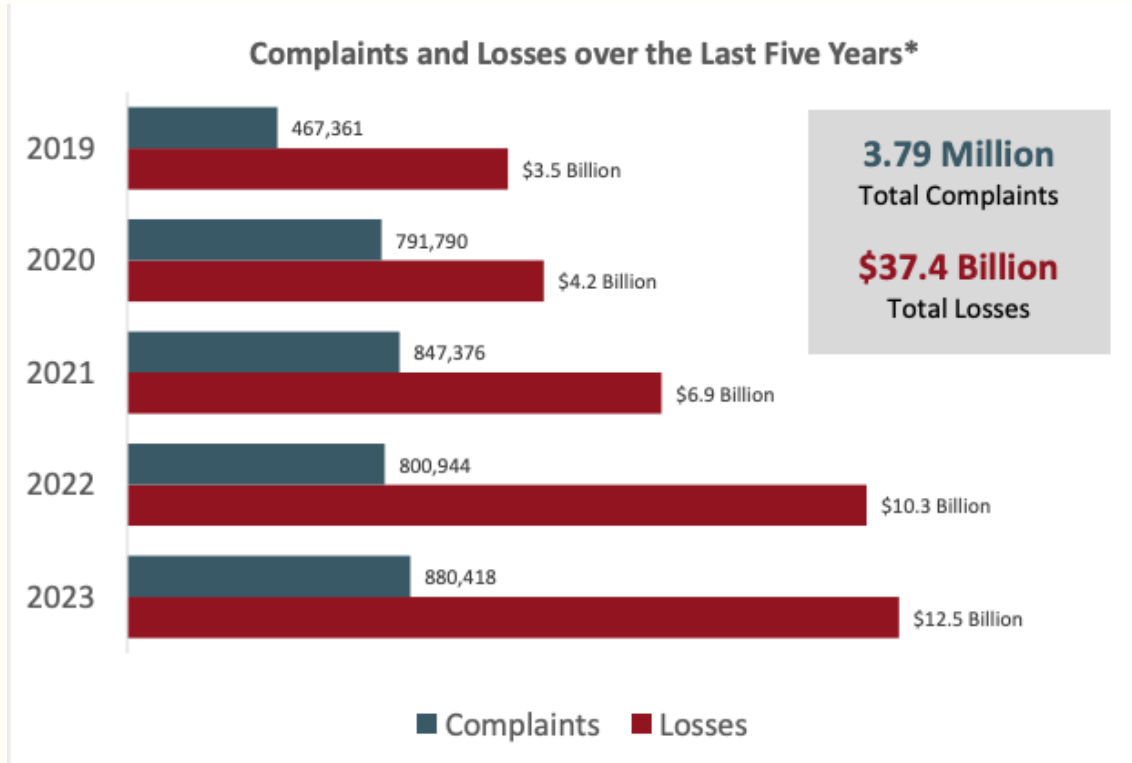


Over 8 Million

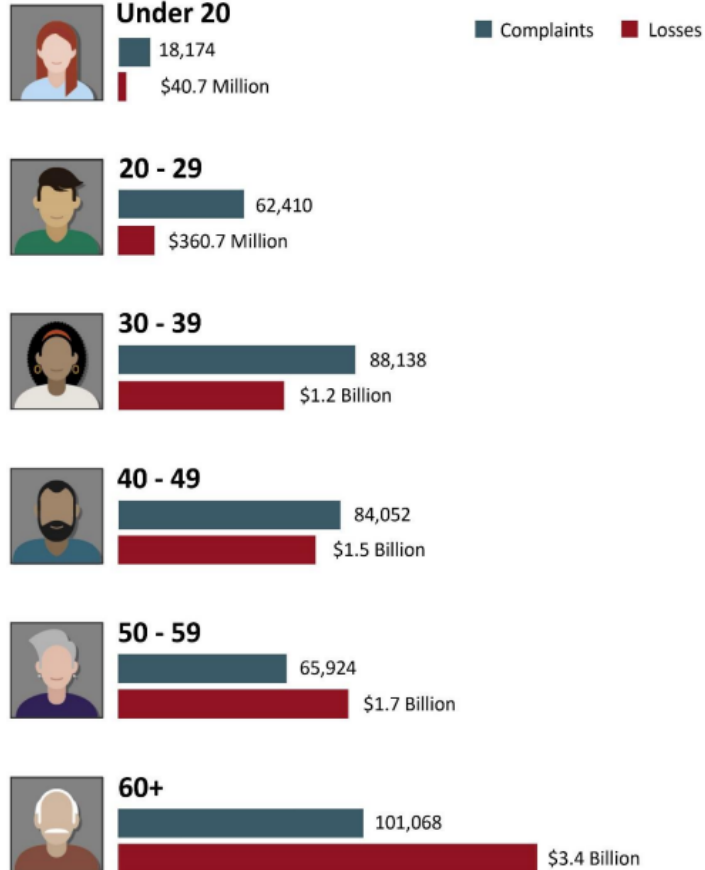
Complaints reported since inception



IC3 Complaint Statistics



2023 - COMPLAINANTS BY AGE GROUP 13



OVERALL STATE STATISTICS

Complaints per State*					
Rank	State	Complaints	Rank	State	Complaints
1	California	77,271	30	Louisiana	4,890
2	Texas	47,305	31	Kentucky	4,641
3	Florida	41,061	32	District of Columbia	3,769
4	New York	26,948	33	Iowa	3,723
5	Ohio	17,864	34	Arkansas	3,220
6	Arizona	16,584	35	Mississippi	2,983
7	Pennsylvania	16,407	36	New Mexico	2,944
8	Illinois	15,783	37	Kansas	2,894
9	Michigan	14,784	38	Delaware	2,687
10	Washington	14,600	39	Puerto Rico	2,678
11	Georgia	13,917	40	West Virginia	2,365
12	Virginia	12,711	41	Alaska	2,338
13	North Carolina	12,282	42	Idaho	2,240
14	New Jersey	12,253	43	Nebraska	2,195
15	Colorado	11,475	44	Hawaii	1,954
16	Indiana	11,097	45	South Dakota	1,688
17	Massachusetts	9,915	46	New Hampshire	1,650
18	Nevada	9,893	47	Maine	1,626
19	South Carolina	9,736	48	Montana	1,571
20	Maryland	9,717	49	Rhode Island	1,425
21	Tennessee	8,484	50	Wyoming	828
22	Missouri	8,108	51	North Dakota	764
23	Wisconsin	7,683	52	Vermont	698
24	Minnesota	7,049	53	U.S. Minor Outlying Islands	145
25	Oregon	6,724	54	Virgin Islands, U.S.	126
26	Alabama	5,763	55	Guam	90
27	Connecticut	5,216	56	American Samoa	33
28	Utah	5,061	57	Northern Mariana Islands	16
29	Oklahoma	4,987			

OVERALL STATE STATISTICS *continued*

Losses by State*					
Rank	State	Loss	Rank	State	Loss
1	California	\$2,159,454,513	30	Louisiana	\$78,286,085
2	Texas	\$1,021,547,286	31	Oklahoma	\$66,967,060
3	Florida	\$874,725,493	32	Iowa	\$59,829,482
4	New York	\$749,955,480	33	Hawaii	\$51,722,052
5	New Jersey	\$441,151,263	34	Idaho	\$50,631,580
6	Pennsylvania	\$360,334,651	35	Kentucky	\$48,746,051
7	Illinois	\$335,764,223	36	Arkansas	\$46,585,087
8	Arizona	\$324,352,644	37	District of Columbia	\$46,142,350
9	Georgia	\$301,001,997	38	Montana	\$45,554,368
10	Washington	\$288,691,091	39	New Mexico	\$45,127,386
11	Virginia	\$265,073,590	40	Nebraska	\$40,581,244
12	Massachusetts	\$235,890,173	41	South Dakota	\$35,855,494
13	North Carolina	\$234,972,238	42	Delaware	\$35,376,770
14	Maryland	\$221,520,527	43	Mississippi	\$32,144,078
15	Michigan	\$203,445,988	44	Alaska	\$31,771,278
16	Nevada	\$200,995,121	45	Rhode Island	\$31,586,831
17	Ohio	\$197,365,326	46	Puerto Rico	\$30,102,231
18	Minnesota	\$193,949,414	47	New Hampshire	\$27,178,268
19	Colorado	\$187,621,731	48	West Virginia	\$21,445,942
20	Indiana	\$162,259,036	49	Maine	\$18,968,567
21	Tennessee	\$161,195,036	50	Wyoming	\$13,746,109
22	Oregon	\$136,052,036	51	North Dakota	\$13,532,443
23	Utah	\$132,257,035	52	Vermont	\$ 8,818,181
24	Missouri	\$123,405,404	53	U.S. Minor Outlying Islands	\$3,588,797
25	Connecticut	\$120,767,349	54	Virgin Islands, U.S.	\$2,637,004
26	South Carolina	\$119,950,630	55	Guam	\$747,876
27	Alabama	\$96,479,649	56	American Samoa	\$327,467
28	Kansas	\$94,158,337	57	Northern Mariana Islands	\$25,917
29	Wisconsin	\$92,084,459			



OVERALL STATE STATISTICS *continued*

Complaints per Capita*			<i>per 100,000 citizens</i>		
Rank	State	Subjects	Rank	State	Subjects
1	District of Columbia	555.1	27	West Virginia	133.6
2	Alaska	318.8	28	New Jersey	131.9
3	Nevada	309.7	29	Missouri	130.9
4	Delaware	260.4	30	Rhode Island	130.0
5	Arizona	223.2	31	Wisconsin	130.0
6	California	198.3	32	Pennsylvania	126.6
7	Colorado	195.2	33	Georgia	126.2
8	Washington	186.9	34	Illinois	125.8
9	South Dakota	183.6	35	Oklahoma	123.0
10	Florida	181.6	36	Minnesota	122.8
11	South Carolina	181.2	37	Tennessee	119.0
12	Indiana	161.7	38	New Hampshire	117.7
13	Oregon	158.8	39	Maine	116.5
14	Maryland	157.2	40	Iowa	116.1
15	Texas	155.1	41	Idaho	114.0
16	Ohio	151.6	42	North Carolina	113.3
17	Utah	148.1	43	Alabama	112.8
18	Michigan	147.3	44	Nebraska	110.9
19	Virginia	145.8	45	Vermont	107.8
20	Connecticut	144.2	46	Louisiana	106.9
21	Wyoming	141.8	47	Arkansas	105.0
22	Massachusetts	141.6	48	Kentucky	102.5
23	New Mexico	139.2	49	Mississippi	101.5
24	Montana	138.7	50	Kansas	98.4
25	New York	137.7	51	North Dakota	97.5
26	Hawaii	136.2	52	Puerto Rico	83.5

OVERALL STATE STATISTICS *continued*

Losses per Capita*			<i>per 100,000 citizens</i>		
Rank	State	Loss	Rank	State	Loss
1	District of Columbia	\$6,795,914	27	Illinois	\$2,675,478
2	Nevada	\$6,292,550	28	Idaho	\$2,577,030
3	California	\$5,542,009	29	Indiana	\$2,364,534
4	New Jersey	\$4,748,238	30	Wyoming	\$2,353,556
5	Arizona	\$4,364,657	31	Tennessee	\$2,261,914
6	Alaska	\$4,332,018	32	South Carolina	\$2,232,240
7	Montana	\$4,021,353	33	North Carolina	\$2,168,543
8	South Dakota	\$3,900,228	34	New Mexico	\$2,134,317
9	Utah	\$3,869,729	35	Nebraska	\$2,051,237
10	Florida	\$3,868,631	36	Michigan	\$2,026,907
11	New York	\$3,831,931	37	Missouri	\$1,991,645
12	Washington	\$3,695,066	38	New Hampshire	\$1,938,461
13	Hawaii	\$3,603,978	39	Alabama	\$1,888,622
14	Maryland	\$3,584,328	40	Iowa	\$1,865,588
15	Delaware	\$3,428,347	41	North Dakota	\$1,726,240
16	Minnesota	\$3,380,137	42	Louisiana	\$1,711,639
17	Massachusetts	\$3,369,186	43	Ohio	\$1,674,584
18	Texas	\$3,348,973	44	Oklahoma	\$1,651,948
19	Connecticut	\$3,338,719	45	Wisconsin	\$1,557,861
20	Oregon	\$3,213,809	46	Arkansas	\$1,518,551
21	Kansas	\$3,202,070	47	Puerto Rico	\$1,479,384
22	Colorado	\$3,192,143	48	Vermont	\$1,361,957
23	Virginia	\$3,041,335	49	Maine	\$1,359,051
24	Rhode Island	\$2,882,110	50	West Virginia	\$1,211,587
25	Pennsylvania	\$2,779,999	51	Mississippi	\$1,093,451
26	Georgia	\$2,729,130	52	Kentucky	\$1,076,986





2023 CRIME TYPES continued

By Complaint Loss			
Crime Type	Loss	Crime Type	Loss
Investment	\$4,570,275,683	Extortion	\$74,821,835
BEC	\$2,946,830,270	Employment	\$70,234,079
Tech Support	\$924,512,658	Ransomware*	\$59,641,384
Personal Data Breach	\$744,219,879	SIM Swap	\$48,798,103
Confidence/Romance	\$652,544,805	Overpayment	\$27,955,195
Data Breach	\$534,397,222	Botnet	\$22,422,708
Government Impersonation	\$394,050,518	Phishing/Spoofing	\$18,728,550
Non-payment/Non-Delivery	\$309,648,416	Threats of Violence	\$13,531,178
Other	\$240,053,059	Harassment/Stalking	\$9,677,332
Credit Card/Check Fraud	\$173,627,614	IPR/Copyright and Counterfeit	\$7,555,329
Real Estate	\$145,243,348	Crimes Against Children	\$2,031,485
Advanced Fee	\$134,516,577	Malware	\$1,213,317
Identity Theft	\$126,203,809		
Lottery/Sweepstakes/Inheritance	\$94,502,836		
Descriptors**			
Cryptocurrency	\$3,809,090,856	Cryptocurrency Wallet	\$1,778,399,729

2023 CRIME TYPES

By Complaint Count			
Crime Type	Complaints	Crime Type	Complaints
Phishing/Spoofing	298,878	Other	8,808
Personal Data Breach	55,851	Advanced Fee	8,045
Non-payment/Non-Delivery	50,523	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Inheritance	4,168
Extortion	48,223	Overpayment	4,144
Investment	39,570	Data Breach	3,727
Tech Support	37,560	Ransomware	2,825
BEC	21,489	Crimes Against Children	2,361
Identity Theft	19,778	Threats of Violence	1,697
Confidence/Romance	17,823	IPR/Copyright and Counterfeit	1,498
Employment	15,443	SIM Swap	1,075
Government Impersonation	14,190	Malware	659
Credit Card/Check Fraud	13,718	Botnet	540
Harassment/Stalking	9,587		
Real Estate	9,521		
Descriptors*			
Cryptocurrency	43,653	Cryptocurrency Wallet	25,815

Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3.gov)



- Powerful Investigative Tool
- Overlapping Complaint
- Suspect info (email, address, phone)
- Investigator sees bigger picture
- Map out criminal organization
- Identify unwitting participants



YOUR FILES ARE ENCRYPTED

Your photos, documents and other important files have been encrypted with unique key, generated for this computer.

NEXT

Ransomware Basics



- Malware that infects computers, networks and services.
- The Malware encrypts victim's data making them unreadable.
- Actor demands payment to decrypt files.
- There are many variants of ransomware.



.CryptoHasYou., 777, 7ev3n, 7h9r, 8lock8, **Alfa Ransomware**, **Alma Ransomware**, Alpha Ransomware, AMBA, Apocalypse, ApocalypseVM, AutoLocky, BadBlock, BaksoCrypt, Bandarchor, Bart, BitCryptor, BitStak, BlackShades Crypter, Blocatto, Booyah, Brazilian, BrLock, Browlock, Bucbi, BuyUnlockCode, Cerber, Chimera, CoinVault, Coverton, Cryaki, Crybola, CryFile, CryLocker, **CrypMIC**, Crypren, Crypt38, Cryptear, **CryptFile2**, CryptInfinite, CryptoBit, CryptoDefense, CryptoFinancial, CryptoFortress, CryptoGraphic Locker, CryptoHost, CryptoJoker, **CryptoLocker**, Cryptolocker 2.0, CryptoMix, CryptoRoger, CryptoShocker, CryptoTorLocker2015, CryptoWall 1, CryptoWall 2, CryptoWall 3, CryptoWall 4, CryptXXX, CryptXXX 2.0, CryptXXX 3.0, **CryptXXX 3.1**, CTB-Faker, **CTB-Locker**, CTB-Locker WEB, CuteRansomware, DeCrypt Protect, DEDCryptor, DetoxCrypto, DirtyDecrypt, DMALocker, DMALocker 3.0, Domino, EDA2 / HiddenTear, EduCrypt, El-Polocker, Enigma, FairWare, Fakben, Fantom, Fonco, Fsociety, Fury, GhostCrypt, Globe, GNL Locker, Gomasom, Goopic, Gopher, Harasom, Herbst, Hi Buddy!, Hitler, HolyCrypt, HydraCrypt, iLock, iLockLight, International Police Association, JagerDecryptor, Jeiphoos, Jigsaw, Job Crypter, **KeRanger**, KeyBTC, KEYHolder, KimcilWare, Korean, Kozy.Jozy, KratosCrypt, KryptoLocker, LeChiffre, Linux.Encoder, Locker, **Locky**, Lortok, LowLevel04, Mabouia, Magic, MaktubLocker, MIRCOP, MireWare, Mischa, MM Locker, Mobef, NanoLocker, Nemucod, NoobCrypt, Nullbyte, ODCODC, Offline ransomware, OMG! Ransomware, Operation Global III, PadCrypt, Pclock, **Petya**, PizzaCrypts, PokemonGO, PowerWare, PowerWorm, PRISM, R980, RAA encryptor, Radamant, Rakhni,, Rannoh, Ransom32, RansomLock, Rector, RektLocker, RemindMe, Rokku, Samas-Samsam, Sanction, Satana, Scraper, Serpico, Shark, ShinoLocker, Shujin, Simple_Encoder, SkidLocker / Pompous, Smrss32, SNSLocker, Sport, Stampado, Strictor, Surprise, SynoLocker, SZFLocker, TeslaCrypt 0.x - 2.2.0, TeslaCrypt 3.0+, TeslaCrypt 4.1A, TeslaCrypt 4.2, Threat Finder, **TorrentLocker**, TowerWeb, Toxcrypt, Troldeh, TrueCrypter, Turkish Ransom, UmbreCrypt, Ungluk, Unlock92, VaultCrypt, VenusLocker, Virlock, Virus-Encoder, WildFire Locker, Xorist, XRTN, Zcrypt, **Zepto**, Zimbra, Zlader / Russian, Zyklon

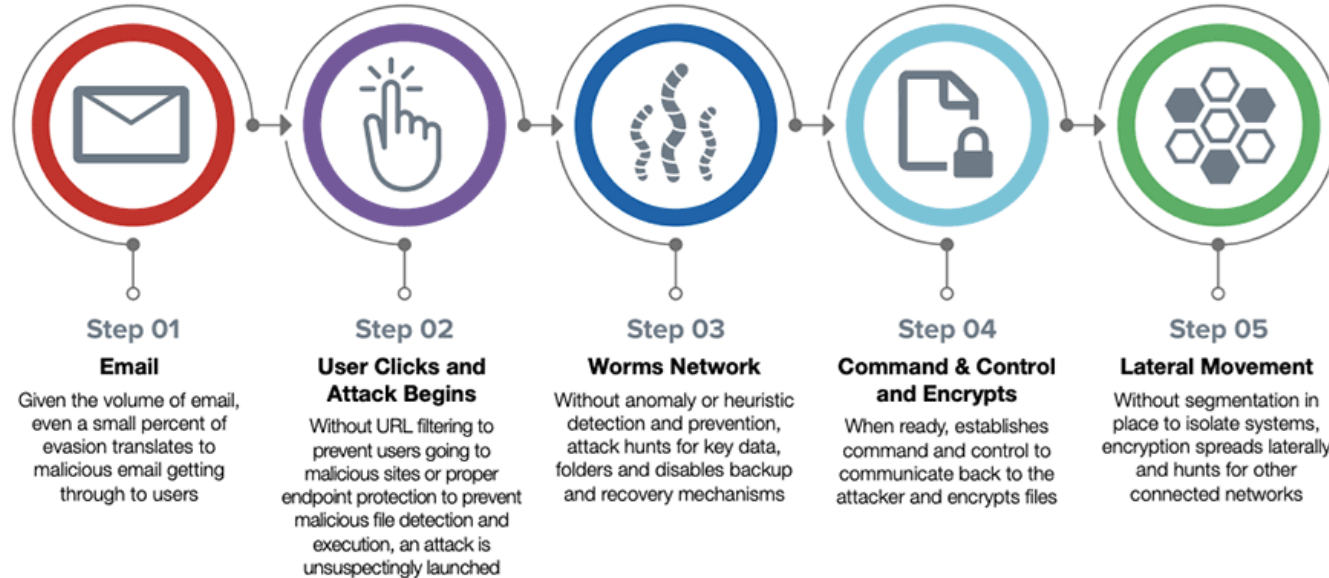


State of Ransomware - Sophos





Ransomware – Phases of Attack





Protect Against Ransomware



- **Immediate Actions You Can Take Now to Protect Against Ransomware:**
- Update your operating system and software.
- Implement user training and phishing exercises to raise awareness about the risks of suspicious links and attachments.
- If you use Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP), secure and monitor it.
- Make an offline backup of your data.
- Use multifactor authentication (MFA).

Ransomware-as-a-Service



Ransomware as a service is the new big problem for business

Easy-to-use ransomware as a service schemes are booming, accounting for almost two-thirds of ransomware campaigns during the past year, warn researchers.

By Danny Palmer | March 4, 2021 – 12:31 GMT (04:31 PST) | Topic: Security



Ransomware as a service is proving effective for cyber criminals who want a piece of the cyber-extortion action but without necessarily having the skills to develop their own malware, with two out of three attacks using this model.

Ransomware attacks are still proving extremely lucrative, with the most well-organised gangs earning millions per victim, so many cyber criminals want to cash in – but don't have the ability to code and distribute their own campaigns.

MORE FROM DANNY PALMER



Security
Ransomware: A company paid millions to get their data back, but forgot to do one thing. So the hackers came back again



Security
VPNs, two-factor authentication and more: Keeping your data safe from hackers while working from home



Security
Hacked companies had backup plans. But they didn't print them out before the attack.

Purchase Order Fraud Basics

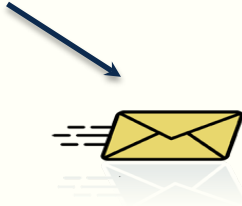


- University or corporate identities are impersonated to obtain merchandise on credit.
- Merchandise is shipped before the victim vendor discovers the fraud.
- Scammers operate primarily from Nigeria or outside of U.S. Jurisdiction. University or corporate identities are impersonated to obtain merchandise on credit.

How the Scam Works:



Imposter domain and VoIP phone numbers are established
Establish US address to receive and re-ship products



Email & fraudulent Purchase Orders sent to US vendors – net 30 day credit

US Business ships products to US address (re-shipper)



Victim Vendor



Vendor bills impersonated company or university



Merchandise received at US address (re-shipper)



US Freight Forwarder ships to Nigeria, often through the UK





Victims are targeted after uploading resumes online



- Monster
- LinkedIn
- Indeed
- Career Builder
- Dice
- Zip Recruiter

Jobs Offered by Scammers are...

- Reshipping Managers
- Package Processing
- Package compliance officer
- Logistics Coordinator



Payment

- Western Union
- Money Gram
- Wire Transfer
- Crypto Currency



Encouraged to...

- Find Office Space
- Find Storage Units
- Not tell others what they do



What can be done?



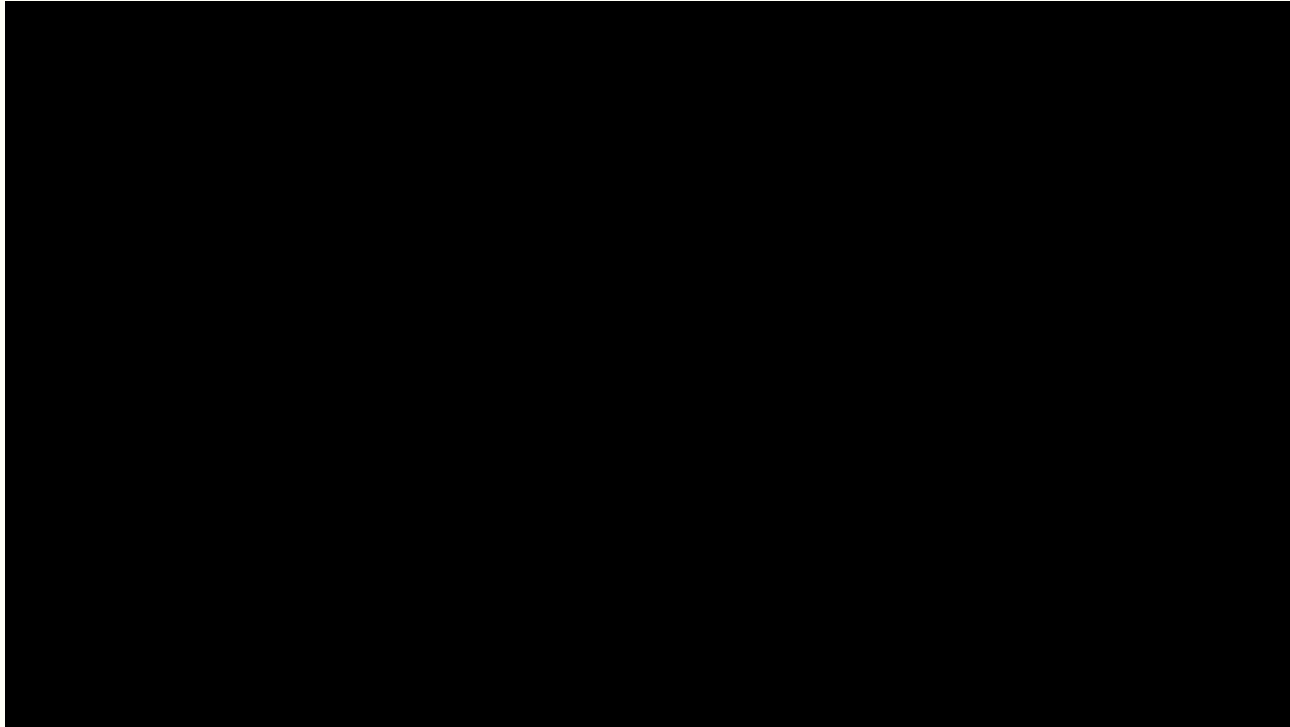
Find out where packages were sent and get them returned.

Disrupt organization by preventing shipment.

Return hundreds of thousands of dollars to local victim business.

Even make arrests in Nigeria.

Prince Oseph



Business Email Compromise



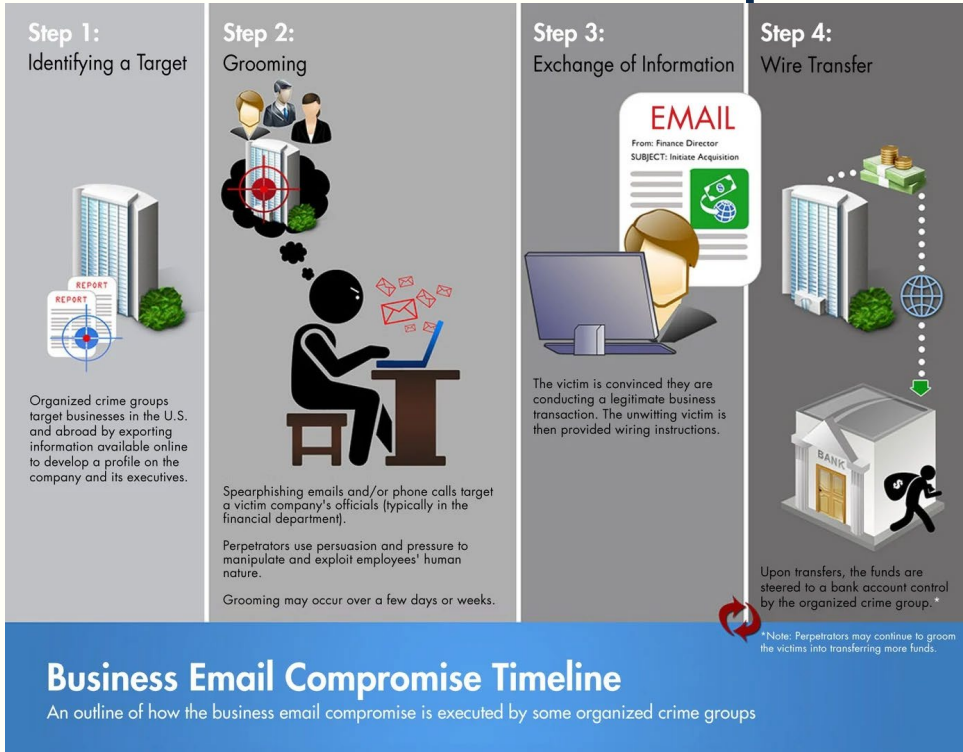
- Business email compromise (BEC) is an exploit in which an attacker obtains access to a business email account and imitates the owner's identity, in order to defraud the company and its employees, customers or partners.
-Barracuda Networks

Business Email Compromise



- **Spoof an email account or website.** Slight variations on legitimate addresses (john.kelly@examplecompany.com vs. john.kelley@examplecompany.com) fool victims into thinking fake accounts are authentic.
- **Send spearphishing emails.** These messages look like they're from a trusted sender to trick victims into revealing confidential information. That information lets criminals access company accounts, calendars, and data that gives them the details they need to carry out the BEC schemes.
- **Use malware.** Malicious software can infiltrate company networks and gain access to legitimate email threads about billing and invoices. That information is used to time requests or send messages so accountants or financial officers don't question payment requests. Malware also lets criminals gain undetected access to a victim's data, including passwords and financial account information. (FBI.gov)

Business Email Compromise



(FBI.gov)

Business Email Compromise



How to Protect Yourself

- Be careful with what information you share online or on social media. By openly sharing things like pet names, schools you attended, links to family members, and your birthday, you can give a scammer all the information they need to guess your password or answer your security questions.
- Don't click on anything in an unsolicited email or text message asking you to update or verify account information. Look up the company's phone number on your own (don't use the one a potential scammer is providing), and call the company to ask if the request is legitimate.
- Carefully examine the email address, URL, and spelling used in any correspondence. Scammers use slight differences to trick your eye and gain your trust.
- Be careful what you download. Never open an email attachment from someone you don't know, and be wary of email attachments forwarded to you.
- Set up two-factor (or multi-factor) authentication on any account that allows it, and never disable it.
- Verify payment and purchase requests in person if possible or by calling the person to make sure it is legitimate. You should verify any change in account number or payment procedures with the person making the request.
- Be especially wary if the requestor is pressing you to act quickly. (FBI.gov)

Financial Fraud Kill Chain (FFKC)



The FFKC can be initiated for international wires only.

- Normal bank procedure still apply to recovery
- Wire transfer is >\$50,000
- International destination
- SWIFT recall notice has been initiated
- Wire transfer has been initiated with the last 72 hours

FFKC Domestic



- Initiated through the FBI Recovery Asset Team at IC3
- Time is of the essence
- At least \$50,000
- Less than 72 hours prior
- Transfer was sent between two US banking institutions

Passwords



TWONKS



Crypto Investment Scams



Cryptocurrency investment fraud, which the media commonly describes as "pig butchering," is one of the most prevalent and damaging fraud schemes today.

Scammers, through various means of manipulation, convince victims to deposit more and more money into financial “investments” using cryptocurrency. In truth, these investments are fake; all victim money is under the control of—and ultimately stolen by—criminal actors, usually overseas. As a result, victims typically lose all money they invested.

(FBI.gov)

In Conclusion



**"The problem
with quotes
on the
Internet is that
no one can
confirm their
authenticity."**

—Abraham Lincoln



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