

CYBERSECURITY COMMUNICATION

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TO: University Systems Cybersecurity Communications
FROM: University Systems
RE: **Blackmail Phishing Messages**

We have received reports of phishing emails attempting to extort money from recipients; most are being blocked by our email filters but you may encounter one at home or on a personal email account. The emails claim to have sensitive personal information about individuals along with a valid username and password in the message as proof of compromise. An example is below:

I do know, someoddpasword, is your pass word. You don't know me and you are most likely wondering why you are getting this email, right?

Well, I actually setup a malware on the adult videos (pornographic material) website and there's more, you visited this site to have fun (you know what I mean). While you were watching videos, your browser initiated functioning as a RDP (Remote Desktop) that has a keylogger which provided me access to your display and also cam. after that, my software program collected your complete contacts from your Messenger, social networks, as well as email.

What exactly did I do?

I made a double-screen video. First part displays the video you were watching (you have a nice taste lmao), and second part displays the recording of your cam.

What should you do?

Well, in my opinion, \$2900 is a fair price tag for our little secret. You will make the payment through Bitcoin (if you do not know this, search "how to buy bitcoin" in Google).

BTC Address: 1BDmpLvmt2atwR2hLqvYfacEhR9hWwimfB
(It is cAsE sensitive, so copy and paste it)

Note:

You now have one day in order to make the payment. (I've a unique pixel within this email, and at this moment I know that you have read this message). If I do not get the BitCoins, I will definately send out your video to all of your contacts including members of your family, coworkers, and so on. Nonetheless, if I do get paid, I'll destroy the video immidiately. If you want evidence, reply with "Yes!" and I will certainly send your video to your 10 friends. This is the non-negotiable offer, and so don't waste my time and yours by replying to this e mail.

If you receive a message like this, please do not respond. The valid username and password has likely been obtained through past external security breaches such as major public breaches impacting Yahoo, LinkedIn, MyFitnessPal, etc., and is being used as a tactic to pressure you into paying.

It is good a practice to change your passphrases regularly and create unique and complex passphrases across different services so that a breach in one service doesn't impact your other services.

Regards,
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