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## NEWS RELEASE

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### AbbyPD warn of email scam

Be on the look-out for this email phishing scam – it's a new twist on an old trick! Fraudsters obtain one of your old passwords – likely via a data breach experienced by a legitimate business – and then demand money or bitcoin payment from you in exchange for not releasing personal information to your contacts. **Do NOT send money or respond!**

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From: Dew Alford [redacted]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:07 PM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: [redacted] (← password goes here)

I know [redacted] is your passwords. Lets get straight to purpose. Not a single person has compensated me to check about you. You may not know me and you are most likely thinking why you're getting this email?

In fact, i setup a malware on the adult vids (porno) site and guess what, you visited this web site to have fun (you know what i mean). While you were viewing video clips, your internet browser initiated operating as a RDP with a keylogger which provided me access to your display screen and also webcam. Right after that, my software gathered your entire contacts from your Messenger, FB, and e-mailaccount. Next i made a double-screen video. 1st part shows the video you were viewing (you've got a fine taste lmao), and second part displays the recording of your webcam, yea it is you.

You have got 2 solutions. Lets check out these types of options in details:

First option is to disregard this e mail. in this scenario, i most certainly will send out your very own video to every single one of your personal contacts and thus you can easily imagine about the awkwardness you will see. Keep in mind if you are in an important relationship, how it will affect?

Second choice should be to pay me USD 3400. i will think of it as a donation. as a consequence, i will asap delete your video footage. You can keep on going your way of life like this never occurred and you are never going to hear back again from me.

You'll make the payment by Bitcoin (if you do not know this, search for 'how to buy bitcoin' in Google).

BTC address:

13eN9X7A1EeUSL24bqQigyouX2xsvjFE

[CaSe-sensitive copy and paste it]

if you may be making plans for going to the law enforcement officials, surely, this email message can not be traced back to me. I have dealt with my actions. i am just not trying to ask you for money a lot, i simply prefer to be paid. i have a unique pixel within this e-mail, and now i know that you have read this e-mail. You now have one day in order to make the payment. if i don't get the BitCoins, i will definitely send your video recording to all of your contacts including members of your family, colleagues, etc. Nevertheless, if i receive the payment, i will destroy the video immediately. if you want evidence, reply 'Yes' and i will certainly send your video to your 14 contacts. it's a non-negotiable offer, and so please do not waste my time and yours by responding to this email.

#### The Abbotsford Police Department reminds you to:

- Be aware that scams exist and that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Whether by email, phone call or mail, always consider the possibility that the approach may be a scam.
- Know who you are dealing with. If you are unsure of the legitimacy of a person or business, take the time to do more research. Conduct searches on the internet for others who may have dealings with the business, phone number, photo or email address. If the email comes from a friend, but seems strange, contact the friend directly to ensure the legitimacy of the email.

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*To make Abbotsford the safest city in B.C.*

- DO NOT open suspicious texts, link or unknown email senders. DELETE.
- DO NOT respond to phone calls asking for remote access to your computer. HANG UP.
- Be aware of requests asking for money. DO NOT send money or give credit card details, online account details or copies of personal documents to anyone you don't know. If you are unsure, ask, research and check on the person's/company's details.

**Clues for spotting a fake email**

Scammers can be skilled and can easily fake an official-looking email, using the same logo and design as real organizations. If you receive an unexpected email (even from a company you've dealt with before), or the email content seems strange, BE ALERT that it may be fake before clicking on any links or opening any attachments. Check the email address from the sender and check the legitimacy of the email by calling the organization directly (do not use the phone number provided in the email).

**Watch out for each other**

If you are diligent and spot a scam, please spread the word! Ensure seniors in your life or those less "tech savvy" are aware of the scams and know how to respond when they receive these emails or aggressive phone calls.

Scammers use online tools that enable them to operate from anywhere in the world, and money that is transferred as a result of these scams is almost impossible to recover.

Please report fraudulent emails to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Center by forwarding your email spam to its reporting centre: [spam@fightspam.gc.ca](mailto:spam@fightspam.gc.ca).

For more tips or to find out about the most recent email scams, please visit [www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](http://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca).

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