



Public Service Announcement

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



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FBI E-MAIL HOAX ALERT!!

The FBI has become aware of e-mails being generated with the subject line "FBI Investigation" and implying the e-mail originated from the FBI. The e-mail requests the recipient's assistance by purchasing merchandise via the Internet. This e-mail is fictitious, and its origin is being investigated. The FBI would never direct someone to expend personal funds in furtherance of an investigation.

The following is the actual message brought to our attention.

-----Original Message-----
From: Investigations@fbi.gov
Sent: Samstag, 3. Juli 2004 02:18
To:
Subject: FBI Investigation

Please note that this E-mail was generated by FBI and IFCC (Internet Fraud Complaint Center) E-mail services and any attempt to reply to this E-mail cannot and will not be answered or received by FBI or IFCC.

The Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC) is a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). IFCC's mission is to address fraud committed over the Internet.

Our records show that you have closed an internet transaction with James Douglas. We are now able to inform you that this person is an internet scam artist. For almost 2 years he had ripped off over 100 internet buyers using Western Union for payment. We were not able to catch him until now because we don't have enough proves. Here is what we suggest:

Please pretend that you are interested in buying another product from him and accept any offer that he will make you. Follow all the instructions you receive from him regarding the payment procedure via Western Union wire transfer. We will watch this particular transaction and arrest him when he will try to pick up the funds at the Western Union office.

This way we will be able to stop his illegal activity and you will receive the money already lost in full amount plus this amount you will have to send now and a 1000\$ bonus from FBI for your cooperation.

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU KEEP THIS EMAIL SECRET FOR NOW. PLEASE DON'T ATTEMPT TO CONTACT FBI OR IFCC FOR THE MOMENT. WE WILL CONTACT YOU AS SOON AS YOU MAKE THE PAYMENT TO JAMES DOUGLAS. HE WILL TRY PICK UP THE

MONEY AND WE WILL ARREST HIM AND CONTACT YOU AFTER THAT.

Regards, FBI team.