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CIRCULATION OF FRAUDULENT E-MAIL CLAIMING TO BE FROM FBI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, KEVIN FAVREAU

Spam, purportedly from the FBI, continues to be an epidemic. As with past spam attacks, the latest version uses an FBI official's name. The current spam e-mail claims to be an official order from the FBI's Anti-Terrorist and Monetary Crimes Division. Recipients are told they have been named the beneficiary of millions of dollars; however, the e-mail claims the FBI has stopped the transfer of these funds due to suspicion that they are related to terrorism.

Recipients are also given directions on how to obtain a "Diplomatic Immunity Seal of Transfer" which must be provided or they will face prosecution. Assistant Director Favreau is fraudulently listed as the "veteran special agent" who authorized the "official" order.

DO NOT RESPOND, THESE E-MAILS ARE A HOAX.

The FBI does not send unsolicited e-mails. Consumers should not respond to any unsolicited e-mails or click on any embedded links, as they may contain viruses or malware.

It is imperative consumers guard their personally identifiable information (PII). Providing your PII will compromise your identity!

If you have been a victim of Internet crime, please file a complaint at www.IC3.gov.