



# Public Service Announcement

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## **SPAM E-MAILS CONTINUING TO CAPITALIZE ON FBI OFFICIALS' NAMES**

The FBI continues to receive reports of spam e-mails that use FBI officials' names and titles in online fraud schemes. Although there are different variations of these schemes, recipients are typically notified they have received a large sum of money. The latest round of e-mails uses the name of new FBI Director James B. Comey.

Some of the e-mails reported to the Internet Crime Complaint Center continue to use the alleged "Anti Terrorist & Monetary Crimes Division" of the FBI. All e-mails encourage the recipient to send money for various reasons.

Do not respond. These e-mails are a hoax.

Neither government agencies nor government officials send unsolicited e-mail to members of the public. United States government agencies use the legal process to contact individuals.

The public should not respond to any unsolicited e-mails or click on embedded links in these messages because they may contain viruses or malicious software.

If you have received a message that purports to be from the FBI, disregard its instructions and file a complaint at [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov).

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For previous IC3 alerts concerning e-mail scams targeting the FBI and other government agencies, visit: <https://www.ic3.gov/media/default.aspx>.