



Boston College Police Department Community Awareness Bulletin

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The Boston College Police Department has been made aware of an on-line scam in which scammers claim to have remotely installed “Pegasus” Spyware on individuals personal devices.

The scammers , who appear to be targeting institutions including colleges and universities worldwide, claim they have total control over the victims phone and can gain access into photos, emails and social media accounts.

They attach the name address and a photo of the victims’ residence claiming they know where they live. The images appear to be from “Google” Maps and the personal information from on-line sources. This is an obvious attempt to make the threat appear credible.

The email will then have a list of demands titled:

What I Want ?

What Should You Do?

The scammer then demands a ransom of a specific amount of USD Currency \$1950 or the transfer of BitCoin to a QR code **(Do Not Scan)** on the email.

Despite claiming to have intimate details of the victims browsing and other habits in order to extort the victim, the message does not name any websites or include any images.

While law enforcement does not view the scam as a legitimate threat, student, faculty or staff who receive an email with the same or similar threatening demands are asked to contact BCPD and report the incident.

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