



“Greater Manchester Police”

Phishing Alert

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GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE PHISHING ALERT

The information contained within this alert is based on a high number of reports recently received by Action Fraud. The purpose of this alert is to increase awareness of this campaign currently in circulation. The campaign's key target appears to be businesses in the United Kingdom. Its primary function appears to be distributing Banking Trojan malware, through a malicious link embedded within the email.

The alert is aimed at businesses, members of the public as well as government and public organisations.

ALERT

Fraudsters are sending out a high number of phishing emails to email addresses connected to businesses in the United Kingdom, with the message subject heading '*Notice of Intended Prosecution*' and '*NIP – Notice Number*' followed by a combination of letters and numbers. The emails purport to come from the Greater Manchester Police.

It is believed that the URL hidden behind the line '*Check The Photographic Evidence*' delivers the GOZI/ISFP Banking Trojan which is involved in stealing online banking login details from victims.

**Notice of Intended Prosecution (NIP) Information**

In accordance with Section 1 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988, we hereby inform you that it is intended to take proceedings against the driver of motor vehicle.

Details of the Offence

- **Time & Date:** at 13:24 on 30/11/2016
- **Fixed Speed Device UIN:** 6LBR8
- **Location:** B5166 Sale Road, near Daine Avenue, Manchester
- **Offence:** EXCEED 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT
- **Vehicle Speed:** 80

We have photographic evidence that the driver of motor vehicle failed to adhere with a speed limit at the date, time and location.

You have been named as driver of the vehicle at the time of the supposed offence and have a legal obligation to comply with the provisions of the notice.

Check The Photographic Evidence

Whether you agree with the NIP or not you must fill out the section 172 notice declaring who was driving the car at the time of the offence within 28 days. The NIP with the section 172 notice were sent to your mailing address.

PROTECTION / PREVENTION ADVICE

Having up-to-date virus protection is essential; however it will not always prevent you from becoming infected. Please consider the following actions:

- Don't click on links or open any attachments you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS messages. Remember that fraudsters can 'spoof' an email address to make it look like one used by someone you trust. If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of communication.
- Always install software updates as soon as they become available. Whether you are updating the operating system or an application, the update will often include fixes for critical security vulnerabilities.
- Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. It's important that the device you back up to is not left connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that as well.
- If you think your bank details have been compromised, you should immediately contact your bank.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling **0300 123 2040**, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

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