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NEW SCAM HITS THE INTERNET

State Attorney Steve Russell warns the public that a new scam has hit the Internet this week. An e-mail appears to come from the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation), and states that all insurance on the recipient's bank accounts will be terminated and asks for personal identification information to avoid the suspension of insurance (copy included). The e-mail contains a link to respond, which appears to be the FDIC, but the information actually goes to a hidden link. Information including name, social security number, and bank account numbers is requested.

Russell says, "The origination point for this email is Hungary. Do not respond to it. It is a scam!" The FDIC says, "Since last night, they have received copies of the email from about 50 concerned Internet users." The FDIC reiterates Russell's warning and urges consumers not to respond.

For further information, contact Chere Avery at 533-1125.



- In cooperation with the Department Of Homeland Security, Federal, State and Local Governments your account has been denied insurance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation due to suspected violations of the Patriot Act. While we have only a limited amount of evidence gathered on your account at this time it is enough to suspect that currency violations may have occurred in your account and due to this activity we have withdrawn Federal Deposit Insurance on your account until we verify that your account has not been used in a violation of the Patriot Act.

As a result Department Of Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge has advised the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to suspend all deposit insurance on your account until such time as we can verify your identity and your account information.

Please verify through our IDVerify below. This information will be checked against a federal government database for identity verification. This only takes up to a minute and when we have verified your identity you will be notified of said verification and all suspensions of insurance on

your account will be lifted. Please click the link below:

<http://www.fdic.gov/idverify/cgi-bin/index.htm>

Failure to use IDVerify below will cause all insurance for your account to be terminated and all records of your account history will be sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington D.C. for analysis and verification. Failure to provide proper identity may also result in a visit from Local, State or Federal Government or Homeland Security Officials.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

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