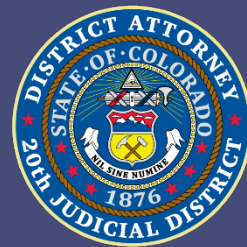


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Imposter Boss Scam

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What is happening:



You get an email from your boss (and in some cases a board member) saying, “can you do me a favor?”



Once you respond saying “yes” that’s when the scam begins.



The scammer emails you requesting you pick up gift cards in a certain amount and take photos of the front and back of the gift cards immediately.



The scammer will also give the excuse that they are “in a meeting” and can’t get to the task, which is why they are asking you to do it.



They will put a sense of urgency on getting the gift cards, such as “can you do it in 30 minutes?”



When you send photos or give them the numbers on the gift card, they will immediately use the gift card and **you will be out the amount of money you purchased the gift cards for**

What to do if you get this email



- File a report with your local law enforcement



- Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>



- Report the scam to the Community Protection Division

Preventing the Boss Scam



- **STOP!** Don’t purchase and send those gift cards



- Check the email address that is sending you the request. Most of the emails come from a public email like @gmail.com, @yahoo.com, etc.



- Contact your boss (or board member) by their known phone number to confirm the request



- Can’t reach your boss? Contact a trusted coworker or friend. Tell them the situation and see what they would do

If your business or organization is victim of this scam:



- Immediately contact the gift card company and see if the transaction can be refunded



- File a report with your local law enforcement agency and Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at <https://www.ic3.gov/>



- Email your colleagues to make them aware that the email is false, including the person who sent the email



- Coordinate with your IT department to determine if there have been any other IT related threats



- Report the incident to Community Protection Division

Questions or Concerns?

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