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SPAM E-MAIL CONFIRMING THE PURCHASE OF A CELL PHONE, INCLUDED A PHISHING SCAM TARGETING PAYPAL CUSTOMERS BY REQUESTION PERSONAL INFORMATION

Spam e-mails have been circulating confirming the recipient's purchase through phonedepotusa.com. The e-mail provides a PayPal shopping cart detailing a cell phone purchase including the type of cell phone and shipping information. Included in the e-mail is a link if the recipient wishes to dispute the transaction. Upon clicking the link, the recipient is redirected to a phishing Web page which displays a PayPal login screen requesting their login name and password. Once logged in, the recipient's personal information is requested such as name, address, social security number, mother's maiden name, driver's license number, and debit card number. Other recipients have reported after selecting the "dispute transaction" link, their personal PayPal information was automatically displayed.

Be cautious of e-mails requesting personal and/or financial information. When made aware of any fraudulent purchases to your account, contact the respective company to file a report.

If you have received this, or a similar hoax, please file a complaint at www.IC3.gov.