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SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT WARNS RECIPIENTS OF PHISHING EMAIL TO IGNORE BOGUS NOTICE TO APPEAR IN COURT

SAN FRANCISCO -- Recipients of a January 2, 2014 phishing scam disguised as an email from the San Francisco Superior Court should immediately delete the email and not open any attachments.

The Court began receiving calls and emails today from recipients of the scam, which purports to be from "Elizabeth Tailor," the "Clerk to the Court" of the "court of San Francisco." The email is written as a "Notice to Appear," which urges the recipients to attend a January 14, 2014 hearing at 11 a.m. The phishing email also instructs the recipients to "bring all documents and witnesses relating to this case with you to Court on your hearing date." It directs the recipients to open an attachment which is a "copy of the court notice," and to "Please, read it thoroughly."

One recipient who called the Court this morning indicated that when she opened the attachment, her security software indicated it contained a Trojan virus.

The San Francisco Superior Court never notifies parties to appear for a hearing by email. The Court does not employ anyone by the name of "Elizabeth Tailor."

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