I have listed below 4 alerts/scams. They refer to persons impersonating Police Officers, a scam lottery letter, a new phishing email and a new smishing scam. At the bottom my email is my normal advice on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Scam 1 – Scam calls impersonating Police.

Please be aware of scammers impersonating Police.

3 people were called in the Folkestone area yesterday by scammers impersonating Police Officers. In one call they asked if they knew a person who had been arrested using their Barclay Card and in the other 2 calls, they stated that people had been arrested for Fraud. None of those called were taken in by this and disconnected the calls and contacted Police.

If you receive a call from someone claiming to be the Police and you are not sure if it is a genuine call. Then obtained their details and call 101. Never call a number that they supply and try to use an alternative telephone to the one that you were called on. If you cannot use an alternative telephone, then either wait 5 minutes to call using the same phone or before ringing 101, call a family member to make sure that the line has been cleared, as Fraudsters will stay on the phone and you could yourself speaking to them again.

Remember, the Police will never ask you for passwords, Pin numbers or ask you to remove cash to give to an investigator or courier as part of an investigation

Scam 2 – Lottery Scam Letter

The below letter was received by a person in Ashford and states that this is from the Covid-19 Relief Lottery. This is a new scam. If you receive this please do not respond and report to Action Fraud Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or by using their online form.

COVID-19 RELIEF LOTTERY

Head Office

WINNING NOTIFICATION

Audit Control Number: D2A619

I.D. Number 5868 1120 7341

Winning Numbers

We are happy to announce to you the result of the Covid-19 Relief Lottery award program held in London, United Kingdom. Your name attached to ticket number: [illegible] with Serial number 32013 drew the winning numbers: 4/13/21/27/34/38-45, which subsequently won the Lottery award in the 3rd category. Your name has therefore been approved to claim a total sum of THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING (£385,000.00) credited to file No: KFC/9332168168/20. This is from a total cash prize of FORTY FIVE Million Pounds (£45,000,000 POUNDS) shared among the first 200 lucky winners in this category.

Participants in this programme were randomly selected by computer from database of the Electoral roll resident in the United Kingdom, winners in different categories emerged by computer random selection from pool of over 12 million names.

This programme was designed and promoted by United Nation, Postcode Care Trust, Postcode Global Trust, All funds used to promote this programme came from United Nations Relief Fund, and this is the biggest ever non-ticket lottery played in the world, aimed at changing the lives of many people. We hope that with part of your winning, you will help the less privileged ones.

To begin your claims, contact MR JAMES TAYLOR the Foreign Service manager of ULTIMATE FINANCE PLC, TEL: 0203-000-7559: direct no: 0794-029-7538 for the processing and remittance of your money. Remember to quote your reference number in all correspondence.

Finally all winning must be claimed not later than 1st July 2020. After this date, the entire funds will be retracted to HER MAJESTY REVENUE AND CUSTOMS as unclaimed. Furthermore should there be any change on your personal details or address, do inform your claims agent as soon as possible.

Your claims company will be paid 5% of the award price as the commission AFTER you have received your money.

Congratulations from our members of staff and thank you for being part of our program.

Sincerely yours

MR. E. CLARKE

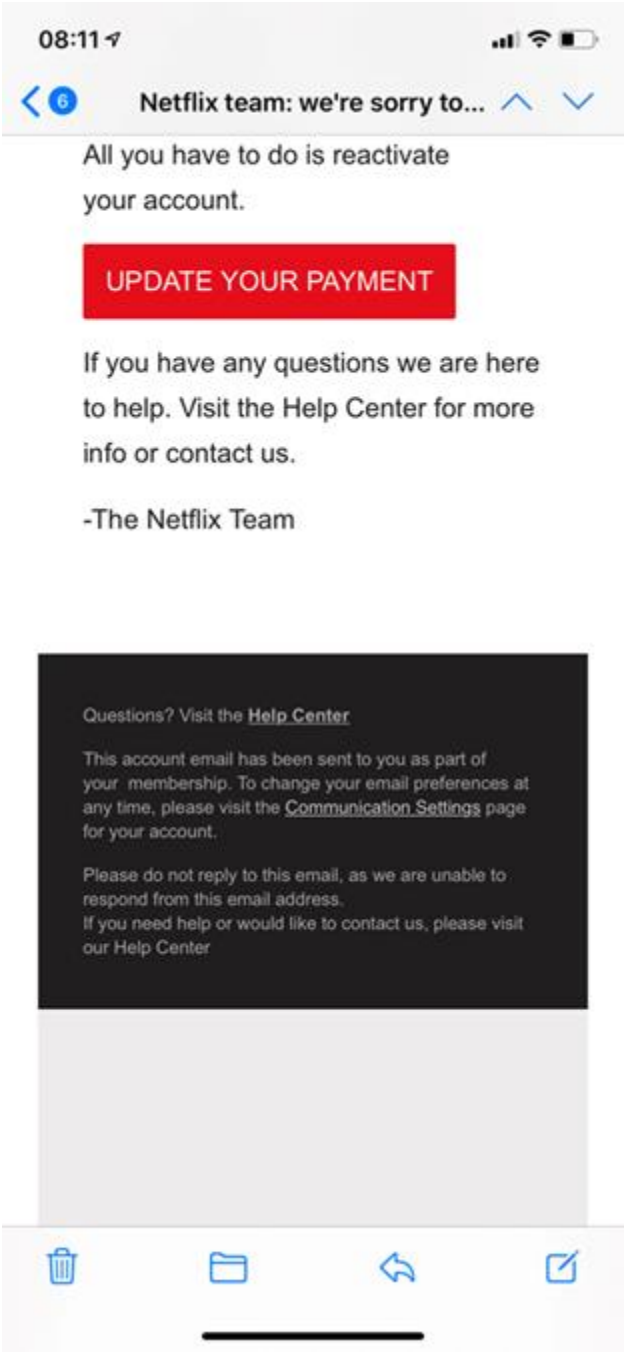
For President

Ultimate Finance Plc is a Government-licensed Lottery Service Agency, which has been awarding National Lotteries to subscribers for over 25 years. Acting as agents on behalf of Lottery players around the world, Prime Finance Plc makes it possible

SCAM 3 – NETFLIX Phishing email

The below email was received this week and is a new phishing email with scammers impersonating Netflix. It asks you to click on a link and takes you to a long scam email to try and obtain your personal data.

Please be on the lookout for this and if received, do not click on the link and please forward to report@phishing.gov.uk who are dealing with these types of phishing emails.



Scam 4 – Revolut Card Smishing Text message

If you are the owner/user of a Revolut Card, which is a type of pre-paid card that can used in the UK or abroad without charges, please be aware of scam text message that is being sent out to card holders impersonating the company. It will state that your account is frozen and that you need to click a link to verify your ID. Revolut are aware of the scam and are taking steps to stop this but in the meanwhile, if you get this message please do not click on the link. If you are unsure if it is a scam, then contact Revolut using a trusted number.

If you believe a text message is a smishing scam, then you should report it to the company who allegedly sent you the message. This'll give them the chance to alert other users to the risks. Some organisations even have a dedicated email address for you to report potential

scams to. If you've been a victim of a smishing scam, then you need to report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or by using their online form.

Please remember the following advice -

Take Five -

Stop -Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge -Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect - Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

And use our own A, B, C of scam awareness:

A- Never **Assume** a caller, email or text is genuine.

B- Never **Believe** a caller, email or text is genuine.

C- Always **Confirm** by contacting a trusted number, family member, friend, your bank's fraud department or the police to check if it's genuine.

Report scams at www.actionfraud.police.uk

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Steve Kelly

Prevent & Protect Fraud Officer

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