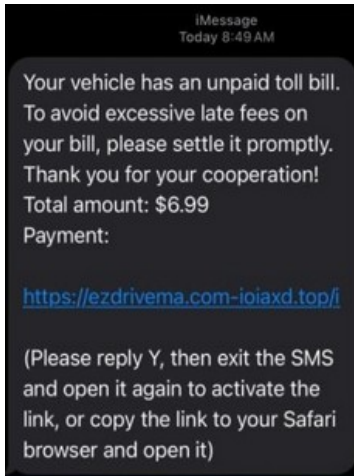


Staying Safe Doesn't Get Any Easier

Beware the “Uns” – At this point, readers with degrees in literature are pointing out that “Un” is not a word. OK. But in this visit to some on line scams, it designates the first two letters that define a few of the many ways where those without souls work tirelessly to empty your bank account. Please read on.



Unpaid toll. You get a text that you're going to have serious legal issues if you don't settle on that \$6.99 toll you didn't pay last time you were in New Jersey. Never been to New Jersey? Not important. They just really want to get you involved in a very tricky process.

Contacting them to straighten it out is very dangerous.

Uncollected taxes on the “Publisher Clearing House” \$1,800,000 prize you've won. Of course, you can't collect until you've ponied up \$180,000 in taxes. Sheesh! And some folks actually did.

Unable to reach you regarding the Internet lottery that you've won. Internet lottery? Or maybe you were entered because you paid your electric bill. Sure, that happens.

Unable to send you the one third of the \$30 million we stole from Nigeria's oil company until we have all of your banking information. This is a really old scam with lots of variations. The author first encountered one of these in 1982 when they came through the mail.

Unimaginable that this very attractive person, met on line could be so attracted to us. Of course, when this person starts to ask for money as part of the Elder Romance Scam, things clarify. Perhaps, this really attractive and sensitive person is being helpful with investments, especially crypto

currencies as part of the infamous Pig Butchering Scam. In the latter case, this individual is almost certainly detained (yes, detained, and also a victim in the scheme being run from Burma, or Myanmar if you prefer) and their handsome photo is likely one of an unsuspecting stranger, whose image was lifted from the Internet.

Unaware that your DNA analysis has been co-opted by bad people, and shared on the dark web, you start getting calls, emails or texts from long lost “cousins” and “siblings”, etc. Sound suspicious? Yes. And good for you thinking in that suspicious and defensive way.

Undeliverable package. Again, you get an email from “Amazon” or the “Post Office” needing



you to get in touch regarding this package. Somehow it can't be delivered until you've provided them all of your personal information. Logical? For scammers maybe, but not for clear headed seniors like us.

Unable to get control of your PC or MAC until you call “Microsoft” or Apple”, etc. and pay to regain control. This classic Tech. Support Scam is still alive and kicking. As part of this scheme, you unknowingly invite the bad guys into your device where they can then steal all of your data. And maybe even charge for “repairs” while they're at it. Is *insidious* a good adjective to use here?

Unable to keep up. Thanks to all who continue to contribute material. The author confesses that, when helping to mitigate an actual tech. support attack in June of 2023, he never considered the havoc that those without souls could cause. The reader might like to visit the virtual library at <https://solera.today/scam-lib.php> to view the many articles there. This article touches on just a few.

And remember. **Don't talk to strangers!**

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