



St. Pete Beach Police Department  
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*Partnering with Our Community for a Safer St. Pete Beach*

### TIPS FOR PREVENTING INTERNET IDENTITY THEFT:

**If it SOUNDS too good to be true – IT IS!**

**No legitimate company would request this information over the Internet or Fax!**

Below you will find a Sample of a scam known as "**PHISHING**" –  
A Scam used to get YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION to be used for their CRIMINAL INTENTIONS!  
(Originally known as the "**NIGERIAN SCAM**" because they issued from Nigeria)

**Actual email received recently by one of our own Firefighters – NOTE all the identifiable ERRORS that point to an author without a clear working knowledge of our English language:**

"From: Customer Service (<mailto:c.service@hsbc.co.uk>)  
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2008 3:10 PM  
To: Undisclosed-recipients  
Subject: Payment Notification

From: HSBC Bank (UK) Ltd.  
Foreign Operations Office, The Customer service Dept  
#8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, UK  
T: +44 20 70600812 F: +44 20 70600814

Sir,

Reference to the letter of **normination** forwarded to us by the UN Fund Recovery Committee via the CCH & Securities regarding your part payment sum of **US\$3,600,000.00** dollars deposited here in our institution, our foreign payment operations have reviewed the allocation for final credit to your account.

Kindly **reconfirm your below changed account** for our immediate transfer of your allocation. Are you aware of the sudden change of your account by your **associate**?

Bank: Wachovia Bank NA  
Address: 701 Harrison Avenue  
Panama City, **Floirda** 32401 **USA Routing No 556565757**  
A/C No: 1010198817417  
A/C Name: Brian Construction

Should you have any question concerning this transaction, please do not hesitate to call our customer service **on** +44 870 9747291 or send a fax to +44 870 9749582. Your **kind and urgent cooperation** will be appreciated while we adhere to further instruction from the ordering **beneficiary**.

Regards,

Mr. Justin Redfem, **Head of Customer Services**

**NB!** Please restrict your response **ONLY** by fax our urgent attention due to our past experience with internet hackers on vital financial information."

*For more information, contact:  
Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.) (727) 363-9215*