

# Oswego Police Department



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## **New Spam Trick Claims 'We Caught You Naked'**

A new outbreak of spam featuring personalized subject links is hitting inboxes worldwide. The newest malicious spam campaign includes the subject line "We caught you naked [your name]! Check the video." This simple but clever form of social engineering is intended to shock unsuspecting recipients into clicking on a link leading to malware infecting computers and propagating the botnet.

The message itself contains only a link falsely claiming to be a video of the receiver [your name] naked. In reality, when the receiver clicks the link, their Personal Computer (PC) becomes a member of the Srizbi botnet. The Srizbi botnet has been identified as the largest botnet in terms of spam volume and according to one quoted source it is comprised of 315,000 bots and responsible for an estimated 60 billion spam messages per day.

A botnet is a jargon term used to refer to a collection of compromised computers running programs, usually referred to as worms, trojan horses, or backdoors, under a common command and control infrastructure. Identification of this latest form of spam reinforces the idea one should not open email from a sender they do not know or recognize.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Oswego Police Investigations Division at 630-551-7300.

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