

Oswego Police Department



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IMMEDIATE RELEASE **E-mail Scam Involving Local Banks**

On January 23, 2008 Oswego Police were notified of an e-mail scam that may involve customers of local banks. Information was obtained from customers indicating they are receiving e-mails from what is believed to be local banks. The e-mail indicates that the customers account has been disabled. They are then instructed to click on a link that redirects them to another webpage that **appears** to be legitimate but is **not**. Once there they are asked to provide a credit card number, expiration date, and personal identification number (PIN). **This request for information is in no way associated with local banks.**

Anyone that has received an e-mail and provided credit card information is encouraged to cancel their account immediately and contact their bank directly via telephone.

Any fraudulent credit card activity discovered due to information provided in this scam should be reported to your local police department.

Residents need to understand that banks do not contact customers in this manner.

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Any charges are merely an accusation and the defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty