Community Awareness Bulletin
West Valley College and Mission College

Incident Type: Email Scams/Theft
Date: 03/30/20

DETAILS: The purpose of this bulletin is to alert our students, faculty and staff about email scams that have affected our campus community. Since December 2019, there have been numerous incidents involving unknown suspect(s) who send unsolicited emails to students and employees with false offers of money and job opportunities. In one instance, emails are sent to employee’s work addresses offering a stipend or bonus if the recipient clicks on a link and follows the directions. In another instance, the sender offers to pay thousands of dollars for pet sitting. Unfortunately, both of these are scams and victims have lost thousands of dollars.

Be on the look out
Some of these scams have originated from a @mywvm.wvm.edu account with a request that a response be sent to another email address provided. Others have been sent from a variety of different accounts.

What should you do if you receive one of these emails?
- Do not reply to any suspicious email
- Report it to the District Police via the methods outlined below
- Report it our District Information Systems by forwarding it to: abuse@wvm.edu
- File a complaint with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov.

If you have any information about these or any similar incidents, please call 408-741-2067 or you can leave an anonymous tip at: westvalley@tipnow.com or 408-414-7908 or mission@tipnow.com or 408-550-7982

To report suspicious activity or a crime on campus, call 408-299-3233 on your cell phone or 911 immediately

Safety Tips
1. Use caution when opening or responding to unfamiliar emails
2. Be wary of offers to make easy money or investment opportunities
3. Do not deposit checks from unknown parties and do not send money to people you do not know
4. Do not provide personal information to people you don’t know

It is the duty of the West Valley-Mission Community College District to warn of possible dangerous conditions or on-going threats on or near campus. This message is being sent in compliance with the “Timely Notice” provisions of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998.

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