

# Community Awareness Bulletin

## West Valley College and Mission College



**Incident Type: Email Scams**

**Date: 12/10/2020**

**DETAILS:** The purpose of this bulletin is to alert our students, faculty, and staff about an email scam that affected our campus community. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 an email was sent to a West Valley College student's email account stating that they had won \$750.00. To receive the money the student would have to follow a series of instructions. The scam email originated from email address [jkriiss@skidmore.edu](mailto:jkriiss@skidmore.edu) which was designed to trick students into thinking the email was sent from the college. Fortunately, the student did not fall for this scam and reported it to West Valley College who contacted District Information Systems and District Police.

### **Be on the look out**

The scam originated from email address [jkriiss@skidmore.edu](mailto:jkriiss@skidmore.edu) with a request that a response be sent to email address [rotchid@email.com](mailto:rotchid@email.com). These scam email addresses often change and there may be others.

### **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](mailto:abuse@wvm.edu)
- File a complaint with the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at [www.ic3.gov](http://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](mailto:westvalley@tipnow.com) or 408-414-7908 or [mission@tipnow.com](mailto: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, investment opportunities, or that you have won money
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.*