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Kifowit: Scam Alert targeting veterans and taxpayers

December 18, 2014 - AURORA, Ill. **ALERT: SCAMMERS TARGETING VETERANS AND TAXPAYERS**

Veterans Scam

It's been reported several Veterans received a phone call from the "VA" mentioning they are working on the Veteran's pending claim and/or that they have been awarded a \$9,000 grant from the "VA" but must have their information in order to deposit it. The caller is requesting personal information, either their Social Security number or bank account information. The VSO (Veteran Service Organization) that reported this possible scam indicated they had called the VA's toll-free number to ask if any notes were recorded for any call from the VA to the Veterans that contacted her about the possible scam and they advised there were no notations of any calls made.

The telephone number from which the calls originated was (202) 211-2544 (which currently states it is disconnected)

IRS SCAM

Phishing and Online Scams

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Report-Phishing>

The IRS doesn't *initiate* contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

What is phishing?

Phishing is a scam typically carried out through unsolicited email and/or websites that pose as legitimate sites and lure unsuspecting victims to provide personal and financial information.

Report all unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS or an IRS-related function to phishing@irs.gov. Recent scams have used the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System ([EFTPS](#)) to attract potential victims. Also, if you've experienced any monetary losses due to an IRS-related incident, please report it to the [Treasury Inspector General Administration \(TIGTA\)](#) and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) through their [Complaint Assistant](#) to make the information available to investigators.

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