

OPSEC HOT TIP!!!

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Smart Phones—Protect Them Even Simple Thieves Are Getting Smarter!!!

Most of us all have cell phones, whether it's an I-Phone or an Android. Almost all of them can access the internet so you can check your e-mail, the latest news on Facebook or if you just want to find out something on Google you never knew. We're constantly reminded of the vulnerabilities of computers, laptops and our social media accounts can be used to "phish" your sensitive information such as your bank account, home address, telephone number or most importantly your credit card information. For those of you who have one of these "smart" phones it's basically a micro laptop and it needs virus protection as well! You can get free anti-virus protection on it through Google Play (Android users) or App Store (I-Phone/I-pad users). So what about those people who have those "old school" phones not equipped with Wi-Fi or a data plan where they can look at Facebook or check their bank account? They don't need anti-virus software or app right? Well the response is only one-half correct. Now these "simple" thieves are getting smarter and more cunning.

A lady had her purse stolen, which contained her cell phone, credit card,



wallet, etc. She called her husband from a pay phone telling him what had happened. He said, "I received your text asking about our bank account PIN & replied a little while ago". She immediately rushed down to her bank, only to discover all the money in their account was withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text her "Hubby" in the contact list and phished the PIN out of him by portraying to be his wife! In a 20 minute time-frame he had taken her phone, texted her spouse, got the PIN & withdrawn **ALL** of the money from their bank account and it took **VERY** little effort to do!

Bottom line:

1. If you have a smart phone get some kind of anti-virus software app for it. It's free on the App Store (I-Phone/I-Pad users) or Google Play (Android users).

2. If you're going to keep your contacts in your phone like most people, and you want to give them nicknames, you might want to think twice about how they can be traced back to you (i.e. Hubby, Wife). ALWAYS call someone on another known telephone number if they are trying to "Phish" information from you...even if it is your spouse who sent you the text message asking for your bank pin because they forgot it!



... PRACTICE GOOD OPSEC!

"Guard Against the Unknown"