



Threatening messages received by local business people

Dear Watch Member,

We have received numerous reports of threatening messages being sent to business people across Hertfordshire and beyond. The message begins with: “Read this text carefully, since it can be the last in your life”. The sender states that they have been paid to kill you by one of your “envious” business rivals, and that to “save your life” you should send a sum of money to an anonymous bitcoin account.

The sender goes on to say that they will be travelling to the UK to carry out this threat and the message ends with: “The well-being of the future life depends on your choice. Think about your life, you family.”

It appears that this message has been sent to a large number of recipients across the UK with the intention that some people will be frightened into sending money.

If you have received a threatening message of this nature, visit www.herts.police.uk/contact to report this crime via our non-emergency online reporting service or you can report it by telephone using our non-emergency number, 101.

If you need to reply regarding this message, click on this email address: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk

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