

Press Release



Apache Junction Police Department Warning: Interpol/FBI Computer Virus

Apache Junction, Arizona, December 9, 2014 – The Apache Junction Police Department would like to warn residents about an internet virus known as the “Interpol Virus”. If your computer has been infected, while the computer is locked, a message will appear reading “*Your computer has been blocked up for safety reasons!*”

The Interpol virus is distributed through several means. Malicious websites, or legitimate websites that have been hacked, can infect your machine to install this Trojan without your permission of knowledge.

The Interpol virus is part of the Troj/Urausy Ransomware family of computer infections that target computers in **United States Of America**. When installed the Interpol virus will display a **bogus notification** that pretends to be from **Interpol** and **Federal Bureau of Investigation**, and states that your computer has been blocked due to it being involved with the distribution of pornographic material, SPAM and copyrighted content.

The **Interpol virus will lock you out of your computer and applications**, so whenever you’ll try to log on into your Windows operating system or Safe Mode with Networking, it will display instead a lock screen asking you to pay a non-existing fine of **\$300** in the form of an MoneyPak, Ukash, Paysafecard or MoneyGram Xpress voucher. The malware’s authors prefer these payment services because transactions made through them cannot be reversed and are hard to trace.

Furthermore, to make this alert seem more authentic, **this virus also has the ability to access your installed webcam**, so that the bogus Interpol notification shows what is happening in the room.

Am I infected with the “Interpol” virus?

If your computer is infected with the Interpol ransomware, this infection will display a localized webpage that covers the entire desktop of the infected computer and demands payment for the supposed possession of illicit material. The message displayed by this ransomware infection can be localized depending on the user’s location, with text written in the appropriate language.

Cyber criminals often updated the design of this lock screen, however you should always keep in mind that the **Interpol** will never lock down your computer or monitor your online activities.

The **Interpol lock screen is a scam**, and you should ignore any alerts that this malicious software might generate.

Under no circumstance should you send an \$300 MoneyPak or MoneyGram Xpress voucher to these cyber criminals, and if you have, you can and should request a refund, stating that you are the victim of a computer virus and scam.

To learn more about this virus and how you can remove it from your computer if you have been infected please visit: <http://malwaretips.com/blogs/interpol-virus/>



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