Spoofed FBI Internet Domains Pose Cyber and Disinformation Risks

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is issuing this announcement to help the public recognize and avoid spoofed FBI-related Internet domains. The FBI observed unattributed cyber actors registering numerous domains spoofing legitimate FBI websites, indicating the potential for future operational activity. The FBI's main official website is www.fbi.gov. (See appendix for a list of identified spoofed FBI-related Internet domains.)

Spoofed domains and email accounts are leveraged by foreign actors and cybercriminals and can easily be mistaken for legitimate websites or emails. Adversaries can use spoofed domains and email accounts to disseminate false information; gather valid usernames, passwords, and email addresses; collect personally identifiable information; and spread malware, leading to further compromises and potential financial losses

Cyber actors create spoofed domains with slightly altered characteristics of legitimate domains. A spoofed domain may feature an alternate spelling of a word, or use an alternative top-level domain, such as a "[.]com" version of a legitimate "[.]gov" website. Members of the public could unknowingly visit spoofed domains while seeking information regarding the FBI's mission, services, or news coverage. Additionally, cyber actors may use seemingly legitimate email accounts to entice the public into clicking on malicious files or links.

The FBI urges all members of the American public to critically evaluate the websites they visit, and the messages sent to their personal and business email accounts, to seek out reliable and verified FBI information.

Recommendations

- Verify the spelling of web addresses, websites, and email addresses that look trustworthy but may be imitations of legitimate election websites.
- Ensure operating systems and applications are updated to the most current versions.
- Update anti-malware and anti-virus software and conduct regular network scans.
- Do not enable macros on documents downloaded from an email unless absolutely necessary, and after ensuring the file is not malicious.
- Do not open emails or attachments from unknown individuals. Do not communicate with unsolicited email senders.
- Never provide personal information of any sort via email. Be aware that many emails requesting your personal information may appear to be legitimate.
- Use strong two-factor authentication if possible, using biometrics, hardware tokens, or authentication apps.
- Use domain whitelisting to allow outgoing network traffic to websites that are deemed safe.
- Disable or remove unneeded software applications
- Verify that the website you visit has a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate.

Victim Reporting and Additional Information

The FBI encourages the public to report information concerning suspicious or criminal activity to their local field office (www.fbi.gov/contact-us/fieldoffices) or the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov).

Appendix of Identified Spoofed FBI-Related Internet Domains

This list is not comprehensive but demonstrates the range of spoofed domains that exist.

Identified Spoofed Domains

agenciafbi.ga	fbiigovv.com	infofbi-unit.com	
authefbi.ga	fbi-intel.com	johnsonfbi.com	
cyber-crime-fbi.org	fbikids.com	legalienfbi.com	
fbi.camera	fbimaryland.org	plapper-fbi.com	
fbi.cash	fbimaxwell.com	powerfulfbi.ninja	
fbi.ca	fbimostwanted.info	us-fbigov.com	
fbi.health	fbi-news.com	virtualfbi.com	
fbi.studio	fbinews.ga	xalienfbi.com	
fbi.systems	fbinews.online	x-alienfbi.com	

fbi.xnmgbayh7gpa	fbinigeria.org	fbi-fraud.com	
fbi0.com	fbi-ny.com	fbidefense.com	
fbibau.us	fbioffice.ml	fbienglish.com	
fbi2.com	fbi-official.com	fbifrauddepartment.org	
fbi-unit.net	fbiofficial.online	fbifraud.primebnkonline.com	
fbi3262.live	fbione.com	fbiglobalgp.com	
fbi7.cn	fbiopenthedoor.icu	fbigov.art	
fbi9.com	fbiorganisation.online	fbi-gov.network	
fbi9.me	fbiorganization.club	fbigrantinvestigation.com	
fbiagent.online	fbipedophilerings.com	fbiinspectionunit.com	
fbi-augustyn.pl	fbiphoto.com	fbi-police.com	
fbiaustralia.com	fbireserveco.biz	fbi-c-d.com.co	
fbibau.de	fbireport.us	fbicyberdivision.com	
fbi-bau.de	fbiusagov.online	hdqkfbi.cn	
fbi-biz.com	fbiurl.com	ic-fbi.org	
fbiboston.xnmgbayh7gpa	fbiusagov.com	fbiwarning.club	
fbi-c.com.co	fbiusgov.com	fbi-cd.com.co	

Registered Spoofed Domains but Currently Unable to Resolve

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fbihelp.org	fbi-belote.com	fbilibrary.ml
fbigiftshop.shop	fbispassport.gq	fbi-pay.com
fbiboston.com.jo	fbi99.cn	fbi2000.com
fbiusa.net	fbi.com.jo	fbipublicidad.com
fbi-usa.us	fbi058.com	