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Fake Email from the Mauritius Police Force

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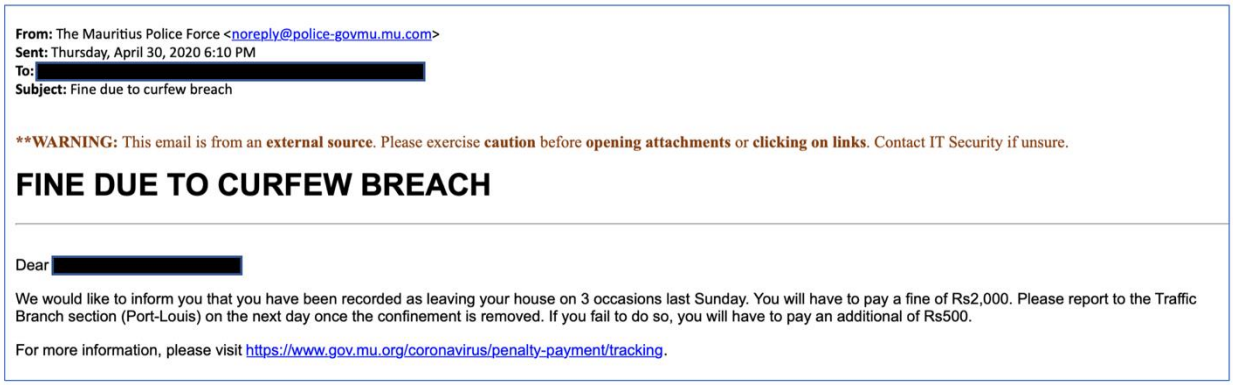
The CERT-MU has come across a Fake Email that seems to originate from the Mauritius Police Force (MPF) and which is targeting the citizens of Mauritius. The email has the subject: **Fine due to curfew breach** and it states that it was recorded by the Police that the recipient did not abide by the Curfew Order and left his/her house on 3 occasions and consequently is being fined the sum of Rs. xxx. The recipient is also requested to click on a link in the email to have more details.

A screenshot of the email is shown below for your reference:



From: The Mauritius Police Force <noreply@police-govmu.mu.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:10 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fine due to curfew breach

WARNING: This email is from an **external source. Please exercise **caution** before **opening attachments** or **clicking on links**. Contact IT Security if unsure.

FINE DUE TO CURFEW BREACH

Dear [redacted]

We would like to inform you that you have been recorded as leaving your house on 3 occasions last Sunday. You will have to pay a fine of Rs2,000. Please report to the Traffic Branch section (Port-Louis) on the next day once the confinement is removed. If you fail to do so, you will have to pay an additional of Rs500.

For more information, please visit https://www.gov.mu.org/coronavirus/penalty-payment/tracking.

CERT-MU wishes to inform the public in general that this is a Fake Email and does not originates from the Mauritius Police Force. A Fake email address (noreply@police-govmu.mu.com) has been used to trick and mislead the public. It is to be noted that the url "*https://www.gov.mu.org/...*" has been used to convince users about the genuineness of the email and upon clicking on it, it redirects recipient to another malicious phishing link.

It is advised **NOT TO CLICK** on the link as it can infect the recipient's computer and **NOT TO REVEAL** any personal and banking information.

Be Safe from Phishing

The CERT-MU recommends the following precautionary measures to be taken to prevent you from becoming a victim of these phishing scams:

- Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers, or any others that appear suspicious.
- Never share your personal or financial information via email, text messages, or over the phone.
- Be cautious if you are being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
- Scammers often spoof phone numbers to trick you into answering or responding. Remember that government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money.
- Do not click any links in a text message. If a friend sends you a text with a suspicious link that seems out of character, call them to make sure they were not hacked.
- If you are unsure if an email, text or any other communication is genuinely from a legitimate source, do not click on the link or open the attachment. Contact the organisation via their official contact channels and ask.
- Protect your passwords and login credentials, do not enter these into any websites relating to the COVID-19 virus.
- Keep your devices up-to-date.
- Keep your anti-virus up to date and run regular checks.

Report Incidents

Let us unite together for a Safe Mauritian cyberspace during this crisis situation. In case you become victim to a scam, report the incident on the **Mauritian Cybercrime Online Reporting System (MAUCORS - http://maucors.govmu.org).**

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