

The following phishing email was received by members of the Northwestern community on or around July 30, 2018, appearing to be a scam attempt. DO NOT click on any links or open any attachments and DO NOT respond to this email or any email you suspect is a phishing attempt. As a reminder, Northwestern will never ask for personally identifiable information.

Please check out the [How to Identify a Fraudulent Email Scam video](#) on the [NUIT Communications YouTube Channel](#) for more information on how to spot phishing email scams.

From: (email address intentionally removed by Northwestern IT)

Date: July 30, 2018 at 5:01:55 PM PDT

To:

Subject:

Let's cut to the chase. I am aware _____ is your pass word. Moreover, I know your secret and I have evidence of this. You don't know me and no one employed me to investigate you.

It's just your bad luck that I stumbled across your misadventures. Actually, I actually placed a malware on the adult vids (porn material) and you visited this web site to have fun (you know what I mean). While you were watching videos, your internet browser initiated operating as a Rdp (Remote desktop) having a key logger which provided me accessibility to your screen and also web camera. Right after that, my software program gathered all your contacts from messenger, social networks, and email.

Next, I put in more time than I probably should've digging into your life and made a double display video. 1st part shows the video you had been viewing and next part displays the view from your web camera (its you doing dirty things).

Frankly, I am ready to forget all about you and allow you to continue with your regular life. And I am about to present you two options that will make it happen. Those two choices are either to ignore this letter, or simply pay me \$ 2600. Let's investigate those two options in more details.

Option 1 is to ignore this email. Let me tell you what is going to happen if you choose this option. I will definitely send your video to all of your contacts including members of your family, colleagues, etc. It does not protect you from the humiliation your family will feel when friends uncover your unpleasant videos from me.

Second Option is to pay me \$ 2600. We will name it my "confidentiality fee". Now lets see what will happen if you choose this path. Your secret will remain your secret. I will delete the recording immediately. You move on with your routine life that nothing ever happened.

Now you must be thinking, "I will go to the cops". Let me tell you, I have taken steps in order that this email cannot be traced returning to me plus it won't stop the evidence from destroying your daily life. I'm not planning to steal all your savings. I just want to be paid for the time I put into investigating you. Let's hope you have decided to make pretty much everything go away and pay me my confidentiality fee. You will make the payment through Bitcoin (if you do not know this, type "how to buy bitcoins" on search engine)

Amount to be sent: \$ 2600

Bitcoin Address to Send: 1LqPrEKTvLY*3XMc39isVob8rE5N5S1rpsx (You need to Delete * from it and note it)

Share with no one what you will be utilizing the bitcoin for or they will often not provide it to you. The process to get bitcoins can take a couple of days so do not delay.