

SECURITY ADVISORY

John Carroll University Police

Type of Incident(s): Scams

Date of Incident(s): August and September 2017

Incident Description: In the past two months, 800 JCU email accounts received a message from hrjobcentral@jcu.edu, promoting a job as a bookkeeper / funds processor. The message reads:

Hello,

Are you interested in being a personal book keeper / funds processor to a renowned Chinese Art & Craft firm? Are you interested in working 1-hour daily? Are you interested in earning \$250 weekly? If YES, then this work is yours! Apply immediately by sending your CV to the employer asking that you would fill the position.

Employer's direct email is: (hongg.luc@gmail.com)

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For HR Recruitment Center*

This message is a scam in which the receiver is asked to provide a bank account information, and the "employer" sends funds, directing the receiver to withdraw funds from their account and send it to a third party. However, the deposit transaction does not complete and the receiver is out the money they withdrew. A small number of students became involved in this scam, but none lost money.

Additional Information: Fraudulent job postings can appear through direct contact from a seemingly legitimate source or through a job board online. Some signs of a job scam are:

- Requests for wire transfers
- Demands for cash or up-front payments
- Unrealistic salaries
- Vague job descriptions
- Interviews in suspicious locations
- High-pressure sales tactics
- No written information provided
- Requests for personal information

Other types of scams that have affected students and staff at JCU include phone calls by callers claiming to be with the IRS, FBI or Immigration, demanding payment for taxes, loans or fines, or callers claiming to be a friend or relative in need of money. The Ohio Attorney General lists several types of scams reported to have affected college students in Ohio. This list and helpful tips can be found on their web site: [Ohio Attorney General Scam Tips](#)

If any communication or posting seems too good to be true, threatening, or just does not feel right, trust your gut and report it to JCUPD at 216-397-1234 before going further. You may also contact the JCU Career Center at 216 397-4432 if you have questions about a job posting.

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