

Alert - Iraq and Col. Brian Kent

Tuesday, 31 August 2010

Even scammers watch the news. And Iraq is big news. Now they'd like to take advantage of your Iraq-awareness to scam you. Apparently, they found some of Saddam Hussein's money in a bunch of old barrels (along with weapons and ammunition) and they supposedly want to share the wealth with you, a complete stranger.

If that's not bad enough, the sender poses as a Colonel, and claims that even if it's illegal, "no compensation can make up for the risks we have taken with our lives in this hell hole."

It's not a job scam, but we've seen these before. We find it particularly disgusting that the perpetrator of this scam would claim to have survived suicide bombs and that if not interested, you should delete the email, since "any leakage of this information will be detrimental to the US soldiers here in Iraq and especially to me."

Brian Kent turns into Brian Dennison when it comes to the reply address. And, according to the headers, this message originated from Nigeria. Someone needs to hunt this scammer down!

Message text:

From: Col. Brian Kent <col.briankent6 @ btinternet.com>

Subject: YOUR ATTENTION IS NEEDED IN IRAQ

To:

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2010, 6:35 AM

Hello,

Kindly see ATTACHMENT,

Regards.

Contents of text file attachment "brian_kent_new.txt":

Hello,

Good day and compliments, I know this letter will definitely come to you as a huge surprise, but I implore you to take the time to go through it carefully as the decision you make will go off a long way to determine my future and continued existence. Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Col. Brian Dennison Kent, a US

Army serving in the 3rd Infantry Division in Iraq.

I am desperately in need of assistance and I have summoned up courage to contact you, presently am in Iraq and I found your email in an address journal. I am seeking your assistance to evacuate some funds which was stashed in a Trunk Box, to the States or any safe country of your choice; as far as I can be assured that it will be safe in your care until I complete my service here. This is no stolen money and there are no dangers involved.

SOURCE OF MONEY:

Some money in various currencies was discovered and concealed in barrels with piles of weapons and ammunition at a location near one of Saddam Hussein's old Presidential Palaces in Tikrit Iraq, during a rescue operation, view the link below for verification:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/2988455.stm

It was agreed by all parties present that the money be shared amongst us. Although, some were reported to be sent back.

This might appear as an illegal but I tell you what? No compensation can make up for the risks we have taken with our lives in this hell hole. I have now found a secured way of getting the package out of Iraq for you to pick up. I do not know for how long I will remain here as I have been lucky to have survived 2 suicide bomb attacks by Pure Divine intervention. This and other reasons put into consideration have prompted me to reach out for help.

If it might be of interest to you then endeavor to contact me and we would work out the necessary formalities but I pray that you are discreet about this mutually benefiting relationship.

Should you have any reason to reject this offer, please and please delete this

message immediately, as any leakage of this information will be detrimental to the US soldiers here in Iraq and especially to me.

Seriously, I want you to assist me. Get back to me for further details if interested.

Private and secured email: col.briandennison @ gmail.com

Waiting,

Brian Kent

Headers:

From Col. Brian Kent Sat Aug 28 13:35:32 2010

X-Apparently-To: [removed] via 209.191.125.36; Sat, 28 Aug 2010 06:35:41 -0700

Return-Path: <col.briankent6 @ btinternet.com>

Received-SPF: none (mta182.mail.sp2.yahoo.com: domain of col.briankent6 @ btinternet.com does not designate permitted sender hosts)

X-Originating-IP: [217.12.12.246]

Authentication-Results: mta182.mail.sp2.yahoo.com from=btinternet.com; domainkeys=pass (ok); from=btinternet.com; dkim=permerror (bad sig)

Received: from 127.0.0.1 (HELO smtp817.mail.ukl.yahoo.com) (217.12.12.246) by mta182.mail.sp2.yahoo.com with SMTP; Sat, 28 Aug 2010 06:35:41 -0700

Received: (qmail 33437 invoked from network); 28 Aug 2010 13:35:40 -0000

DomainKey-Signature: a=rsa-sha1; q=dns; c=noFWS; s=s1024; d=btinternet.com;

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Cc: recipient list not shown: ;

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Message-ID: <81894.31244.qm @ smtp817.mail.ukl.yahoo.com>

Received: from User (col.briankent6 @ 82.128.59.95 with login) by smtp817.mail.ukl.yahoo.com
with SMTP; 28 Aug 2010 13:35:35 +0000 GMT

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X-Yahoo-Newman-Property: ymail-3

Reply-To: <briankent1970 @ live.com>

From: "Col. Brian Kent" <col.briankent6 @ btinternet.com>

Subject: YOUR ATTENTION IS NEEDED IN IRAQ

Date: Sat, 28 Aug 2010 14:35:32 +0100

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-----_NextPart_000_00D1_01C2A75B.2FA8A49A"

X-Priority: 3

X-MSMail-Priority: Normal

X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 5.50.4522.1200

X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V5.50.4522.1200

Content-Length: 3647

WHOIS 82.128.59.95:

(Courtesy: <http://whois.domaintools.com/82.128.59.95>)

IP Location: Nigeria Nigeria Cdma 1x/evdo Dial Up Pool

inetnum: 82.128.0.0 - 82.128.127.255

org: ORG-AFNC1-RIPE

netname: AFRINIC-NET-TRANSFERRED-20050223

descr: This network has been transferred to AFRINIC

remarks: These IP addresses are assigned in the AFRINIC region.

remarks: Authoritative registration information for this network

remarks: is available for query and modification in

remarks: the AFRINIC whois database: whois.afrinic.net or

remarks: web site: <http://www.afrinic.net>

remarks: The routing registry information (route(6) objects)

remarks: may be published in any Routing Registry, including

remarks: RIPE Whois Database

country: EU # country is really somewhere in African Region

admin-c: AFRI-RIPE

tech-c: AFRI-RIPE

status: ALLOCATED PA

mnt-by: RIPE-NCC-HM-MNT

mnt-routes: RIPE-NCC-RPSL-MNT

source: RIPE # Filtered

organisation: ORG-AFNC1-RIPE

org-name: African Internet Numbers Registry

org-type: RIR

address: see <http://www.afrinic.net>

e-mail: [bitbucket @ ripe.net](mailto:bitbucket@ripe.net)

admin-c: AFRI-RIPE

tech-c: AFRI-RIPE

remarks: For more information on AFRINIC assigned blocks, use

remarks: AFRINIC's whois database, whois.afrinic.net.

mnt-ref: RIPE-NCC-HM-MNT

mnt-by: RIPE-NCC-HM-MNT

source: RIPE # Filtered