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COVID-19 PHISHING TEXT SCAM

Police Warn Of Coronavirus Text Scam Containing Fake Alert Of Potential Infection
Newsweek Share to FacebookShare to Twitter (4/16) reports, "Police in Maine have warned about a text message phishing scam currently in circulation that uses the ongoing novel coronavirus outbreak as a convincing lure." Newsweek adds, "The fraudulent message is spreading a suspicious link with a warning telling recipients they may have contracted COVID-19, the infectious respiratory disease currently spreading across the U.S. In response, law enforcement urged all local citizens to avoid clicking unsolicited URLs. The phishing text message reads: 'Someone who came into contact with you tested positive or has shown symptoms for COVID-19 and recommends you self-isolate/get tested.'" According to Newsweek, "The destination of the link was not clear, but experts have previously warned scammers will be exploiting fears of the virus to steal personal data and financial details."