



# PROJECT: **KNOCKS AND SCAMS** **IDENTITY THEFT** **AND SOCIAL MEDIA**



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*Cybercriminals are becoming increasingly brazen in their impersonation of others and their interactions with their victims.*

*Beware of scammers impersonating famous personalities like Jonathan Roumie.*

*With the rise of social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and others, it has become easier for scammers to impersonate famous personalities and deceive people. In this project, we discuss the case of Jonathan Roumie, a well-known actor targeted by scammers who are impersonating him to extort and mislead people.*

*Jonathan Roumie is usually associated with the role of Jesus, which he plays in an international Christian series. The scammer appeals to the sympathy of the public by manipulating the feelings of trust that the people have towards the actor who they see as "Jesus."*

*This is an ever-increasing, worldwide phenomenon and high-profile, renowned or celebrated South Africans are now also used by scammers for financial gain.*

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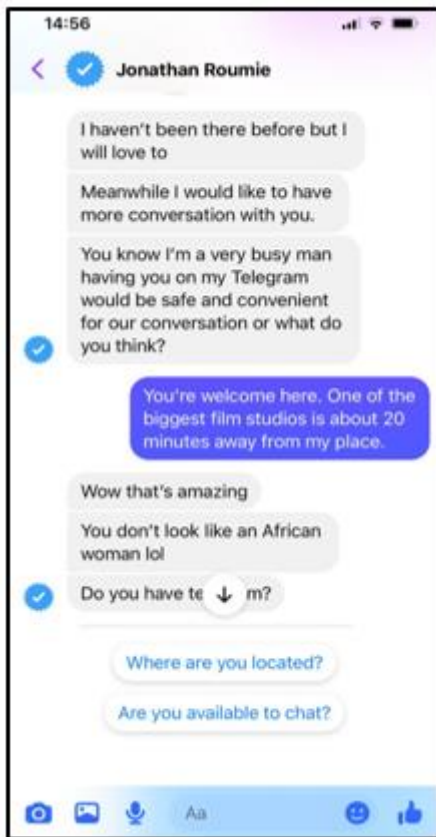
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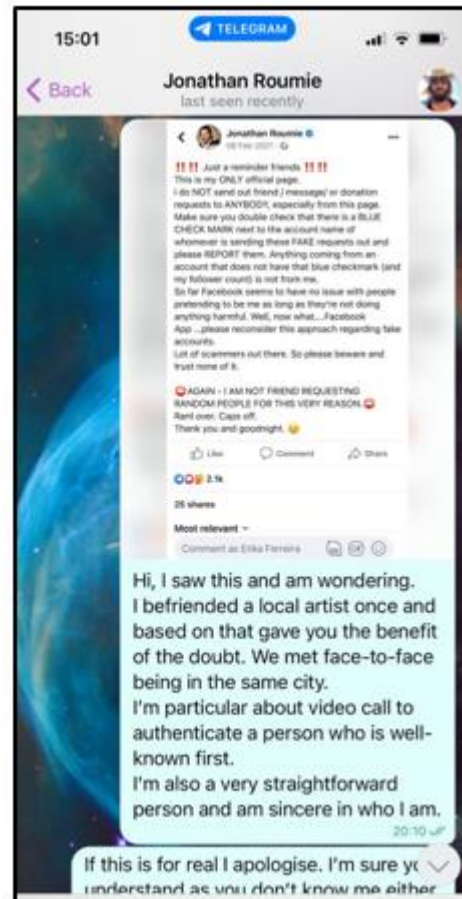
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- Jonathan Roumie is a well-known actor famous for his role as Jesus Christ in the popular TV series "The Chosen."
  - He has a massive following on social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram.
  - Unfortunately, scammers have started impersonating him on these platforms to trick people into sending them money!
  - The scammers use social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram to impersonate Jonathan Roumie.
  - They create fake profiles using his name and pictures when they reach out to people.
  - They then communicate with potential victims via Telegram and Facebook Messenger to gain the trust of their unsuspecting victims. The scammers then familiarize themselves with the personal lives of those they intend to scam.
  - Once they have established a bond with the victim, they ask for money, claiming they need it for a good cause or for an emergency.
  - They may also ask for personal information, such as bank account details, which may enable them to steal money from the victim's account.

**IMPACT:**

- The impact of such scams can be devastating for the victims.
- They may lose their money and compromise their personal information, leading to identity theft and financial fraud.
- It also damages the reputation of the famous person being impersonated.

## THE CONVERSATION:





## SAFETY MEASURES:

- Always be cautious when receiving messages from people claiming to be famous personalities, especially if they are asking for money or personal information.
- Verify the person's authenticity by checking their official social media profiles and contacting them directly.
- We can protect ourselves from such scams and stay safe online by being vigilant and taking necessary precautions.
- Scammers can obtain anyone's photos and information from the internet and create a fake profile.
- Verify the authenticity of the person by checking their official social media profile.
- Check if the profile is verified and if the person shares the same information as in the scam message.
- Be cautious if someone asks you for money or personal information, especially if you do not know the person personally.
- If someone asks for money, always research it and try to contact the person on their official social media profile.
- Do not be hasty to share personal information, such as your bank account details, even if you believe you are talking to a celebrity.
- Scammers can use this information to deceive you.
- Never move from a conventional platform to a more "private" chat room.

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- Ask for a “live” video call or a “selfie” verification process. More and more Apps such as Instagram and the likes, are implementing such safety measures.
  - Never share too much personal information about family members or friends:
    - Scammers use this information they obtain freely from you, to contact these individuals using you as a mutual friend or reference, and then scam them.

*Cybercrime experts, including Mr Mike Bolhuis and his cyber team, investigate many such scams. If you have any information or have been a victim of this type or any other scam, it is recommended that you report the scam to the respective authorities or cybercrime units, or to take appropriate legal action.*

*In conclusion, it is crucial to be aware of such scams and avoid falling victim to them.*

***Stay vigilant.***

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OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.**

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**FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO EVERYBODY.**

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This retaliation happens on social media and creates doubt about our integrity and ability. Doubt created on social media platforms is both unwarranted and untrue.

We strongly recommend that you make up your minds concerning me and our organisation only after considering all the factual information - to the exclusion of hearsay and assumptions.

Furthermore, you are welcome to address your concerns directly with me should you still be unsatisfied with your conclusions. While the internet provides a lot of valuable information, it is also a platform that distributes a lot of false information. The distribution of false information, fake news, slander and hate speech constitutes a crime that can be prosecuted by law. Your own research discretion and discernment are imperative when choosing what and what not to believe.

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