

PROJECT: FAKE MIKE BOLHUIS TIKTOK SCAM

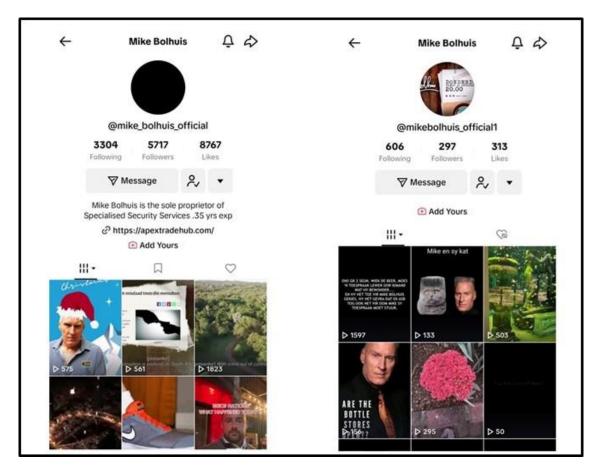
SCAMMERS ARE MAKING USE OF THE NAME AND REPUTATION OF CELEBRITIES AND THOSE WHO ARE PUBLICALLY RECOGNISABLE.

THIS INCLUDES THE NAME AND REPUTATION OF MR MIKE BOLHUIS WHO HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST AND IS STILL BEING USED IN ATTEMPTS TO DEFRAUD THE PUBLIC.

Scammers are constantly re-inventing ways to attract and mislead their victims.

The latest trend is for a scammer to set up fake social media accounts on various platforms using the name of a well-known public figure. The fake profile is set up in such a way that the scammer basically impersonates a public figure by making use of the same profile pictures as those used by the authentic accounts of the public figure.

BELOW ARE TWO TIKTOK ACCOUNTS THAT CLAIM TO (AND APPEAR TO BE) THAT OF MR MIKE BOLHUIS:



MODUS OPERANDI:

- The scammers set up these accounts so well that, in most cases, the public and especially fans or followers of the person that the account is impersonating, do not notice that the account is fake.
- As a result, they follow the account and communicate with the account via direct message on the platform on which the account is registered.

 The scammer relies on the potential victim's admiration and respect for the public figure, and he uses that admiration to influence the victim to either invest money in a scam or to pay the scammer for a service that the victim knows is being offered by the real public figure.

EXAMPLES SHOWING HOW THE FAKE ACCOUNTS ARE USED TO DEFRAUD THE PUBLIC:

EXAMPLE 1:

- A recent example of this is when a potential victim sent a direct message on TikTok to one of the fake Mike Bolhuis TikTok accounts asking for assistance with an investigation.
- The individual was provided with a mobile phone number, and he was instructed to send a WhatsApp with his request to the phone number.
- The individual proceeded and followed the instructions, he was quoted R10,000.00 for the investigation and he was provided with banking information.
- He was instructed to pay the R10,000.00 before he could be assisted.
- It was only when the person received the banking information that he realised that the name on the bank account did not even closely suggest that the account belonged to Mr Mike Bolhuis.
- The person contacted the phone number that he was communicating with and once the call was answered, he realised that he was speaking to a person with a Nigerian accent.

EXAMPLE 2:

- In another example, a potential victim followed the fake TikTok account that claimed to be the account of Mr Mike Bolhuis.
- The person was excited to see that the public figure who he admires followed him back later in the day.
- It was not long until the person received a message from the fake account that suggested that he could make some money if he invested with a company that traded in Cryptocurrency.
- Being an admirer of Mr Bolhuis and the reputation that Mr Bolhuis has built over the years, the person was immediately interested in the investment opportunity.
- Fortunately, the person was smart enough to do some research.
- He found that the mobile phone number of Mr Bolhuis was publicly available, and he proceeded to contact Mr Bolhuis directly, who then assured him that he was dealing with a fraudster and that he should not invest any capital.

OUR INVESTIGATION:

Once this matter was brought to our attention, we launched an intensive investigation into the matter, and we found the following:

- The two TikTok accounts mentioned above are being operated by the same individuals.
- These individuals are linked to Crypto scams that have defrauded people from all over the world.
- By all indications, the main operation of the scam is being run from Nigeria and Sweden.
- The scammers operate in many countries and in most countries, they have at least one local operative that is assisting them with the procurement of local bank accounts for the use of receiving funds from victims and then converting the funds to Cryptocurrency,
- The cryptocurrency is then converted back to local currency in the country of their choosing, and it is then finally extracted into local bank accounts in that country.
- Contact numbers currently affiliated with the scams involving the use of FAKE TikTok accounts using the name of Mr Mike Bolhuis:
 - +27 79 052 4502.
 - o +27 60 876 5392
- The two mobile phone numbers above are used to communicate with local South Africans.
- The following bank account information was provided by the scammer to potential victims.
- The scammer claims that the bank account information belongs to Mr Mike Bolhuis:
 - Capitec Savings

Account Number: 1371882302

Branch Code: 470010

Account Name: Dalene Fischer

Reference: Billyfundz1

African Bank

Account number: 20075025990

Account Name: YajnaReference: BTC sell

African Bank

Account number: 20092211796Account Name: M Vengdasalam

Reference: BC

- The bank accounts above are used by the scammer to receive money from fraudulent activities in South Africa.
- The account holders then receive communication from the following international phone number:
 - +46 76 491 6410.
- The scammer instructs the account holders who received the funds into their bank accounts to convert the funds into Cryptocurrency and to transfer it to a specific Crypto Wallet account.

 Once the process has been completed, the scammer will either cut communication with the initial victim or he will return to the victim, usually requesting more funds, after which the entire process will be reinitiated.

WE WARN THE PUBLIC THAT USING YOUR BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING AND SENDING PROCEEDS FROM FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES IS A CRIME AND YOU CAN FACE SEVERE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.

- During our investigation, we uncovered that in certain circumstances, the local bank accounts that are being used by the scammer to receive fraudulent funds from victims belong to individuals who are victims of the scammer themselves.
- They are not aware that the funds that are moving through their bank accounts are the proceeds of fraud, but instead, they believe that the funds form part of their ROA (return on investment), which stems from the Cryptocurrency scam where they themselves are victims.

HOW TO AVOID FALLING VICTIM TO A SOCIAL MEDIA IMPERSONATOR:

- Never contact the person via direct message on the specific application.
- Instead, do some research and find out what other contact methods are available for the specific individual.
- Never rely solely on text messaging as a form of communication.
- In many cases, the scammers make use of text translation tools to communicate with you in any preferred language.
- To counter that, always make contact via direct telephone call and once again, do research before you do business.
- Never send a copy or picture of your ID and your bank account details to anyone through unofficial communication channels.
- Never lend your bank account to anyone for the purpose of receiving funds.
- Not only could you land in big trouble with SARS, but you can also face criminal charges.
- Never invest money or buy a product simply because someone says it sounds like a good idea; always do thorough research and investigation before you do business with anyone on any platform.
- Cash Send transactions and Cryptocurrency transactions are harder to track and trace and therefore it is the preferred method of payment for criminal activity.
- Avoid transactions where the only method of payment is one of the above.

- Be critical in your thinking, and ask yourself basic questions like, "Why would Mike Bolhuis promote cryptocurrency trading on TikTok if Mike Bolhuis is a specialist investigator and not a specialist financial investor?"
- Never accept that only one form of communication is available.
- Any respectable business should have a website, social media accounts, a phone number, an Email address, and the most important part; an office or address where you are able to schedule a meeting and meet the person face to face.

IF YOU SUSPECT IN ANY WAY THAT YOUR BANK ACCOUNT MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED BY SCAMMERS FOR FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES, CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED WITH THE UTMOST PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

CONTACT MR MIKE BOLHUIS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES, PROTECTION OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION.

SSS TASK TEAM:

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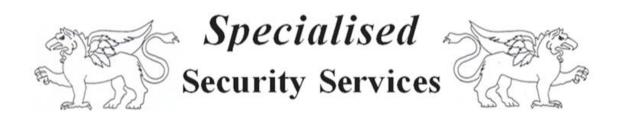
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