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SCAM ALERT



A Consumer Protection Alert from Oregon Attorney General John Kroger

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WEB HOSTING SCAM

Attorney General John Kroger is warning consumers about an email spyware scam.

The email from “WebHosting” says: “Dear Customer, we have received your order and will be processing it shortly. The details of the order are below.”

The email claims that the consumer will be billed \$4.99 a month for the Web hosting and \$14.95 annually for domain name registration.

The email has a link to “log in,” but consumers who click on it will instead end up with spyware installed on their computers. In addition to collecting information about a computer user’s browsing habits, malicious spyware can install additional, unwanted software, redirect Web browser activities and change computer settings, resulting in slow connection speeds, different home pages, and a loss of Internet functioning.

The Federal Trade Commission’s Web site has information about [what to do](#) if consumers are victimized by spyware.

Consumer Protection Hotline: 1-877-877-9392.

Online: www.doj.state.or.us.

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