



# Colorado Information Analysis Center

## Request For Information

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### (U) Individuals Posing as Health Inspectors Contact Businesses Using New Techniques

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(U//FOUO) The Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) has received additional reports of suspicious health inspector fraud that indicates individuals perpetrating these schemes are using new techniques to attempt to gain information from businesses. In all three reports Italian restaurants were targeted and there were similar phone numbers, names, and tactics used, including:

- (U//FOUO) All callers either stated that patrons of the businesses had been unhappy with the quality of food and some callers stated that patrons became ill;
- (U//FOUO) One of the callers gave the following names for the inspectors who would be visiting the business: Tim Brown, Marshall Mark, and Mike Jones;
  - (U//FOUO) The second caller gave the names Tim Brown, Marsha Mark, and Jason Smith;
  - (U//FOUO) The third caller gave the names Tim Brown, Jason, and Martin Harris;
  - (U//FOUO) In the first case, the caller identified himself as Jason Martin;
- (U//FOUO) All callers stated that the businesses would get a code, some from an automated call. The call appeared to come from Craigslist<sup>USBUS</sup> and gave the businesses a code that they would need to confirm their appointment;
- (U//FOUO) In two cases, the callers requested additional phone numbers from the businesses and, upon receiving these numbers, began sending text messages to them;
- (U//FOUO) There have not been reports of these callers actually completing an 'inspection' at these businesses;
- (U//FOUO) In two cases, the phone number that the individuals called from was the same as previous cases of health inspector fraud: 760-705-8888.

(U//FOUO) The CIAC does not have information indicating why these individuals are perpetrating this type of fraud. Although these types of schemes have been used in other states as a way to extort money from business owners, there has been only one known case where the callers have asked Colorado businesses for bank account numbers.

(U//FOUO) The CIAC is requesting that businesses that receive similar calls or health inspectors who receive similar reports send that information to the CIAC.

(U//FOUO) This report addresses the following CIAC Standing Information Needs: CIAC-SIN-16.

(U//FOUO) This report addresses the following DHS Standing Information Needs: HSEC-6.2.

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