

Crackpots in computer security: The neighbors are looking at me weird

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The security team gets all sorts of email to report security issues. Nearly 200,000 each year. And of course the reports vary in quality greatly. The ones I'm fascinated by are the crackpots.

Subject: IMMEDIATE THREAT AND NW INTRUSION, SAME AS FRIDAY MM/DD/YY, TOWN NAME YR SOFTW STOPPEDM SOME BUT ACCESS IS STILL THEREN 1000 YD FROM MY HOUSE

Importance: High

IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED, PHONES PHONE NUMBERS DELETED, EM XXXXXXXX@ GMAIL,HOTMAIL,LIVE,AOL.YAHOO. IM ALMOST POSITIVE HE IS USING BLUETOOTH. BUT HE CAN INTRUDE AT WILL. HE COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS. LAST FRIDAY YOUR DEPT HAS GPS SEARCHING, BUT THE HACKER CUT US OFF. THEN TRASHED 4 OF MY PCS.PLEASE ON CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY, LOOK IN THE RECORDS. HE MAY BE IN MY AREA, THE NEIGHBORS ARE LOOKING AT ME WEIRD, AS THIS CANT BE DONE. im NOT ON DRUGS. JUST CONTACT ME. NAME AND ADDRESS DELETED

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It's possible that he's actually onto something. After all, just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they *aren't* out to get you.

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