Alert: Bank Insiders

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau’s (NFIB) Proactive Intelligence Team is warning people about methods used by fraudsters to infiltrate banks.

According to a fraudster recently interviewed by the team:

“There are two ways to get a bank insider: If I wanted to get someone on the inside I would put the word out that I am looking. People have lists of bank insiders and all you do is tell them which bank you want to target. They have insiders in all the banks. This is the quick way but expensive. I would pay my contact £800 to arrange the insider for me. If I wanted to the insider to set me up a business I would usually pay about £1500.

The other way is to get an insider yourself. I would park outside a bank for 3 days and monitor the staff to see what they are like. Do they have boyfriends or girlfriends? I would hang around the branches just looking at people behind the glass until I decided who I would target. One of the insiders was a girl I met in London. I had a nice car which impressed her and we started a relationship. She had no idea what my endgame was. It started by asking her to check my balance details and it just escalated from there. I was with the girl for 2 weeks before I asked her to get other peoples’ account details. When I got what I needed I dumped her and walked away!”

Feedback

The NFIB’s Proactive Intelligence Team conducts debriefs with convicted fraudsters and passes the sanitised information direct to industry and the wider community.

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