

THREAT REPORT (EXCERPT)

RSA FraudAction™ Intelligence

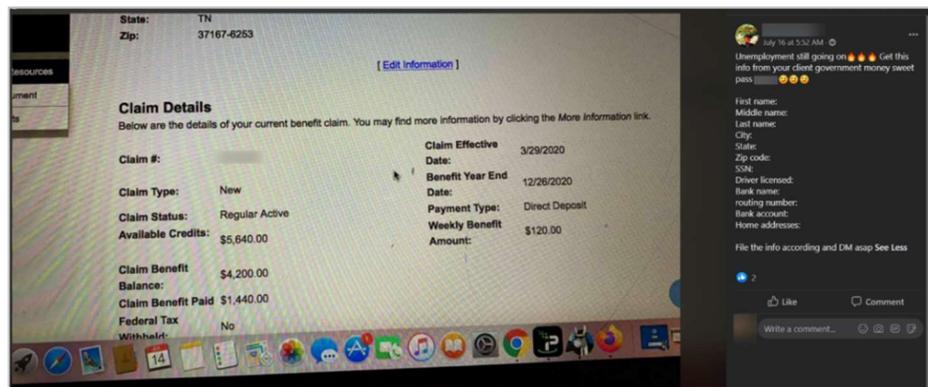
THE YEAR OF COVID-19

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically shaped the cybercrime landscape, allowing cybercriminals to take advantage of new footholds and change the fraud industry. Fraudsters now are taking advantage of those seeking assistance, expanding their targets to small businesses and the unemployed. As more vulnerable targets appear, the fraud market has expanded to accommodate their demand.

Cybercrime imitates life, adapting to the need to move in-person interactions to remote interactions. Fraudsters have been avoiding face-to-face (f2f) transactions with each other, lowering their guard. Nevertheless, as areas reopen, fraudsters are meeting f2f again. Forms and transactions which may have previously been conducted in-person moved to online applications, ready for fraudsters to exploit. By removing in-person barriers, fraudsters could utilize previous attacks and breaches to capitalize on the pandemic further. This report sheds light on the changes in the 2020 fraud threat landscape, explaining the cause and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on fraud and consumer security.

Figure 1: Fraudster advertising his unemployment fraud services



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FraudAction offers its customers a holistic, all-encompassing solution for external threat management and brand protection. In addition to proactive detection and mitigation of a wide array of online threats such as phishing, Trojans and brand abuse, customers also gain deep insight into emerging internal and external threats via a broad range of intelligence reports and data feeds that provide deep visibility into the cybercrime landscape.