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Criminals Devise New Phishing Tactic by Using Stolen iPhones

Internet criminals have an easy time coming up with new ways to take advantage of unsuspecting consumers. iPhone users have become a popular target for thieves looking to obtain these expensive devices. Unlike what most people expect, once your iPhone is stolen, that is only the beginning of one's concerns. It appears these victims are targeted by phishing campaigns shortly after the theft occurs.

The "Find my iPhone" app has become very popular as of late, mainly due to people worrying about losing their device by accident or by having it stolen from them. In this incident, the husband used his phone to text his wife's stolen device and plead with the robbers to buy it back from them. While the messages he received back mimic those of the Find my iPhone app, the URL redirected the man to a phishing site asking for his Apple ID credentials.

Criminals are becoming far more sophisticated when it comes to targeting new victims. All it takes is stealing a device and trying to trick users into giving up their Apple ID credentials. It is unclear what they hope to do with this information,

albeit it is evident they will use it for some nefarious purpose. iPhone users should always take the appropriate steps to deal with device loss or theft, as well as back up their data to a computer at regular intervals.