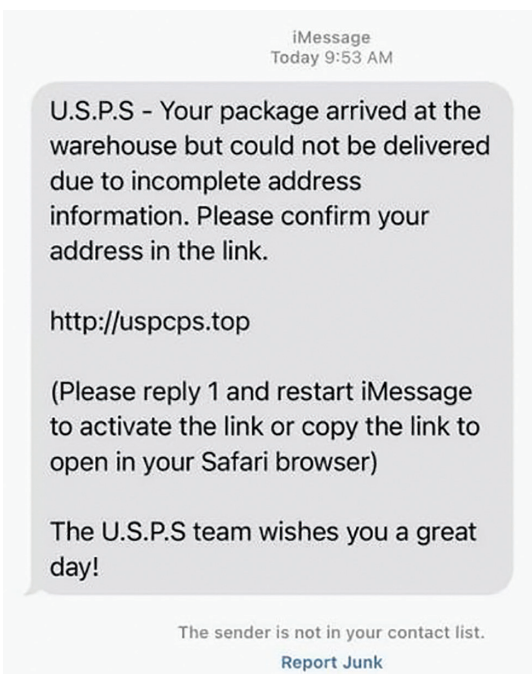


Warning: Shipping Delivery Scams

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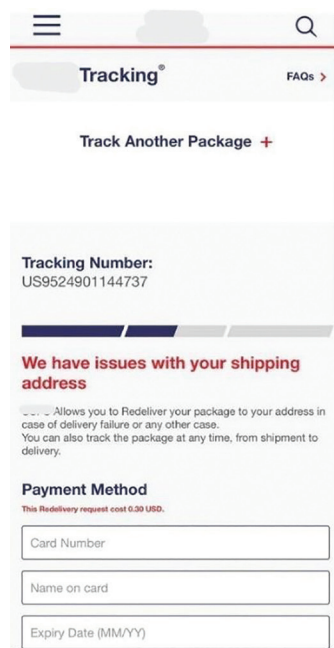
As a first-year biology student, I'm deeply honored to be a member of the Sun Devil community at the ASU Lake Havasu Campus. I have the privilege of connecting with diverse and accomplished international colleagues in an environment that blends professionalism and warmth. As an international student, I am acutely aware of the need for freight services, especially in my family. Every semester, my family sends me several packages from Vietnam, including essential items like clothes, food, and unique items that are hard to find in the US. Unfortunately, opportunistic scammers have taken advantage of the reliance on these freight services, especially among unsuspecting individuals like me. These scammers take advantage of trust in delivery services, carrying out fraudulent schemes to compromise individuals' financial security and peace of mind. I went through this scam, but fortunately, I got my money back. However, we should be careful to avoid losing money.



- Delivery scam's message.

In my experience, scammers have used fake tracking numbers and targeted individuals waiting for deliveries, especially international students. Scammers impersonate legitimate shipping companies, sending fraudulent emails or texts to solicit personal or financial information under pretenses. They may notify you that the information or address on your package is wrong and ask you to pay a very small fee, 30 cents to \$1, so that you can correct the information and they will deliver your packages. In their eagerness to track a shipment or resolve any delivery issues, unsuspecting individuals may accidentally reveal sensitive details, becoming victims of identity theft or financial fraud.

To protect yourself from falling victim to these scams, you need to be vigilant and take precautions. Be wary of suspicious texts and emails masquerading as shipping notifications. Be cautious when encountering unsolicited messages asking for personal or financial information, and don't click on suspicious links or attachments. Instead, contact the shipping company directly using verified contact information to verify the status of your shipment. I hope that with my little experience, I can help you protect your personal information as well as your money.



- Fake delivery website.