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TheChaosKiller - March 2, 2020, 1:31 am

For a while I've been getting scam calls from some Indian company trying to convince me that my computer is infected, and that I must do XYZ to get it fixed at a heavy fee, and I've almost always hung up, but a few times I've decided to waste their time and have full conversations pretending to do what they ask. At the end, I reveal I was making it up and they get annoyed and hurl abuse before I hang up laughing. You know, the standard Indian call centre scam stuff. I'm guessing they got sick of me doing that, because this morning I received a phone call from... myself.

Some very dedicated/annoyed scammer had used recordings of our previous conversations to build some kind of sound board to use against me, so when I answered the phone it was my own voice talking to me. It was obviously chopped up recordings, but done really well and to a high standard in my opinion, and could have been used to call friends or family and abused in that way. I assume the intention is to do just that; hope that I don't answer but someone I know does while I'm not there, and then convince them somehow through the spliced audio to do something untoward or something that will hurt them financially. The amount of work these scammers are putting into their scams for what is essentially chump change in the long run will always amaze me, because they could likely earn more working just as hard on something else. But the potential for scam abuse with these recordings could be significant, so I have had to warn those close to me to be very vigilant when receiving calls and to make sure it's not a recording.

It's fun wasting their time, and letting them talk so they can't scam others, like many prominent YouTubers do, but I'm now seeing how this can be used against us. The scammers will always adapt at the same rate that we get wise to their tricks, and this is a new weapon in their arsenal from my personal experiences. Be safe out there, guys!

Nate - March 2, 2020, 2:07 am

I get these all the time on my phone, its terrible there chinese

Ramsey - March 2, 2020, 6:51 am

Ahhh, man. A recording would be golden!

TheChaosKiller - March 4, 2020, 6:01 am

(Mar 2, 2020 07:51 AM)Whiterose Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Ahhh, man. A recording would be golden!

Indeed! Just so weird to hear your own voice at first, without knowing why lol. If I'd been tired or intoxicated, I imagine it could have fooled me for a few moments.

AlphaTurtle - March 4, 2020, 7:21 am

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TheChaosKiller - March 4, 2020, 7:22 am

(Mar 4, 2020 08:21 AM)AlphaTurtle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I never got one of these. Probably one of the perks of not being from the USA

Neither am I my friend. I believe they just try random numbers over and over until they get a hit, but lock in on someone if they seem vulnerable, or annoyed by the calls.

TheChaosKiller - March 4, 2020, 7:42 am

(Mar 4, 2020 08:28 AM)Stephen Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I hope to god they don't make a recording from my calls lol.

Scary tho mate keep safe!

Haha yeah I'd hate to hear back what else they may have recorded me saying, as I sometimes use different accents and pretend to pass the phone on to an angry Scottish man, or a confused French man. Definitely, stay safe and vigilant!