



## THE INVESTIGATOR

### About Us

Since 2000 BCSI has performed hundreds of successful investigations. Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

BCSI is considered the platinum standard of the industry based on the quality and the wide spectrum of its services as well as the expertise of the investigators.

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### CRA Scams

Its tax season for Canadians which mean the CRA scammers are ready to steal as much money as possible. Last year, 12,000 Canadians fell victim to CRA scammers and over three-million dollars was lost. This scam started back in 2014 and since then the scammers have become more creative with ways of getting money.

#### How they target their victims?

The scammers will try contact you either by phone, email or text message to gain as much personal information as possible such as your address, birthday and SIN number. They will then mention that you owe the CRA money and need to pay them immediately. They will use threats such as "You have not paid your taxes for the past five years and owe us money or the police will be at your house and take you to jail." These threats often make people panic and think if they do not do what the person on the other line says they will face the fake consequences.

The scammers will send an email that will look very similar to the CRA website making one believe they have received an email from the CRA. They will use photoshop to make the email look legitimate.

#### Signs it's not the CRA

The CRA only uses registered mail or mail to contact individuals and will never contact someone by phone and not through an automated message recording, email or text message. If you are left a voicemail from someone claiming to be from the CRA make sure that they provided a phone number to call back as well as a file number. The CRA does not accept payment from money service businesses such as Western Union, Money Gram, iTunes gift cards or Bitcoin. If the scammer claims that they will accept payment this way, then you will know for sure it is a scam.

#### What to do if you think you have gotten a scam call?

If you've shared banking information with the scammers, contact your financial institution to place alerts on your account. Contact the CRA directly to confirm if you owe taxes and report the scam to them as well. Keep track of who called you and the number they called you from.

If you have been scammed by a fake CRA agent or would like more information about our services, contact us at [bcsgroup@shaw.ca](mailto:bcsgroup@shaw.ca) or 604-922-6572 for more information.

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## Contact Us

Please contact our offices at **604-922-6572** or by email at [info@picanada.ca](mailto:info@picanada.ca), we would be happy to speak with you.



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