

THE CASE OF THE WANDERING PAYCHECK

Tales from the Dark Side and How You Can Fight Back



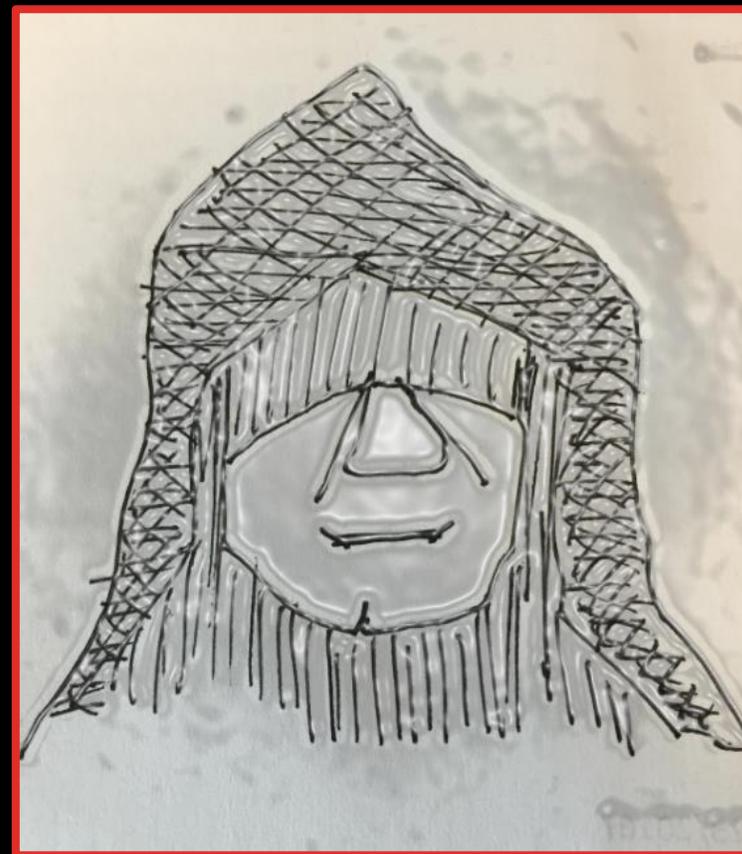
A TALE FROM THE DARK SIDE

Once upon a time . . .

. . . It was actually mid July

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There was a villain.



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This villain sent emails to thousands of employees at UNC Charlotte.



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It was a simple email.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **UNC Charlotte** <ar14556@my.bristol.ac.uk>

Date: Wed, Jul 13, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Subject: Important **public** security message

To: service@uncc.edu

Hello,

Due to recent concerns about security on campus we have created a dedicated page for all of your security needs. Please follow the link below to read the important security message.

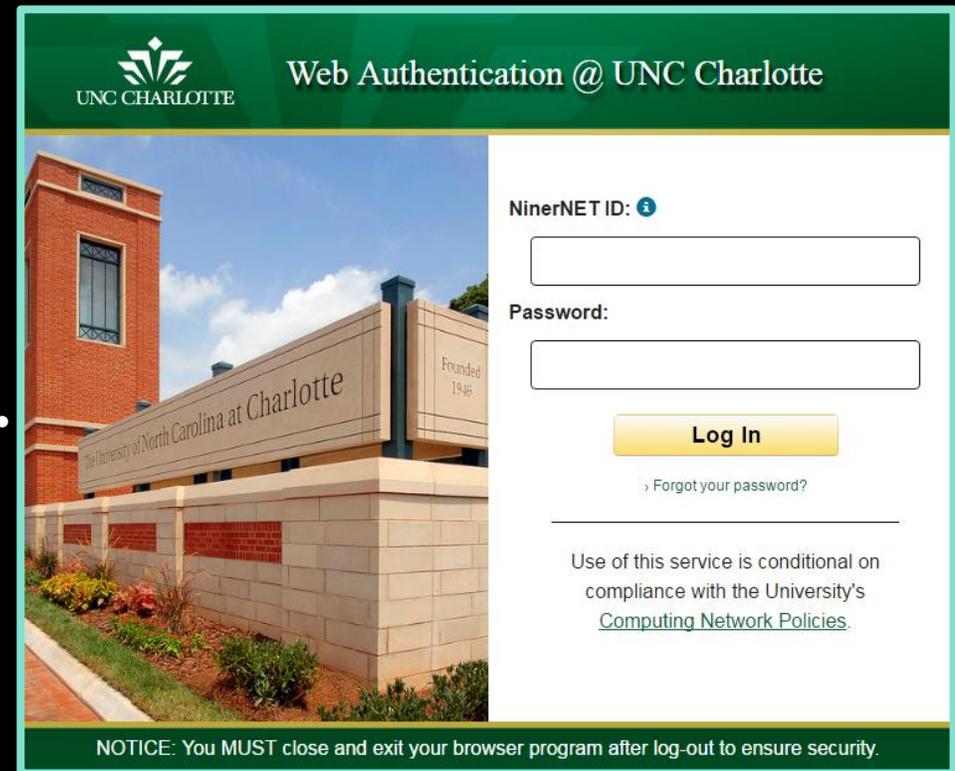
[Public service announcement](#)

Please be safe.

Regard,
UNC Charlotte
Public Service Announcement

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Those who clicked the link,
went to a fake login page.



The image shows a screenshot of a web page designed to look like the UNC Charlotte login portal. At the top left is the UNC Charlotte logo, and at the top right is the text "Web Authentication @ UNC Charlotte". The page is split into two main sections. On the left is a photograph of a university building with a sign that reads "The University of North Carolina at Charlotte" and "Founded 1945". On the right is a login form with the following elements: a label "NinerNET ID:" with an information icon, a text input field, a label "Password:", another text input field, a yellow "Log In" button, and a link "Forgot your password?". Below the form, a horizontal line separates it from a disclaimer: "Use of this service is conditional on compliance with the University's [Computing Network Policies](#)." At the bottom of the page, a green banner contains the text: "NOTICE: You MUST close and exit your browser program after log-out to ensure security."

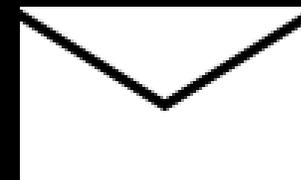
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If they logged in, they landed on an actual university page, unaware their credentials had just been stolen.

The screenshot shows the official website for the UNC Charlotte Police & Public Safety. The header is green with the UNC Charlotte logo and the text "Police & Public Safety Division of Business Affairs". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large photograph of police officers in uniform standing in front of a white police van and a green utility vehicle. To the right of the photo is the department's seal and contact information: "Emergency: 704-687-2200", "Non-Emergency: 704-687-8300", and "SAFERIDE: 704-687-0161". Below the seal are links for "Send an Email", "Risk Management Safety & Security", and "2015 Annual Security & Fire Safety Report". A "PUBLIC NOTICE" link is also present. The footer contains navigation links for Alerts, Jobs, Make a Gift, Maps / Directions, Text Only, and Accessibility, along with a search bar for "unc.edu". The footer also includes the text "The University of North Carolina at Charlotte" and "9201 University City Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001 - 704-687-8622".

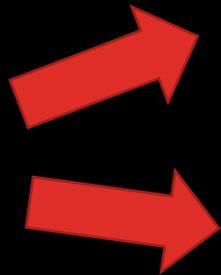
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The villain used the gathered usernames and passwords to log into my.uncc.edu.



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After changing bank routing information in Banner and adding a filter in email so direct deposit notifications would never be seen. . . .



from:(directdepositsupport@uncc.edu)
Skip Inbox

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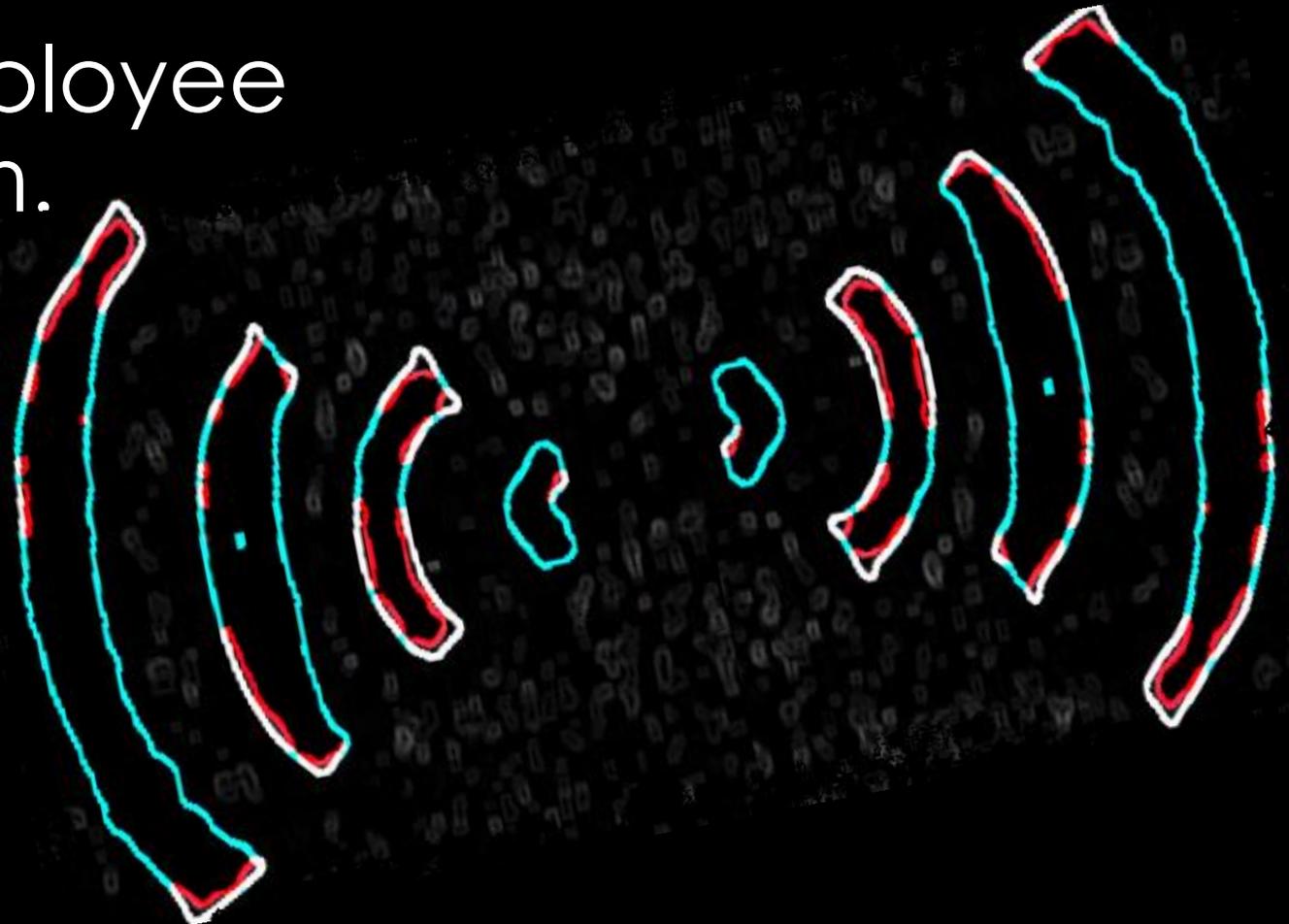
..... all the villain had to do
was wait until payday

When paychecks flew off
to faraway online banks!



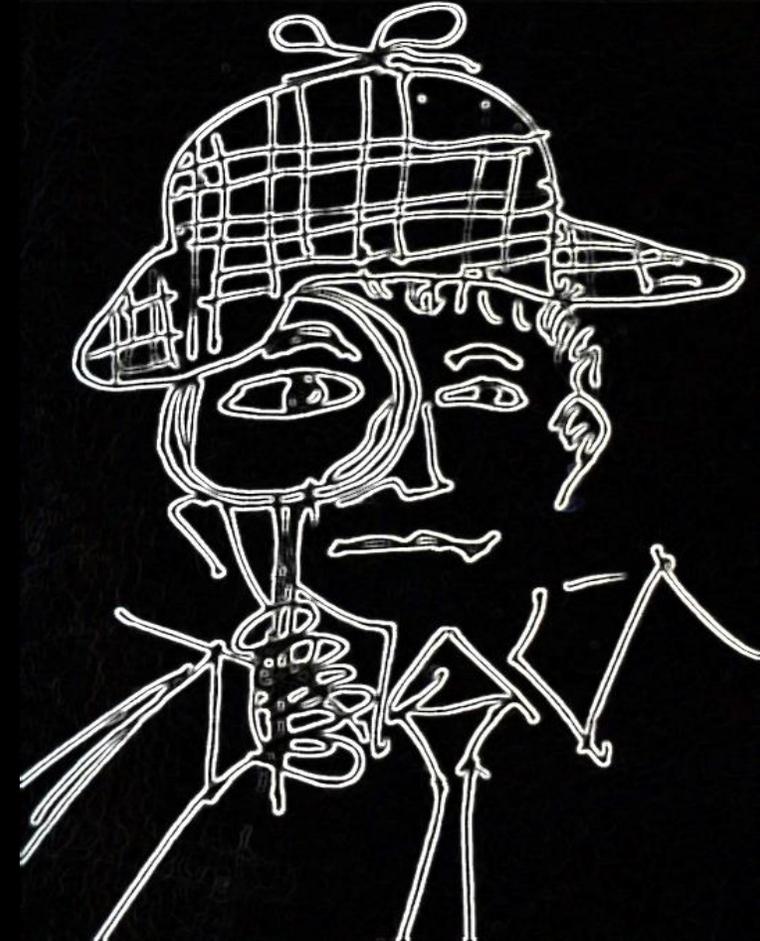
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An observant employee
sounded an alarm.



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- Discovered the direct deposit changes
- Identified and contacted impacted employees
- Notified the FBI
- Implemented security improvements



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Employees got paid.

The university
recovered some
money from the
faraway banks.

The  End



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The moral of the
story is . . .

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...You are the target!

Villains can take many shapes.

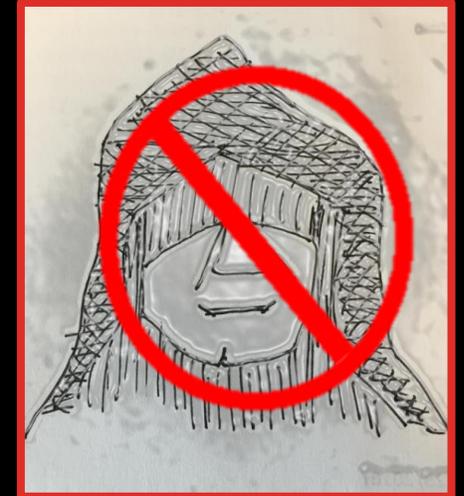
Like Little Red Riding Hood, you need to watch out for ...

...the Big Bad Wolf.



TIPS FOR AVOIDING THE BIG BAD WOLF

Here are some tips



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#8 Hover before you click

See where that link is really going.

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#7 Browse responsibly

Be wary of Internet downloads
and guard your personal
information.

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#6 Take it with you

Password protect your mobile devices and never leave them unattended.

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#5 Connect carefully

Practice extra caution when using
public Wi-Fi.

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#4 Report spam

Send reports to:
ReportSpam-group@uncc.edu

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#3 Say something

If you see something unusual,
report it to [securityincident-
group@uncc.edu](mailto:securityincident-group@uncc.edu).

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#2 Boost your security IQ

Take the University's Security Awareness Training in Moodle.

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#1 Outwit the wolf

Sign up for two factor authentication with Duo.



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You are the target

. . . . Become a shield.

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Questions?