

# **Fake Instagram Account Investigation – Case Study**

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## **1. Introduction**

**This case study documents a practical investigation of a fake Instagram**

**account conducted for learning purposes.**

## **2. Objective**

- Identify fake or suspicious Instagram accounts**
- Analyze scam communication patterns**
- Collect evidence safely**

## **3. Tools & Methods Used**

- Manual profile analysis**
- Chat screenshot analysis**
- Basic OSINT concepts**

## **4. Investigation Process**

- Profile review**
- Message analysis**
- Screenshot collection**
- Sensitive information blurred**

## 5. Evidence Collected

- **Fake profile screenshot (blurred)**
- **Scam chat screenshots (blurred)**

## 6. Findings

- **Suspicious account behavior**
- **Scam message patterns observed**

## 7. Ethics & Privacy

All screenshots are blurred to protect privacy and legal safety.

## 8. Conclusion

This investigation improved my understanding of online scams and cyber crime reporting.

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