

# **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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