CYBERCRIME INCIDENT REPORT

1. Incident Overview

Date of Incident: April 18, 2025

Victim: Anonymous (Relative of the Author)

A fraudulent call was received by the victim from an individual posing as a delivery executive. The scammer insisted on an upfront UPI payment for a parcel delivery. The victim, being away from home at the time, proceeded with the payment. Upon returning, the victim discovered a counterfeit parcel, confirming the incident as a scam.

Following this, a personal investigation was initiated using OSINT (Open-Source Intelligence) methods to gather information and evidence on the scammer.

2. Scammer Information

Name: [Redacted]

Father's Name: [Redacted]

Contact Number: +91 X61XXXXXXX

Communication Channels: Voice Call, Instant Messaging Apps

UPI ID: xxxx@okaxis

Associated Bank: Union Bank of India

3. Investigation & Evidence Collection

On the following day, the scammer was contacted using a separate phone number. During the conversation, he requested an AWB number and delivery address—confirming his intent to defraud.

All call recordings have been securely saved.

- Evidence Collected:
- UPI Transaction Confirmation Screenshot
- Photograph of the Fake Parcel
- Audio Call Recordings
- Physical Fake Parcel
- Device IP Address, Location, and Technical Metadata

4. IP Tracing & OSINT Techniques

To further track the scammer, an IP logger was deployed under the guise of a delivery location link:

First IP Capture: The scammer appeared to be using a VPN or proxy server. The IP retrieved was masked and not the true address.

Second IP Capture: After a few minutes, the scammer clicked the link again—this time without VPN protection. His real IP address and approximate location were successfully captured.

Note: All geolocation and IP metadata have been stored securely.

5. Conclusion

This report outlines a real-world cybercrime incident and presents detailed investigative steps, including social engineering, OSINT techniques, and IP tracing methods.

All findings, recordings, and digital evidence have been documented and saved securely.

About the Author

This report was authored by Harshit Nigam, a second-year cybersecurity student. It serves as their first field-level investigation, combining technical knowledge, OSINT expertise, and analytical thinking in a practical scenario.

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