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**VISHING ATTACKS ON THE RISE**

If you receive a telephone call, text message or email asking you to call your bank or credit card company to remedy a security concern or other issue, be skeptical! It could be a scam known as 'vishing' and according to the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), attacks against U.S. banks and consumers have jumped considerably in the past few months.

Vishing is similar to 'phishing' in that consumers are persuaded to divulge their Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Typically, would-be victims are instructed to call a number where an automated answering service asks for account information. Because the practice appears to be legitimate, many consumers have been duped and their identities hijacked as a result.

If you get a call asking to confirm your PII, hang up and call the number on the back of your bankcard. If the issue is real, your bank representative will be able to address it.

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