

# Someone stole my online identity and...

(Writing a letter for my mother)

Hi, mom today something horrible happened to me, someone stole my identity and used my money!

Since last week, I started to notice some purchases in my online banking accounts, using my online identity on many shops like Amazon, Shein, and others.

I sure was not making these purchases and I needed to find out what was going on. I took a day off from my work, I found a nice cafe at the beach, and I started my research on my laptop. After some time, I found out that my purchases were being sent to Iran, which of course, was not for me, I live in Portugal. The thief was not very smart, I was able to figure out his email and I contacted him through my personal mail and advised him to give me my money back, or I would inform the police about what was going on. I didn't get an answer from him, I informed my bank that those purchases were not mine and someone was robbing me. My bank then blocked my card's information and gave me a new card. After that I rushed to the police to make a complaint about this situation, and they informed me that I would have to wait a few days for them to investigate.

After about a week, they came back to me saying that they were able to catch the thief, and he was being hunted by other police forces. They informed me that they will give me my money back and suggested that next time I don't share my card information with anyone, and only use it in secured websites.

Fortunately, everything worked out ok, so you don't need to worry. I wish you all the best and I will be looking forward to seeing you next month. Bye Mom LOVE YOU.

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