

Man's e-mail account hijacked, scammed

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REGINA, Saskatchewan -- Some 700 people received e-mails asking for emergency financial help from a Saskatchewan man's hijacked Google Gmail account, a report said Monday. Dinesh Kashyap told the Regina Leader-Post something went wrong with his account two weeks ago and then he started getting calls from concerned friends, family and business associates. The hijackers had sent a plea to all of his contacts saying he was stranded in Nigeria after losing his money and passport. The message asked that \$1,350 be sent to a hotel manager in Nigeria, but cautions against phoning the hotel, Kashyap said. He said most people seemed to know the e-mail was a phony, but some people called him to check on his safety. Among those on his contact list was the mayor of Regina, the provincial premier and Prime Minister Stephen Harper, the report said. Kashyap said he has no idea how the hackers could have gotten into his account, which he has since replaced.

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