Tampa Man Pleads Guilty to Money Laundering, Email Scam Involving Law Firms

Muhammad Naji of Tampa, FL, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit laundering of money that was obtained by fraudulent means, announced U.S. Attorney A. Lee Bentley III.

Naji could face up to 20 years in federal prison, reports the *Tampa Bay Business Journal*.

“One of the schemes involved sending ‘phishing’ emails to law firms in the U.S. asking for legal representation for a phony contract dispute. Conspirators would mail a forged certified check to the law firm for payment, and a ‘client’ would contact the firm and ask them to wire the funds to an account,” the paper reports.

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