

6 December 2007

By: Bogdan Popa, Security and Search Engines Editor



[Inexistent Company Stealing User's Money](#)

Directly from the bank account

A woman living in Ohio discovered that a company was stealing money from her account, although nobody had ever informed her about this matter. According to CentralOhio, a company named Fabri-tex took \$6,95 from her account, even if the woman didn't know about this. It wouldn't be such a major problem, but according to the same source, the attackers aimed to take small amounts of money, in order to see if the victim blocked the access, raising the sum until the bank account was shut down. The good thing about today's news is that Sheri Fallis discovered the loss when the damages were not so impressive. "I was checking my account online and I noticed a suspicious charge for \$6.95 from a company called Fabri-tex. It started off with small transactions, but they continue to do it until they get a bigger hit on your account," the woman told CentralOhio. Obviously, the next step was to contact the bank and analyze the transactions. "My bank has been very cooperative with working with me through this whole ordeal. They even had the paperwork ready when I got there," she added. The money were transferred by a company named Fabri-tex, but nobody ever heard of this company. Contacting the firm returned only voice mails, while sending emails had no result either. Moreover, searching the web for Fabri-tex returned no result, which makes us believe the company has never existed. "I e-mailed a man by the name of Alan Moll, who owns Fabri-tex, and left him a message stating my concerns about his company, and the e-mail bounced back," Sheri Fallis added for the same source. The woman has no idea how her bank information got stolen, but this could happen to everyone of us, so you should really take care of your credit cards. Avoid providing your details on every Internet website, which could represent a phishing/scam attack. "People think that this can happen to you if you shop online, but it doesn't matter if you shop online or not. My advice for people out there is to watch your account closely so that you don't become a victim," she concluded according to CentralOhio.