THREAT BULLETIN

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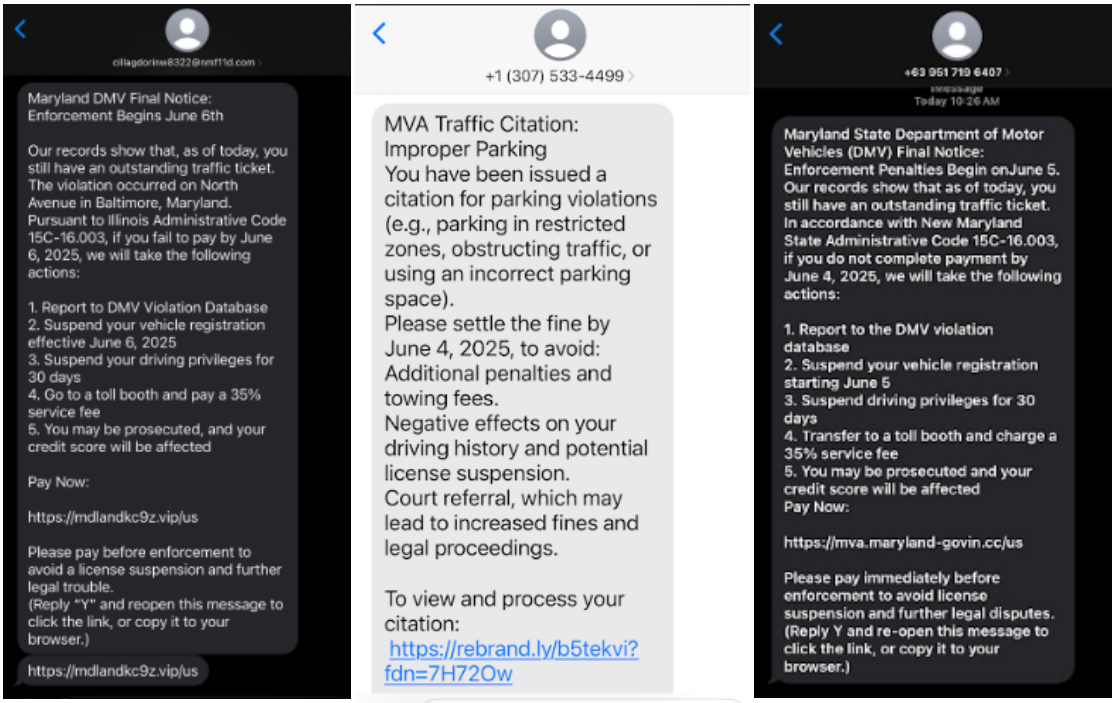
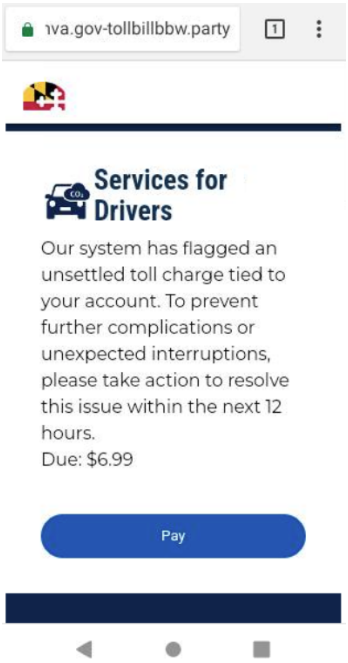
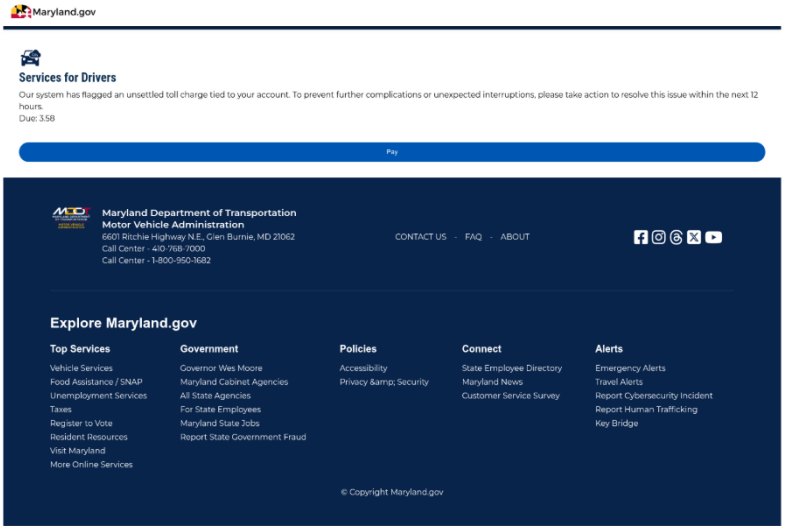
Summary

Another smishing campaign has been observed targeting Maryland vehicle owners claiming to be the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration informing residents they must complete payment for a traffic violation before they are charged an additional fee. The links in the message are typosquats or look-alike domains that aim to harvest information and/or credentials from victims. This activity follows a recent similar campaign targeted at EZpass users and is consistent with a widespread trend across many states reporting high volumes of automotive-related smishing messages.



Sample smishing messages received by Maryland residents. When clicking on the link lead to the following impersonation pages (shown on mobile and desktop view):





The MD-ISAC advises all Maryland residents to complete all traffic violation payments through the official payment links found at https://mva.maryland.gov/ and to report any suspicious messages to the MD-SOC at mdsoc@maryland.gov or (410) 697-9700 - option #5.

Reporting and Contact Information

In the event of a cybersecurity incident related to information found in this threat bulletin, Md. Code, Public Safety Article § 14-104.1 (c)(2) and Md. Code, State Finance & Procurement Article § 3.5-406(b)(2)) mandate that you report this via the Maryland Incident Reporting System. It is also recommended that you submit any shareable cyber threat intelligence to the MD-ISAC via the MD-ISAC Threat Intelligence Platform (TIP).

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