

Conversation History – Hortonworks, Inc. HR Department

(or so it would seem)

Alleged Employer: Hortonworks, Inc.

Alleged Company Representative: John Cromarty, Human Resources

Prospective Employee: Patrick R. McElhiney

Dates of Conversation: 4/11/2019 through 4/17/2019

Method of Communication: Skype (chat only)

Below is a chat that Patrick R. McElhiney believed was coming from Hortonworks, Inc.'s HR department, but over time it seemed to be coming from a fraudulent HR department as part of a scam that targeted Patrick R. McElhiney for an unknown reason. The incidents were reported to Hortonworks, Inc., the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and to the U.S. Senate.

Thursday, April 11th, 2019

Patrick, 2:17 PM

(wave)

Patrick, 2:18 PM

It's Patrick R. McElhiney

John, 2:18 PM

Hello and welcome to Hortonworks Inc. I am John Cromarty, the Hr. senior Recruiter at Hortonworks Inc, instructed to conduct this interview for you.

Patrick, 2:18 PM

Thank you for your time... video chat?

John, 2:19 PM

I believe you are here and ready to proceed with this job briefing and interview session now?

Patrick, 2:19 PM

Yes.

John, 2:20 PM

This interview process is strictly by text are interested in proceeding?

Patrick, 2:20 PM

Sure.

John, 2:21 PM

Splendid, kindly introduce yourself, Indicating your full name, and current location.

Patrick, 2:21 PM

My name is Patrick R. McElhiney, and I live in Barrington, in the Seacoast part of New Hampshire.

Patrick, 2:23 PM

Shall I continue?

John, 2:23 PM

Here are our available few office positions:

Accounting Manager Administrative Assistant Graphics Designer Brand Manager Clerical Admin
Customer Service Data Entry Clerk Data Modeler Creative Director Financial Analyst Marketing Manager
Web Designer Medical Biller UX Network Admin Payroll Clerk Project Manager Reporting Analyst Sales
Rep Chief Executive Officer Chief Operating Officer Chief Financial Officer Chief Marketing Officer Chief
Technology Officer.

Which of these positions will be a perfect fit for you?

Patrick, 2:26 PM

Graphic Designer, Web Designer, Network Admin, Marketing Manager, Chief Marketing Officer, and
Chief Technology Officer

John, 2:28 PM

Applying Position: Graphic Designer

Welcome once again to Hortonworks Inc. It's a pleasure to have you here for this job briefing/interview.
What is your current employment status and do you have any online interview experience?

Patrick, 2:29 PM

I'm currently the Chief Technology Officer of MCE123, a company I founded in 1999. I do not have any
experience with online interviews.

John, 2:32 PM

Our solutions and our people build lasting relationships, We are a growing company with offices in the
US, Europe, and Australia.

Our global presence is growing rapidly, which means you have the opportunity to make a real and
lasting impact no matter what your role is with the company.

At Hortonworks, we help organizations achieve their core purpose through the use of intuitive
technology that enables better, faster and more affordable innovation.

John, 2:32 PM

There's so much more to 'Hortonworks' than the technology we create, our hybrid cloud architecture allows customers to govern, secure and manage data of any kind, at any scale, for any workload, in the cloud or on premises—throughout its entire lifecycle. Our 100% open-source solutions give organizations the freedom to innovate faster, without the restrictions of proprietary software. Transforming is our passion!

Patrick, 2:34 PM

Can I ask questions along the way, or do I just answer your questions?

John, 2:36 PM

I will answer all your questions as we proceed, this Interview is for Data Entry position and this is a remote job. This is a position whereby all duties are done remotely from the comfort of your home, I believe you have no issues working from home with this firm for the main time?

John, 2:37 PM

*Graphics Designer

Patrick, 2:37 PM

Correct - I can work from home from my home office.

John, 2:40 PM

We are located at: 5470 Great America Parkway Santa Clara, CA 95054 USA.

I will be providing you a detailed information about Job, Company Pay, Responsibilities and Requirement to proceed.

You are to follow up with me on this job briefing and respond back at a timely manner once done reading to be sure you are with me.

Patrick, 2:40 PM

Ok

John, 2:41 PM

Workin hours are: 8 :00am - 2:00pm from Monday-Saturday during the training and after training 8am-3pm Monday-Friday.

John, 2:41 PM

The pay rate is \$49.80 an hour and you will be getting paid bi- weekly via check or direct deposit. If you are employed you are going to be working as a full employee and not as an independent contractor. let me know if you are interested so we can proceed?

Patrick, 2:41 PM

I can't do that because it's full time, unfortunately.

Patrick, 2:43 PM

I currently attend a PhD program in Artificial Intelligence, so I can't take on a full time position.

John, 2:44 PM

Okay a part time arrangement can be made, I will send you the entire Interview questions via E-mail, Be aware to send in your answers within a limited time. Kindly provide a valid email to enable this process

Patrick, 2:45 PM

patrick@mce123.com

John, 2:46 PM

I need you to confirm in your Spam/Inbox and proceed with Interview questions, Further Information based on Benefit, Pay Scale, will be emailed shortly.

Patrick, 2:47 PM

I received the e-mail. I will work on the questions now.

John, 2:47 PM

All answers will be attended to, once you are done sending answers to the interview questions back to me

Patrick, 3:15 PM

I've just sent them back.

Patrick, 4:07 PM

My company has a new website that hasn't been released to the public yet, at <http://mce123-v2.mcemcemce.com/> - so if you're using MCE123's website as an indicator of my background for any of the positions, use this one please.

John, 4:11 PM

Your response to the interview questions has been received and is in progress of being reviewed withing our team.

I will be relaying the details of your interview answers to Admin Desk for review. It will only take a few hours or a day for words to reach you on rating If you are to be hired or not.

Patrick, 4:12 PM

Ok thank you!

Friday, April 12th, 2019

Patrick, 5:34 AM

Hi Mr. Cromarty - I still need the information on benefits and pay scales, as well as job descriptions to be e-mailed to me. If you can send me that information also for all non-hiring technology positions, I'd appreciate it. Also if you could provide me a tally of how many employees you have working in your Technology departments, that would be great. Also, if you could have someone explain what the GAAP losses are - we may need a better client vetting process before we issue credit to clients to reduce losses that we cannot recover from. I would like to know how much of these losses are attributed to the Technology departments. Also, if you could provide me with a current organizational chart, that would be great. Also if I can get all of the current competitive research done by your marketing department, that would also be great as I'd like to assess how we can improve our technology services beyond what I've already developed. Thanks!

John, 9:02 AM

Hello Patrick, I am impressed with the zeal and drive that I in your abilities and I can guarantee that you will excel as a Graphic Designer in the Creative Department.

John, 9:04 AM

I will be providing you with benefits, pay scale and responsibilities shortly

John, 9:42 AM

JOB DUTIES:

As a graphic designer working under the company you are expected to combine art and technology to communicate ideas through images and the layout of websites and printed pages.

You are expected to conceive and implement concepts, guidelines and strategies in various designs and oversee them to completion

You are to collaborate with account executives to obtain knowledge of the clients' requirements

Also you are expected to direct and motivate teams of art directors, illustrators, copywriters. to help them use their talents effectively

Lead brainstorming/creative sessions to generate ideas

Write and design unique and well-crafted copy that meet clients' needs as well as our own

Revise content and presentations, approve/reject ideas, provide feedback to the team

Train and guide subordinates into accomplished professionals

Monitor results of team efforts and propose actions for the future

BENEFITS AND PERKS:

Competitive pay and top-notch health benefits including medical, dental, vision, life 401(k) with company match.

Generous paid time off.

Tuition reimbursement.

3 bonus programs.. Other benefits include insurance and as well disability coverage, pre-tax commuting, FSA, retirement planning and more

Work Environment

Smart & friendly co-workers, a casual work environment and a relaxed dress code

Ownership

Employee Equity Incentive Plans

Social Events

Frequent happy hours, and quarterly company parties

Family First. We care about our employees.

Maternity & Paternity Plans.

METHOD OF PAYMENT: We pay our employees bi-weekly through certified Personal Check from our Financier, we will be switching to Direct deposit very soon.

The pay rate is \$49.80 per hour, and the pay for training hour is \$22.30

Patrick, 5:28 PM

Hi Mr. Cromarty - unfortunately the position of Graphic Designer doesn't pay enough. Like I said, I have over \$200k in student loan debt, and I think the position of Graphic Designer is an understatement of my qualifications for Chief Technology Officer, as I am currently Chief Technology Officer of MCE123, I have a Master's degree in Information Technology with over 20 years of experience in the Technology industry, and I am currently working on a PhD in Computer Science majoring in Artificial Intelligence. My background in managing programmers, IT professionals, and other technology related personnel doesn't fit with being a Graphic Designer. I simply listed all of those positions because I am qualified for all of them - not that I would necessarily be interested in all of them. It depends on how much they pay. I need to be making at least \$100 an hour to be able to afford to pay my student loan payments and my bills. However, I am still interested in learning more about the other positions and receiving the information that I requested. You may not know this, but Hortonworks is losing more money than it is making right now, and that is a problem I would like to tackle as CTO. Hortonworks is currently losing over half a million dollars a day - the longer it takes for me to start working as CTO, the more losses will accrue. Which means that in a single day that is wasted by not hiring me as CTO, the company has already lost more money in that one day than it would cost to hire me at \$250,000 a year, for an example. Do you have a current version of my resume?

Patrick, 5:35 PM

Do we have a 360-degree feedback system that monitors and provides information to each individual employee through an online portal, on how they should be improving their work ethics and performance? I think such a system would be rather useful to the HR department, in addition to meeting company-wide performance goals.

Saturday, April 13th, 2019

John, 6:00 PM

Hello Patrick how are you today?

Patrick, 6:58 PM

I'm good. How can I help you?

Patrick, 7:04 PM

Sorry for the delay in response - I've added Skype on my phone now.

John, 7:08 PM

Good, I just received notification on your employment status.

John, 7:08 PM

Congratulations, the company has decided to employ you with immediate effect, Your performance ensured you are eligible for enrolment into our Two weeks routine training program. We will like you to handle duties capably, work with experience and make this department proud of you, It's of great honour to have you be part of the team.

Patrick, 7:09 PM

For which position?

John, 7:09 PM

For the post of CTO

Patrick, 7:10 PM

(smile)

Patrick, 7:10 PM

Great!

John, 7:10 PM

Your training contract form will be sent to you shortly. You are expected to download the contract from your email (Inbox), make a print out of the document, fill in all required spaces, sign the contract and send back to me for record and verification purpose.

Stay connected while I get your Contract Offer ready and emailed to you shortly.

Patrick, 7:11 PM

Ok. How soon can I get started?

John, 7:19 PM

As soon as possible,

All paperwork employment w-2/w-4 handout and Staff ID will be delivered to you in person by the company representative on the same day of delivery of your working materials, an employment agreement is a legal document. A true partnership is so much more. I will forward you an employment offer and employment agreement letter for you to sign for the acceptance of this job to begin working with us.

Patrick, 7:21 PM

Ok... just to be clear, this will still work with my school schedule right? So I can work 25-30+ hours a week part-time from home with this position, and also travel to the company on the weekends as needed?

John, 7:23 PM

Absolutely, The following office equipment below is for the set up of your Online mini office at home which will be provided to you.

A brand new Laptop with the company logo on it.

Microsoft Lifechat Headset, Model: LX3000

All in one printer, scanner, and fax machine

New Apple Phone (I Phone 7plus)

Mini office stationary Laminating machine w/5 Cartridges Fellowes Micro-shred Confetti-cut paper shredder

4G WIRELESS CONNECTION & ROUTER

Work Crosschecker software

Software for accuracy, Speed of data processing, Time Monitoring, and Effectiveness,(4 in one Zebra ZM 400vvBarcode Printer, Cards, Net suit, and briefcase.

All of listed materials will be provided to you as monetarily charges will be taken cared of by the company.

John, 7:24 PM

I need you to confirm that you have received the mail I sent to you

Patrick, 7:29 PM

Is all of that really necessary, I can provide a list of office equipment I already have that is probably better than what you're offering, and just have the company pay for consumables such as ink and lamination supplies?

Patrick, 7:30 PM

I did receive the mail. I am going through the contract now.

Patrick, 7:33 PM

This contract says 49 hours a week. Should I just ignore that?

Patrick, 7:33 PM

25-30+ hours will be the usual amount I can contribute, including on weekends, because of school.

Patrick, 7:34 PM

I currently have a class at 2:10PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Patrick, 7:34 PM

The class lasts until 3:30PM.

Patrick, 7:35 PM

Of course the 25-30+ hours I'm not including responding to e-mails and correspondence during other times, as would be expected in a C-Level position.

Patrick, 7:35 PM

i.e. a server goes down, I'm technically on call

Patrick, 7:37 PM

What is the expected dress code for home? Suit and tie? Or just dress attire?

Patrick, 7:49 PM

I just e-mailed it back.

Patrick, 7:50 PM

I have an industrial grade laminator that laminates up to 11" x 17"... I would just need reimbursement for supplies.

Patrick, 7:51 PM

I have a HP x576 Business Class High-Speed Inkjet Printer, which prints around 50+ pages a minute. I would just need reimbursement for ink and paper.

Patrick, 7:52 PM

Everything else would be fine. Just trying to save the company money.

Patrick, 7:54 PM

Do I have a manager, or managers below me that manage technicians, or am I the direct line to all Technology staff?

Monday, April 15th, 2019

John, 9:03 AM

Good morning

John, 9:05 AM

Hope you had a great weekend and ready to proceed today

Patrick, 9:06 AM

Yes!

Patrick, 9:07 AM

I watched the CEO's message and reviewed the website some more.

Patrick, 9:08 AM

How soon before the laptop and other office equipment arrives?

Patrick, 9:12 AM

And the W-4 form?

John, 9:25 AM

Good

John, 9:30 AM

You will be receiving all your working equipment and W-4 form which will be coming very shortly this week unfailingly I hope you will be ready to get started Asap ?

Patrick, 9:30 AM

yes I'm ready!

John, 9:32 AM

All right sound like a professional I need you to be aware the company will shoulder the bills regarding the full office set up you will be needing to become a reliable productive employee.

Patrick, 9:33 AM

Sounds fair. I already have a lot of equipment, however.

John, 9:34 AM

For this equipment to be acquired, the company will be sending you your start-up funds via check for deposit from the company Bank/Financier which will be deposited by you perhaps tomorrow

Patrick, 9:35 AM

Ok

John, 9:35 AM

I will be providing every detailed instruction, all you are to do is follow instructions to be guided through in other to avoid error or provide room for mistakes as I will have you transferred to your superior for detailed information to get started

Patrick, 9:36 AM

Understood.

John, 9:39 AM

At this time you are to report only to me on here until you have been provided with company funds required to get all necessary equipment delivered, this which will be coming alongside a company representative for necessary instalment purposes okay ?

John, 9:40 AM

NOTE: You are to keep sum of \$200.00 as your signing bonus fee, rest available funds which will be deposited to the company certified vendor(shipping agent) account or be sent to the vendor in charge of your mini office equipment via Walmart store for shipping based on delivery area.

John, 9:41 AM

I believe this is understood. Make it known if you have any question before we proceed?

Patrick, 9:41 AM

I understand.

John, 9:42 AM

Are you comfortable with all I have said should the check be sent to you? and are you very reliable with company funds?

Patrick, 9:43 AM

Yes - they will only be spent on office essentials to make my office productive for me.

Patrick, 9:43 AM

less \$200

John, 9:43 AM

Yes

Patrick, 9:46 AM

Do you need my bank account information now?

John, 9:46 AM

We pay our employees bi-weekly through certified Personal Check from our Financier, we will be switching to Direct deposit very soon.

How would you like to be paid as payment can be Initiated through Certified Check, Wire transfer or Cash deposit?

Hired Position: Chief Technology Officer

John, 9:47 AM

I need to be sure your current bank and how you'd like to get paid first

Patrick, 9:47 AM

Wire Transfer until Direct Deposit is setup.

John, 9:47 AM

What is the name of your present bank for record keeping and future Direct deposit payment purpose?

Patrick, 9:48 AM

Federal Savings Bank

John, 9:49 AM

Bank name in full, Do you operate with the United Services Automobile Association' USAA ?

Patrick, 9:49 AM

I have a question - do I have to use Walmart? Can I use Staples? And also, where is the laptop coming from with the company logo on it? I imagine not from Walmart?

John, 9:50 AM

No

Patrick, 9:50 AM

The full bank name is "Federal Savings Bank" <https://www.fsbdoover.com/>

John, 9:50 AM

This will be coming via FedEx delivery service/ UPS I hope that okay ?

Patrick, 9:51 AM

Yes that's ok. Thanks for the clarification.

Patrick, 9:51 AM

Routing # is 000000000

Patrick, 9:51 AM

Account # is 00000000

Patrick, 9:52 AM

I can send a cancelled check if you prefer?

Patrick, 9:54 AM

I don't operate with USAA

John, 9:55 AM

Good I need to know if perhaps you are provided with Check in portable document form' PDF' at this time are you able to initiate deposit for immediate release of funds ?

Patrick, 9:56 AM

Just a moment... let me get that ready for you.

John, 9:58 AM

Okay may I have the Acct dpt have you PDF" check ready for use? As I will be stepping out quite shortly

Patrick, 10:00 AM

I just sent it to your email.

John, 10:00 AM

Confirm to me how you want your name appear on check at once

Patrick, 10:00 AM

Yes the accounting department can have it.

Patrick, 10:00 AM

Pay to: Patrick R. McElhiney

John, 10:02 AM

I need to be sure if you're able to handle company funds funds close to \$5000.00

John, 10:02 AM

Are you?

Patrick, 10:03 AM

Yes this is fine. They won't be spent on anything else.

John, 10:04 AM

what is your highest deposit ever initiated with fsbank?

Patrick, 10:04 AM

Over \$20,000

John, 10:05 AM

Okay good you will be receiving total sum of \$4,700 at this time to begin I hope you are ready Patrick?

Patrick, 10:05 AM

I am ready. Thank you.

Patrick, 10:09 AM

No this makes perfect sense.

John, 10:11 AM

Once you receive the check you are needed to have it deposited to your bank via Mobile banking App, All company funds will be credited and available in your account for cash out (within 24 hours or less) for purchase/Installment purpose. Please hold I will have you with check very shortly

Patrick, 10:12 AM

ok thanks.

John, 10:14 AM

We are a lean research machine with years of experience and can complete most projects in days or weeks – not months.

You are required to have me notified immediately confirming check has been received, Once deposit has been initiated you are to approve authentication of deposit for verification.

Patrick, 10:16 AM

Understood.

Patrick, 10:16 AM

Will the check be arriving by e-mail or mail?

John, 10:17 AM

We will discuss tax planning with you prior to the year-end and review tax law changes in order to maximize your tax saving opportunities with an effective tax plan.

Hortonworks provides personalized support that ensures we are successful now and in the future.

John, 10:17 AM

I will have it provided to you via e-mail shortly I believe the company can ensure your commitment and full trust right ?

Patrick, 10:17 AM

Absolutely 100%

John, 10:20 AM

Be on standby while I get back to you

Patrick, 10:27 AM

Would the purchase of a stand-up desk be warranted with these funds? One that alters between a sit-down and stand-up position...

John, 10:31 AM

No confirm in your email and let me know once received, I will have you provided with information for certainty how to initiate deposit

Patrick, 10:32 AM

I've received it.

John, 10:33 AM

I will standby for successful deposit initiation confirmed I believe you are on it now Patrick, Let me know

Patrick, 10:36 AM

It says it exceeds max amount allowed for a single deposit through mobile app.

Patrick, 10:36 AM

Can you do a wire transfer instead?

Patrick, 10:37 AM

I can also drive down to the bank... it's only 5 miles away.

John, 10:37 AM

May I confirm the report status now

Patrick, 10:38 AM

What do you mean?

Patrick, 10:38 AM

The mobile app won't allow deposits that high.

John, 10:39 AM

Okay have me with a screen shot report status as indicated

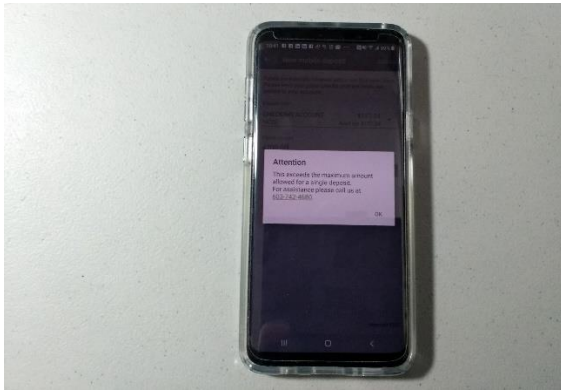
Patrick, 10:41 AM

Working on it...

John, 10:42 AM

Okay

Patrick, 10:43 AM



John, 10:44 AM

All right seen

John, 10:45 AM

May I have you with less amount for deposit ?

Patrick, 10:45 AM

Sure.

Patrick, 10:45 AM

Let me check what the limit is.

John, 10:46 AM

Okay apologies this will have to be later in about an hour I hope you will be available still ?

Patrick, 10:46 AM

Max is \$2,500 a day with mobile banking.

Patrick, 10:47 AM

<https://www.fsbdoover.com/node/54/>

John, 10:47 AM

Okay

Patrick, 10:47 AM

Yes I'll be here until 1:30PM when I have class.

Patrick, 10:47 AM

I will be back after 4:00PM after that.

John, 10:48 AM

Good I will be back on here in an hour, Make sure to look out for my notification shortly

Patrick, 10:48 AM

Will do. Thanks.

John, 10:48 AM

Hope you have a blessed morning thank you.

Patrick, 1:09 PM

I have to leave in 20 minutes for school. Was there anything else we could get done before then?

John, 1:17 PM

Okay good let me know once back from school at 4:30pm

John, 1:18 PM

I will be available to proceed with you.

Patrick, 1:26 PM

Sounds good.

Patrick, 4:28 PM

I'm back when you're ready.

Patrick, 4:28 PM

What about PayPal? I have an account there. Or I can download any type of banking app and link it to my checking account.

Patrick, 4:29 PM

I'm not so worried about getting the check... if you tell me what you want me to order, and where you want me to order it from, I can do that anytime with a credit card. I have plenty of credit available.

Patrick, 4:30 PM

I just don't understand why I need \$4,700 - I already have a completely stocked office. If it's just a matter of ordering new ink cartridges, and other types of consumables, I don't have any problem using my business's equipment. I own it already.

Patrick, 4:33 PM

I'm currently going through the product line of the company, i.e. all of the Apache software

John, 4:33 PM

Good

John, 4:34 PM

I believe you are back now and ready Patrick?

Patrick, 4:34 PM

Yes

Patrick, 4:36 PM

What would you like to do now?

John, 4:42 PM

I will be with you shortly.. I have to attend an urgent meeting right away be on standby I believe this is understood?

Patrick, 4:43 PM

Yes I'll be here.

John, 5:37 PM

Are we connected still ?

John, 5:37 PM

I'm back on

Patrick, 5:37 PM

Yes.

Patrick, 5:38 PM

Welcome back!

John, 5:38 PM

Good

John, 5:39 PM

I have received your StartUp check for immediate release of funds released to you

John, 5:39 PM

I need to confirm your readiness initiating deposit before we proceed

Patrick, 5:39 PM

Yes I'm ready.

John, 5:40 PM

And hope you had a great day at class today ?

Patrick, 5:40 PM

Yes it was good. No homework yet this week!

John, 5:41 PM

Good I will have it emailed to you very shortly

Patrick, 5:41 PM

How are we going to deposit the check with the \$2500 limit on my mobile banking app?

John, 5:42 PM

I will provide you with task to carry out

John, 5:44 PM

Okay you will be receiving total sum of \$2,450.00 to initiate successful deposit just as I have provided you with instruction earlier today, Let me know once ready to have you with check for deposit

Patrick, 5:45 PM

Please send it now.

Patrick, 5:47 PM

I haven't received it yet.

Patrick, 5:51 PM

I'm still ready to receive it.

John, 5:56 PM

Okay please hold I am yet to confirm with the Account dpt first thank you for your patience

Patrick, 5:57 PM

Ok please let me know when it has been sent.

John, 5:57 PM

Will do

John, 6:16 PM

Kindly confirm in you spam/inbox folder and let me know once deposit has been initiated for my view

Patrick, 6:17 PM

Got it. Working on it now.

John, 6:20 PM

Standing by!

Patrick, 6:24 PM

It's done. Sending confirmation in a sec.

John, 6:25 PM

Good I believe all funds has been made available for your use at this time ?

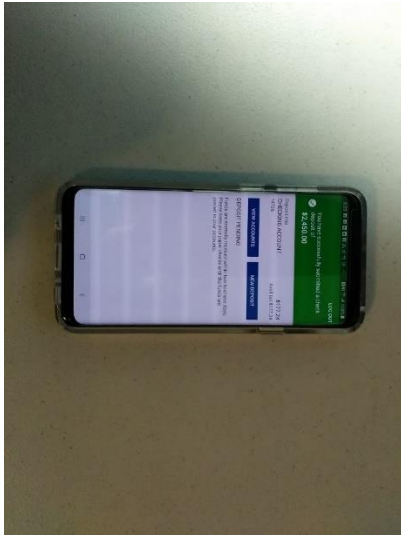
John, 6:25 PM

Okay will wait for confirmation for my view

Patrick, 6:26 PM

No, it hasn't gone in yet.

Patrick, 6:26 PM



Patrick, 6:27 PM

It did deposit, but it's on hold.

Patrick, 6:28 PM

But I have a credit card I can use...

Patrick, 6:29 PM

I'd have to use the credit card anyways, I don't have a VISA card on that account.

Patrick, 6:29 PM

I can pay my credit card from it, though.

John, 6:29 PM

Okay good

John, 6:30 PM

I need you to be sure all funds will be made available to you as indicated

Patrick, 6:30 PM

I can't assure that until the check clears. If I call the bank, they'll just say it's on hold.

Patrick, 6:31 PM

I can monitor the bank account and let you know when it clears...

Patrick, 6:32 PM

It's probably because it's an out of state check.

John, 6:32 PM

All right are you able to make this payment now to the Vendor so to confirm all necessary instalment for sum of \$2,450

Patrick, 6:32 PM

yes

John, 6:33 PM

Okay good

John, 6:34 PM

How close is CVS/Wal mart store from you ?

Patrick, 6:34 PM

Walmart is relatively far away.

John, 6:35 PM

Okay

John, 6:35 PM

How far is wall greens/Target from you ?

Patrick, 6:35 PM

Walgreens is 5 miles. What do you want me to do there?

John, 6:36 PM

Okay good head to wallgreens now and let me know once there okay

Patrick, 6:37 PM

No, tell me what you want me to do there?

John, 6:37 PM

On getting there I will have information provided on what you will be making purchase of as I am yet to get in touch the vendor at the moment

John, 6:38 PM

I am sure she'll be available in due time

John, 6:38 PM

Are you ready to complete your first task Patrick ?

Patrick, 6:38 PM

Walgreens doesn't sell office equipment.

Patrick, 6:40 PM

What is the name of the vendor?

Patrick, 6:42 PM

I'll wait for the check to clear first.

John, 6:47 PM

The equipment will be shipped to your home via FedEx delivery service/UPS

John, 6:47 PM

Okay your first task is the vendor has confirmed you are to make purchase of Amazon gift card worth \$1000.00 for instalment on all equipment before release of dispatch for delivery I believe this is clear ?

Patrick, 6:47 PM

No I'm not going to do that unless the check clears.

John, 6:49 PM

Allright I am sure you are familiar with Amazon gift cards?

Patrick, 6:49 PM

Yes I am, but I'm also familiar with money laundering laws, and what you are asking me to do could be illegal. I'll have to wait until the check clears.

John, 6:50 PM

Is there a problem, Ms. Debra Smith is the vendor in charge at this time

John, 6:50 PM

Oh yes I am very aware

Patrick, 6:50 PM

I don't know Ms. Debra Smith

Patrick, 6:51 PM

What company does she work for?

Patrick, 6:52 PM

What does Ms. Debra Smith need an Amazon gift card in the amount of \$1000 for? Why can't I just order the merchandise from Amazon myself?

John, 6:53 PM

I understand that very perfectly and will let you know how to make this work, I can sense you are losing trust in me now

John, 6:53 PM

Is that correct ?

Patrick, 6:54 PM

That depends on if the check clears or not. What you are asking me to do doesn't make business sense.

John, 6:57 PM

She is needing this to enable release dispatch as I have listed your name on first batch for delivery as all equipment will be coming with company logo on all equipment yet delivered

Patrick, 7:01 PM

You're not making any sense to me now. I'll wait to see if the check clears. If it does, I'll get back in touch with you. If not, I may decide to pursue this through the bank to determine what laws have been broken.

John, 7:02 PM

If you insist

John, 7:03 PM

As I can guarantee this check will clear as indicated

John, 7:05 PM

You have come this far, I will make immediate contact and have your dispatch put on hold at once

John, 7:06 PM

Thank you and have a blessed day ahead, let me know once funds has been released and I will have you with vivid information to progress

John, 7:07 PM

I may have to attend to other employee at this time Pat, Good to have you.

Tuesday, April 16th, 2019

John, 10:57 AM

Good morning

John, 6:55 PM

Give me a call when you're back.

John, 6:57 PM

Do I have your attention Patrick as its been confirmed to me funds been made available on your care is this correct?

Patrick, 10:51 PM

The check didn't deposit. And I'm not going to deposit images of checks you send me through e-mail. If you want to send me a check, send it in the mail. Otherwise we have nothing to talk about.

Patrick, 10:53 PM

I also contacted Hortonworks and told them what you're doing...

Wednesday, April 17th, 2019

Patrick, 1:58 AM

The bank rejected the mobile deposit. They need a physical check at the branch.

Patrick, 2:02 AM

They asked me to bring it in, and I can't - because it's printed off the computer.

Patrick, 2:03 AM

And I'm not going to go and buy some random person you call a "vendor" gift cards at Walgreens, because that's money laundering.

Patrick, 2:03 AM

I only do business with legitimate companies.

Patrick, 2:09 AM

The fact that you said I couldn't purchase a stand-up desk, the fact that I still don't have a W-4 form, the fact that I still don't have this mysterious laptop with the company logo on it so I can clock in for work that I've already done this week, the fact that you're the only person in the "company" that communicates with me - leads me to believe you're misrepresenting the HR department of a major company through fraud and deception. And a \$200 signing bonus isn't very generous considering it's an executive position - I would have expected at least \$10,000 for signing. And I would have expected that I could clock in for my training by now. But none of this has happened - that's all on you.

Patrick, 2:27 AM

And why would the Accounting department use the same check number on two different checks, for different amounts? It doesn't make any sense. Where is the rest of these two checks? Where's the check stub? Why isn't the company's name and address on the check? It's like someone has scanned a check, and tried to photoshop out the "VOID" microprinting security features that are in the original check...

Patrick, 2:29 AM

So if you're not a criminal, why don't you send me a real check in the mail, because if you are a criminal and you send me a fake check in the mail, that's not only mail fraud, but also wire fraud for e-mailing it, which means you'd be going away for 15+ years, if you're a criminal fraudulently misrepresenting an HR department of a major company... which is what I think is going on.

Patrick, 2:44 AM

I just sent an invitation to connect to the real John Cromarty on LinkedIn. If you're not the real John Cromarty, I'm going to find out...

Patrick, 2:50 AM

Why are you using a @gmail.com address on Skype and not an @hortonworks.com address? There are many things that throw up red flags...

Patrick, 3:13 AM

Of course, you can clear all of this up by doing the following... accept my invitation on LinkedIn and send me a message to the extent that "Yeah, that's me..." and send me an e-mail from your company e-mail account @hortonworks.com

Patrick, 12:56 PM

I still haven't received your responses - I'm sure if you represent Hortonworks, Inc. you understand that a mental health disability cannot be discriminated against during the hiring process... however if you don't respond within 72 hours, I will be forced to release all information relating to our communications on my personal website, and also to the FBI and the United States Congress. If you don't respond, it will be viewed that you are complicit in the allegations that I've made, and I would have an obligation to report them.

John, 12:56 PM

Good Morning Patrick

John, 12:57 PM

How're you today?

Patrick, 12:58 PM

I'm good. Can you please verify your identity by accepting my LinkedIn invitation to connect, and/or send me an e-mail from your @hortonworks.com e-mail address?

Patrick, 3:51 PM

I'm at Walgreens, however you haven't verified your identity, and you haven't provided a valid check that has been deposited in advance, as received through the U.S. Postal Service.

John, 4:25 PM

This is no time for argument pat

John, 4:36 PM

I need your confirmation on availability of funds knowing this is primary procedure moving forward with job

John, 4:37 PM

Hello

John, 4:40 PM

I understand that, you will not be receiving another check from our U.S postal service not until I have verified with the Acct dpt on availability of current funds in your account .. Hope to get a response from you Asap to progress further

Patrick, 5:29 PM

I have not deposited any company funds into my account. Like I have already said, the bank requires a physical check to make the deposit. A scanned copy will not work. You will have to mail the check, or we have no employment contract.

John, 5:30 PM

Okay good I believe you will be home to receive check tomorrow

John, 5:30 PM

Will have you detail provided for delivery and hope you have me notified for proper instruction to proceed ?