

**Subject:** Blackberry 8700 on Rogers - \$100 (Craigslist)

Obvious scam right away but I was bored at work so this happened...

<b>3/21/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b>	is the item still up for sale and still in good condition mail me as soon as possible> thanks
<b>3/21/2009</b> <b>Me</b>	Someone will be picking it up today. If it doesn't go through I'll let you know.
<b>3/22/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b>	Thanks for the reply, i really want to buy this item for my son as a gift.who was just graduated from metropolitan university for the excursion. also, he will be traveling down to the west Africa. for the master degrees course in west Africa.again i will like to buy this item for him as a gift for him and i will pay \$200 for the item and i will pay \$100 for the shipping cost and i will like you to ship out the item with USPS global express mail services. so do get back to me with your paypal id so that i can make the payment as soon as possible..delete the posting for i will definitely buy the item from you.. .do get back to me with this details full name .and if you can get back to me with your paypal id am going to make the payment right away cos this item is very urgent to my son.....bye for now and hope to read from you later
<b>3/24/2009</b> <b>Me</b>	Sorry, got busy. Where will this be shipping to? Make sure to provide the address. My paypal account is "(removed)" Thanks
<b>At this point the scammer sent a fake PayPal notice to me with a note saying the payment won't show up in my account until the shipment is verified.</b>	
<b>3/24/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b>	i have made the already kindly send me the tracking number...then your account will be credited here is the address for you to send the item my son will be waiting for the item mail me as soon as you have shipped the item then your account will be credited thanks for your faithfulness... here is the information.. name..dare akindele address...sw8/782a,College Crescent OyoState,Ibadan Nigeria zip cod.....23402  thanks
<b>3/24/2009</b> <b>Me</b>	You need to send the money first.
<b>3/24/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b>	i have made the payment already go and check your paypal ...the fund has been deducted from my account and will be credited as soon as you ship the item and you send me the tracking number.....or to the paypal customer care service pls mail me as soon as possible
<b>3/24/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b>	hi i have made the payment kindly send me the information as soon as possible... mail me the tracking number note..post it via USPS global express mail service thanks
<b>3/24/2009</b> <b>Me</b>	Thanks, I see that now. I need access to the funds though in order to ship the item as it is expensive. I got a price from Fedex as USPS is not available here. They say it will cost \$53.87 CAD to ship it. If you can release that amount for shipping, or could you send an instant paypal payment without requiring a tracking number, I could send that back to you once the other funds clear.
<b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b>	try to ship the item and you will have your account credited as soon as you shipped the item..pls i need you to act fast about this cause my son is waiting for the item and i will not allow any delay in this kindly send the item to him...i can make an instant fund due to scam alert ..i have been scammed several times ..i don't want this to happen this time again.. pls mail me when you have ship the item and i will contact paypal to credit your account NOTE... ship the item via usps global express mail service...my son is need of the item...

<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>hi my son kept calling me today saying he have not gotten the item..pls i need you to act fast about this...kindly mail me the shipping number so i can send it to him...then he will know i have bought the the black berry for him..then he will know i love him.... pls help i love my son so much...but he thinks i dont love him pls mail me</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>I'd like to help but I simply cannot afford to ship the phone. That's why I would need the shipping amount right away.</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>why cant you borrow the money for the shipment after which i will send you an additional 100dollar to your paypal account...after you have ship the item pls the reason why i am giving you another 100dollar is for you to ship as soon as possible..my son sent me a bad mail saying i lied to him...asking me if really i was his mother...this really makes me feel bad..pls a mother like me...i am feeling sorry for my self...kindly pls ship the item to him and send me the tracking number.....pls ship it via usps global express mail service....the black berry is very important to my son and very important to our relationship...pls act fast about this i an begging you with the name of GOD...i will send you 100dollar as soon as i have the tracking number...pls help me out</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>I apologize for these delays. I have taken your advice and borrowed the shipping funds temporarily to cover the cost. I trust we can work out an arrangement with this. The USPS people gave me "Label/Receipt Number: 8259 4703 51" as the shipping number. How do I send this to paypal to clear the other funds? Thx</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>hi i find so uneasy for me to track the item ...at USPS.com i will like you send me the tracking number again as it was given o you at USPS OFFICE..and i hope it was shipped via express mail service... mail me as soon as possible..i am going to send you another 100dollar cause i am a woman of my words..kindly act fast about this.....</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>sorry for disturbing you...i am on my way to make the payment..kindly resend the tracking number according to how it was given to you by USPS global service..it is like son is having some problems in tracking the item.....i want tom confirm this before i make the further payment of another 100dollar...i need you to act fast about this</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>It seems something bad has happened with the shipment. After trying the tracking number in the computer 10 times it finally gave me a message saying it is held for payment! I wasn't sure what was going on so I phoned USPS and they say the credit card I entered when doing the shipping (it was my friends credit card) has no funds left.. Please see the attached picture of the error. I'm sorry about this. My friend's credit card is around \$15 short for the shipping charge!! How silly is that. Can you please send a quick instant paypal payment so I can apply it to the credit card and have the shipping completed? THX!</p>
<p><b>Here I took a screenshot of a USPS tracking page and photoshopped something about the shipment being on hold due to payment issues.</b></p>	
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>why are you doing this to me...i have been scammed so many times kindly send the item and pay for the shipping and i have promised you another 100dollar will credited to your account pls help me in doing i want the item shipped today ...my son is really waiting.this has been delayed for long.....pls find every means possible for you to ship this item and i will be able to pay you your money .....now</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>I'm so sorry, but I simply don't have the resources to complete this myself. All I need to finish this is enough money to cover the shipping charge and then we can work out the other payment details after. I'm more than happy to stick with the original price we agreed upon before, but I was going to rely on it to cover shipping cost. This is why I'm selling this stuff. Now the phone is in the hands of USPS so we must find a way to finish the deal.</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>kindly look around for the rest of the fund...i have no money on me now i have spent all i had in satisfying my son.....i will only have money by Friday morining..i am promising you that as soon as you finish this shipping i will send your money to you..here is the quote my son sent to me some minute ago h say..... &lt;mum why are doing this to me..is it because dad is dead that is why you are not paying attention to me anymore...mummy i hate you&gt;  i felt sad reading this mail cause this black berry very important to him.... pls kindly act fast about this i am feeling very sad</p>

<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>It deeply saddens me that we are stuck in this situation. Unfortunately I am faced with a similar family problem as my brother's healthcare insurance is no longer valid and he sustained a serious injury. My family is attempting to pool our money together to cover the overdue hospital bills. I won't get into the specifics as it is somewhat irrelevant, but rectal inversion surgery is quite expensive. This is why I'm trying to sell all the stuff I don't use. Believe me I'd like to get this settled but honestly I have nothing left in my wallet. I'm sure we can find it in eachothers hearts to complete this sale.</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>what are we going to do for i dont have any money on me...pls as a man kindly handle the situation for me for i am fed up and depressed..i dont want my son to kill himself.. kindly handle this for me////MAY GOD GRANT YOUR BROTHER A QUICK RECOVERY I WILL START PRAYING FOR HIM</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>does that mean USPS cant ship the item?</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>Hi, I offer my apologies to you for the stress caused by your son. USPS has the item right now but they are holding it since my friend's credit card was declined when they tried to charge it. I am stuck as I cannot pay to have it released. I also thank you for your prayers for my brother. I'm sure he greatly appreciates it as right now he has not much to look forward to each day other than the horrible anal pains and discharge associated with his surgery. Please let me know what is best to do now.</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>cant look around for any one you can borrow the money for ...for i know the money will be a little amount of money..pls look around for the money i beg you</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>Hi, on your advice I tried phoning some people I used to know but they were not interested in helping me. There is some bad tension between me and most of my old friends because a few years ago I got high on the reefer and slept with my friend's wife while disguised as colonel sanders (the KFC guy). She thought it was my friend all this time until I hosted a banquet at my house and stumbled out of the kitchen wearing the costume after consuming some excellent chardonnay. Needless to say, very few people grant me favors since that happened. I can keep trying but I don't know how fast I can get this together. Any luck on your end?</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>i tried to call my boss.....but he told he cant give any money cause the last money he gave me was the one i used in paying for the black berry..he said will give me more money on friday evening i will keep trying my best...you keep trying keep me in touch mail me as soon as possible i need the item shipped today..please</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>Thank you for the update. I will keep trying. Tonight I'll be at the hospital holding the discharge bucket for my brother so I may be a little slow responding to e-mails until tomorrow. Lets hope for some good news.</p>
<p><b>3/25/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>ok kindly help to ship the item and tell me as soon as you have ship the item..my son will be waiting for it..kindly do this today..i don't want any delay i wish good luck...wish your brother a quick recovery..... expecting your mail</p>
<p><b>3/26/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>what is really holding you down in shipping the item...my son is waiting all night for the tracking number ...why are you doing this to me after promising you another 100dollar ..and after all this ...is this how you are willing to reward me...pls i m begging my son needs the phone now... i am on my knees..i think i can trust you but why are you acting funny kindly act fast about this mail me as soon as possible</p>
<p><b>3/26/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>As per our conversation yesterday, I did in fact ship the phone but it is held by USPS due to me running out of money. If you really want this to go through, I badly need the extra \$15 to clear the package out of here. My friend, you see, is so stupid and he forgot his credit card was almost at the max. He has always been pretty dumb, which is probably why he hasn't figured out I go to his house every weekend and motorboat his sister (among other things, some of which are illegal in many US states!!!). Please help me out with this so we can finish.</p>

<p><b>3/27/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>thanks for all you have done...it has been so kind of you...i understand that shipping tp west Africa is very costly .....my so is back from Africa...he is now with my brother in new jersey kindly ship the item to him to him at this address below....that will be less costly kindle send me the tracking number...i never forgot the 100dollar i promised you...kindly act fast about this..i am still praying for your brother may god grant him good health..amen mail me as soon as possible thanks below is my brother address NAME-James Oriola ADDRESS -62 wilson pl City,           irvington State           new jersey ZIP CODE....07111</p>
<p><b>3/27/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>Hi, I'll call up USPS to get the phone back from their warehouse. I'll let you know how it goes.</p>
<p><b>3/28/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>Ok thanks for your faithfulness in this transaction...i will want you to act fast about this....i will keep on praying for your brother...how is his health...think he is feeling better.....kindle ship the phone via USPS global express mail service...after you have done this...your account will be credited and i will pay another 100dollar into your account thanks for all you have done ...may the lord bless you and grant your brother good health</p>
<p><b>3/28/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>the reason why i mailed is to know what is going on about the phone..i hope you are able to ship it out today.....kindly act fast about this...i will will be waiting for your mail...i don't want this to take any longer...i will keep on praying for your brother i hope he recover quickly... thanks for all you have done for me....my son is still angry with me...but i think the phone will work the magic on him....he is just behaving like a kid....i will be waiting for your mail....below is my son address NAME-James Oriola ADDRESS -62 Wilson pl City, irvington State new jersey ZIP CODE....07111.....</p>
<p><b>3/29/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>hi i think you said you will mail as the shipping goes...what is really happening pls tell me or are you trying to scam me or what are you trying to do....i think you should have ship the item... what is really holding you down...mail me as soon as possible</p>
<p><b>After the previous responses and the new address in New Jersey I did some poking around with Google street view to see what the house looked like...</b></p>	
<p><b>3/29/2009</b> <b>Me</b></p>	<p>Hi, I'm waiting for USPS to give the item back to me. They couldn't do this over the weekend. On a side note, a friend of mine actually lives in Irvington, NJ and I felt so bad about the whole situation that I asked him to send my apology personally. He went to find the house but it was a little dark and he couldn't see exactly which one it was. Is it the small yellow house with the air conditioner in the window or is it the one to the right with the satellite dish above the front door? Let me know because I would like my friend to deliver my apology to him.</p>
<p><b>3/29/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>no need for the apology..i never forgot that USPS doesn't work on weekends kindly ship the item to day...OK... by the way HOW IS YOUR BROTHER HEALTH HOPE HE IS GETTING BETTER MAIL ME WITH THE TRACKING NUMBER</p>
<p><b>3/30/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>where you able to ship the phone today..cause this is taking a bit longer i will like you to mail as everything id going..i am not having easy with myself.....</p>
<p><b>3/31/2009</b> <b>Nigerian scammer</b></p>	<p>hi what is really wrong with the shipping cause you said you will mail me as everything goes...what is really going on...why are you doing this to me....i have been so fair enough and you know i don't deserve this ...pls tell me what is going on...for the love of GOD</p>

**3/31/2009**

**Me**

LINDA! My dear, I am so very sorry. There is some terrible news about the blackberry! As luck would have it, I was able to pick up the blackberry from USPS this morning without any issue. So today I put the new shipping label on it and left it on the kitchen table. THIS IS WHERE IT ALL GOES WRONG!!! As you may have noticed, I have quite a feisty personality. When combining this with the woes of suburban living, I would surely go insane! Never fear though, as I keep many exotic pets in my house to keep me totally cool. But today terror struck... MY PET GIRAFFE ATE YOUR BLACKBERRY. I'm so sorry. I think this is the end. The blackberry is now in the stomach of my pet giraffe.

Oddly enough had no more e-mails after this...