

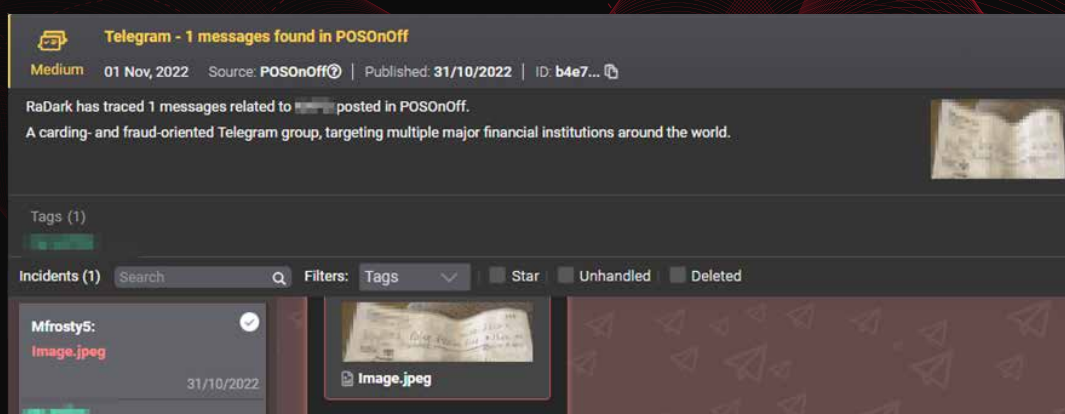
### PREVENTING FRAUD WITH KELA'S CYBERCRIME INTELLIGENCE PLATFORM

#### Background

As part of an ongoing automated cybercrime attack surface monitoring for a KELA customer – a **US Law Enforcement Agency**, KELA's Cybercrime Intelligence Platform detected an **image of a check** from a **fraud-dedicated Telegram group**. The check was **written by a police officer** from the agency, to the **pension fund of the agency** under one of its name iterations. As each name iteration of the agency was set in advance as a **monitored organizational asset**, the one on the check got detected using KELA's platform's **text extraction** capabilities.

#### The risk – a police officer's financial details in the wrong hands

The PII (Personal Identifiable Information), including bank account details, of a police officer is now in the hands of a cybercriminal that offers the check for sale. The check can be sold to forgers who can forge checks with the police officer's details and withdraw money from their bank account or monetize it by selling forged checks to other threat actors in the cybercrime underground. KELA's Cybercrime Intelligence Platform automatically notified the agency about the threat, allowing them to take immediate action and mitigate the risk.



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Following the findings, the agency was able to identify and contact the police officer who wrote the check and remediate the threat.

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It turned out that the officer dropped the check in a mailbox on the street. It was then stolen or photographed by the criminal.

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The agency informed the United States Postal Service about the case.

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The United States Postal Service issued a public warning about dropping checks in postal boxes – to encourage people to drop their checks directly in USPS branches.

#### Preventing Fraud with KELA's Cybercrime Intelligence Platform

- KELA's Cybercrime Intelligence Platform's real-time monitoring capability alerted about a stolen check associated with a US Law Enforcement Agency.
- The findings enabled the customer to contact the officer and remediate the threat.
- As a result, the customer was able to protect one of its own and prevent potential fraud.

