

**From:** pat macan <patmacan@██████████>  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2006 8:51 pm  
**Subject:** Inquiry

Mr Gallagher,

It has come to my attention that your name is being used to harbour viruses that are being transmitted through the electronic mail network.

I thought it was equally important to advise you of this deception as it is to inquire why you believe your name might be used as a host for such a purpose.

Please excuse my intrusion but I hope you understand my interest as much as I look forward to your reply.

With respect and sincerity,

Pat Macan

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**From:** gallagherb3@██████████  
**Date:** Thu, 02 Feb 2006 12:24:40 -0500  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry

Mr, Macan

I am sorry it took so long for me to respond to you, i do not know why someone maybe using my name for a virus. This is my school email, i apologize for any inconvenience, i will try too contact someone and try to rectify the problem.

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**From:** "Brian Gallagher" <brian@██████████>  
**Date:** Wed, 1 Feb 2006 21:08:38 -0800  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry

Pat,

I have no idea why my name would be used for this purpose. I have completed a full scan of my system and it is virus free.

Thank you for your concern.

Brian W. Gallagher  
 Tarbell, Realtors  
 951-375-6260  
 email: brian@██████████

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**From:** Brian Gallagher <brian@██████████>  
**Date:** Mon, 19 Dec 2005 07:51:26 -0500  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry

Pat,

Thanks for your email. I doubt that I have been singled out by any particular virus. Most modern viruses spread by making up email addresses either at random, from the domain name of the current user, or from scanning a users' inbox, and sending our their emails with this created or forged address.

Old viruses used to use the infected users' email address, but virus writers realized that people would write back and tell the machine's owners that their machine were infected. Recent viruses all forge the From address in the emails so that it is more difficult to notify the owner of the infection.

If you look at the original headers in the virus email, usually the Recived: header line with the earliest date/time stamp will contain the IP address of actual infected machine, and you can try to find the owner from there, though there is frequently no way of identifying the particular user to tell them.

I hope this answers your questions. If you have any questions, please feel to ask. :-)

Happy Holidays,

- Brian

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**From:** noreply@██████████  
**Date:** Mon, 19 Dec 2005 00:57:56 -0800 (PST)  
**Subject:** Spam Arrest Verification Confirmation

Thank you for verifying your email address with Spam Arrest!

Your email has been forwarded to BG Innovations (and subsidiaries)'s inbox. All of your future emails to BG Innovations (and subsidiaries) will also be delivered directly into their inbox.

You can protect your own email account using Spam Arrest.

Please visit our website to learn more, and signup for a completely free account!

<http://www.spamarrest.com/affi?659007/>

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**From:** "BG Innovations (and subsidiaries)" <bginnovations@██████████>  
**Date:** Mon, 19 Dec 2005 00:45:21 -0800 (PST)  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry (verification)

SHORT VERSION:

This is the spam-protection service for DiamondSea, VirtCert, BGInnovations and associated services.

Please click on the link below to identify your mail as legitimate mail (not spam).

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Brian Gallagher at 1-800-604-1476 and we will be happy to help you.

If you would like assistance in setting up a spam prevention solution for you or your business, let us know and we can help.

Thank you.

Please click the link below to complete the verification process. You will only have to do this once.

<http://www.spamarrest.com/a2?AwH5ZQN3BwcjLKEgLJAuoxO5LJuioI5wo20j>

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<http://www.spamarrest.com/affi?659007/>

# Brian Gallagher