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Re: Demand to Cease and Desist Use of State of Alaska's Official Seal and State of Alaska Website

To whom it may concern:

It has come to our attention that the website www.crackho.com has hijacked a State of Alaska webpage. Featured on this webpage is the official seal of the State of Alaska.

Alaska law prohibits the use of the official seal of the State of Alaska without permission. AS 44.09.015(a). Violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or six months imprisonment. AS 44.09.015(b).

The use of an official state website without permission is a violation of the federal Copyright Act. 17 U.S.C. § 101, *et seq*.

Please cease and desist use of the State of Alaska's official seal and official state website immediately.

We intend to pursue this matter to the full extent permitted by law.

Sincerely,

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