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Capstone Research, Inc. has become aware of a fraudulent e-mail phishing scam being sent to the general public under the Capstone name. There are several variants of the scam letters purporting to offer payments for completing a 'Secret Shopper' study after the recipient replies with their personal information. After replying, the recipient receives a second e-mail notifying them that they have been accepted into the study and that a package with their first assignment will be shipped to the address provided.

Capstone Research, Inc. does not offer 'Secret Shopper' opportunities to the general public. 'Secret Shoppers' employed by CRI have been thoroughly instructed and trained in the proper procedures to complete their assignments. If you would like apply to become a 'Secret Shopper', please visit our CAREERS page and submit your information.

If you have already received such e-mails, you are advised to terminate all further contact with the scammers, and in the event that you have sent them funds, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately. You can also file a complaint with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), through the following website: http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx