

I have my google mail forwarded to my AOL mail, because I find checking my AOL mail faster and easier. On Oct 6, 2011, I received several DAEMON MAILER email messages in my AOL account, from my google account, indicating to me that my emails had been returned. The only problem was, I hadn't sent any email from that account. I realized my google account had been hacked, so I immediately tried to sign on in order to change my password. To my surprise google had already noticed the "unusual activity" and locked me out of my email. In order for me to use my google account again, I needed to provide google with a phone number, to which they would text a security code. Skeptical to give google my cell number, I gave them my online text number, through pinger.com. Pinger is a website that provides an online text service, that allows me to send and receive texts to and from cell phones and other pinger users, but if you try to call my pinger number, you get a recorded message explaining that it is a text-only number. Then I receive an email alert from pinger that says, "You got a message from 'XXX-XXX-XXXX,'" in the subject line, then the email message says, "I just tried calling you at your pinger number..." Well almost immediately after providing google with my pinger number, I started getting at least four or more email alerts per day from pinger.com, telling me that someone tried to call me at my pinger number. Prior to giving google my pinger number, I received a total of two calls from numbers that I did not recognize, in all the months that I have been using pinger. I filed a complaint with my state's Attorney General, and registered my pinger number with the national do-not-call list, but continue to get several calls daily.