



## **Nigeria e-mail scammers arrested**

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The Associated Press reported that the Dutch police in Amsterdam have arrested 52 people suspected of defrauding internet users in one of the largest arrests in the “Nigerian e-mail” scam.

Robert Meulenbroek, spokesman for the Amsterdam prosecutor’s office, said the ring is believed to be responsible for swindling millions of dollars from victims in the United States as well as Japan, England, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland.

A task force of 80 officers raided 23 apartments, seizing computers, fake passports and \$62,000 in cash.

In May 2004, six people involved in a similar case were convicted in Amsterdam, receiving sentences of up to 4.5 years. Other arrests have been made in Australia, Canada and the United States in recent years.

[http://www.wired.com/news/ebiz/0,1272,62124,00.html?tw=wn\\_tophead\\_5](http://www.wired.com/news/ebiz/0,1272,62124,00.html?tw=wn_tophead_5)