

# Spears, DeGeneres Twitpic accounts hacked

June 29 2009

---

(AP) -- Hackers have broadcast bogus information about celebrities including Britney Spears and Ellen DeGeneres after breaking into their Twitpic accounts.

The Internet messaging system shut down part of its service after the hacking was discovered Sunday because of what the Charleston, S.C.-based company described as a "vulnerability" in the mobile posting system.

Twitpic Inc. said to disregard a message from Spears' account that incorrectly said the singer had died, and they were "implementing a fix immediately."

Twitpic is a program that allows users of Twitter to share photographs. It is not owned by Twitter Inc.

Emails to Noah Winecoff at Twitpic and the press office at San Francisco-based [Twitter](#) were not immediately returned Sunday.

*©2009 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.*

Citation: Spears, DeGeneres Twitpic accounts hacked (2009, June 29) retrieved 27 April 2024 from <https://phys.org/news/2009-06-spears-degeneres-twitpic-accounts-hacked.html>

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.