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Scam Artists Spending Money on Scams

Tamuning, Guam- Scam artists out of Malaysia are putting money into their attempts to rob local island businesses and consumers of their hard earned cash and identities.

A local businessman received postal mail originating from Malaysia. Enclosed in the envelope was a typed letter from a “Mrs. Wang Lili Zaizi,” who implored the Guam businessman to contact her and provide his personal contact information.

“Although this scam is something that we have seen before, it is worrisome that these con artists are actually spending money to try and trick residents into believing its legitimacy by sending letters via postal mail. It means they are generating enough money from these scams to purchase postage stamps and other materials to lure more consumers into their trap,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

The scam, much like the ones already circulating around the Island, alleges that Mrs. Zaizi works for a financial security institute based out of Malaysia and that an “abandoned sum of 45.7million U.S. dollars” is currently sitting in a safety deposit vault after a “foreign customer Mr. Sue Shwett” died in a car accident in Malaysia. The letter further alleges that there is no benefactor to the money because they, too, died in the car accident. The letter indicates that the local businessman is being contacted because he is of the same country of the deceased.

The letter then states that because Mrs. ZaiZai has insider information, she “would be dedicated to making sure I feed you with all possible documentation and information required for the approval and release of these funds,” in exchange for \$27.42million of the \$45.7 million, or about 60% of the total sum.

“The attempt of this scammer to strike a deal that evades proper, legal, and legitimate monetary transactions should raise a large red flag to island consumers and business people,” said AG Rapadas.

“I’ve said this over and over again, if it is too good to be true, it probably is. Residents should not respond to letters of these types and should immediately forward it to my Office or to the postal inspector,” he finished.

To report these scams and variations of it, please contact **Bernie Alvarez, Consumer Advocate for the Office of the Attorney General at 475-3324 or email her at: balvarez@guamag.org.**

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