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### **AG Rapadas Alerts Residents of Text Message Scams**

*Hagatna, Guam-* This morning, the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Consumer Claims Unit received initial reports from suspicious island residents that have been receiving text messages from either an alleged Nokia Mobile USA promotion agent or a T-Mobile USA promotion agent stating that they have won \$2 million dollars.

"This is absolutely a scam and I strongly advise the island community to disregard these text messages. Report them to our office and delete them after," said Bernie Alvarez, OAG Consumer Claims Advocate.

The alleged Nokia promotion agent gave reference number 1862 to local consumers and asked for a name, passport and driver's license number, age, address, cell phone number, occupation and email address. Also requested were consumer's bank names, account numbers, branch codes and swift numbers.

"While many of us are concerned and uneasy about giving out our bank account information, oftentimes we think giving out our names, address and things of that nature is not a big deal. Well, it is. These swindlers will take your information and utilize it in another scam down the road. They will legitimize their scams with your information," said Alvarez.

Based on the text messages, self-professed T-Mobile promotions agent Dan W. gave local consumers reference number 1190 with instructions to email [tmusaagent@usa.com](mailto:tmusaagent@usa.com) or call: +27837541515 to claim their winnings.

"These are not legitimate promotions. This is a scam to rob you of your identity and your hard-earned money," said Attorney General Rapadas.

"I will reiterate over and over again: if it's too good to be true, it probably is."

Double check for legitimacy and look at the official website of these companies and when in doubt, do not send any information whatsoever.

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“It seems like people are paying attention to the fraud alerts and reporting those they suspect are scams,” AG Rapadas said. “I’d like to thank everyone for that and ask that everybody continues to report them.”

Consumers are asked to report all text messages, emails, and phone calls of a fraudulent nature to Bernie Alvarez, Consumer Claims Unit Advocate, at [balvarez@guamattorneygeneral.com](mailto:balvarez@guamattorneygeneral.com); or call 475-3324 ext. 3340

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