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International Bank Vaults Courier Services - Mr Trevor Penny - F.S.C Public Warnings

This notice is issued by the Financial Supervision Commission ("the Commission") in accordance with the powers conferred upon it under Section 30 of the Financial Services Act 2008.

The Commission has recently become aware of correspondence which is purported to have been sent by Trevor Penny of a purported company called International Bank Vaults Courier Services (IBVCS) using the address 2nd Floor Millennium House, Victoria Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Following initial email contact with an individual the company are offering to courier a large sum of money for the individuals own benefit following the advance payment of a 'shipping fee'. The individual is not aware that they were entitled to any funds and it is thought that this information is fabricated to illicit the payment.

It is highly likely that once the advanced shipping fee has been cashed then there would be no further contact from the purported company IBVCS.

Documentation supplied by the purported company IBVCS show that it is located at the aforementioned address in Douglas, Isle of Man. It also has a link to the website www.ibvcs.com

The Commission wishes to draw attention to the following observations:

Millennium House, Victoria Road, Douglas, Isle of Man is a genuine Isle of Man address. Neither of the genuine companies operating from that address have any connection whatsoever with the purported company IBVCS or Mr Trevor Penny

The Commission has established no association between the above entities and any genuine Isle of Man companies.

The Commission has established no genuine links between the above entities and the Isle of Man.

Under the circumstances, the Commission would strongly urge persons considering dealing with these potentially fraudulent entities to exercise the greatest possible caution before proceeding, bearing in mind the contents of this public notice.

Under the circumstances the Commission feels that the approach that was made to the potential victim was to tempt the recipient into becoming the victim of an Advanced Fee Fraud – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/westafricanfraud.xml

OR

Is an attempt at gaining personal data from the recipient in order to steal their identity – see explanatory notice issued by the Commission at:

http://www.fsc.gov.im/ViewNews.gov?menuid=10222&page=lib/news/fsc/identitytheft.xml

Also see information issued by the Isle of Man Office of the Data Protection Supervisor at:

http://www.gov.im/lib/news/odps/yourinformationy.xml

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings with the above entities and have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689311 or by e-mail to fsc@gov.im.

Any persons who have paid funds to the above entities should contact their local Police Fraud Unit without delay.

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