

Andrew Turnpike - 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 22 of the Financial Supervision Act 1988.

Andrew Turnpike Suspicious Emails

The Commission has recently become aware of email correspondence received by members of the Public purporting to have been sent by the above named individual.

Within the correspondence, which shows the mailing address " Ridgeway Street, IM99 1BU, Ramsey, Isle of Man, ", the above named individual claims to be "Chairman, Audit Committee, of our bank in Ramsey, Isle of Man".

The correspondence claims that the bank are holding "a huge sum of money" from a client in Spain "who later died as a result of a car crash" The recipient of the correspondence is purported to share a surname with the purported deceased Spanish client and their assistance is requested by the sender to "stand in as next of kin" in order to gain access to the alleged funds.

The correspondence contains the following purported telephone number of "the bank":
0044-870-133-4013

The Commission wishes to draw attention to the following observations regarding the aforementioned email correspondence:

There is no Ridgeway Street in Ramsey, Isle of Man.

The postcode quoted in the email is that of a genuine licence holder of the Commission.

There is no "Chairman, Audit Committee" or other employee by the name of Andrew Turnpike now or formerly employed by the genuine licence holder of the Commission to which the quoted postcode genuinely relates.

The correspondence referred to above did not originate from the genuine licence holder of the Commission to which the postcode relates.

The telephone number quoted on the correspondence and listed above is not an Isle of Man number. The number quoted does not relate to the genuine licence holder of the Commission to which the quoted postcode relates.

Under the circumstances the Commission feels that this email correspondence is being issued to either tempt the recipient into becoming the victim of an Advance 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 are 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>)

Under the circumstances the Commission would encourage people receiving email correspondence matching the above description to refrain from responding to it in any way.

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings resulting from correspondence matching the above description and have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689313 or by email to fsc@gov.im.

Any persons who have paid out funds in relation to correspondence matching the above description or who have provided personal financial details in relation to correspondence matching the above description should consider contacting their local police fraud unit without delay.

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