RCIPS Financial Crimes Unit Warns of Two New Scams

Just ahead of the end of the year, the RCIPS Financial Crimes Unit (FCU) would like to warn the public of two reports of scams that have recently come to its attention.

The first scam has been perpetrated via Instagram by a person purportedly named Georgia McLaughlin and using the profile name Georgia_ cash_investment. The victim in a complaint filed with the FCU was introduced to a scheme called "Flip Cash" by "Ms. McLaughlin", who told the victim that other people in Cayman had profited greatly from this scheme, which could double or even triple an initial deposit in a short amount of time through an investment. (Once the deposit is "invested", substantial returns would supposedly be sent to the victim). A website was also provided for Flip Cash as www.flipcash.com (not functional). A very convincing aspect of this scam is that one of the victim's Instagram friends was then consulted to provide a testimonial about the lucrative returns of Flip Cash. This testimonial was provided via Instagram as well, and the victim learned only after making a deposit that his friend's profile had been hacked and that he had not been corresponding with his actual friend.

The RCIPS would therefore urge the public to beware of any solicitations via Instagram or any other social media for investments or deposits.

The second warning relates to an employment scam where a company called SITCOM Telemarketing Services is offering jobs at a Call Centre that is purportedly to be based in Cayman. This scam appears to be targeting people in Jamaica and has been advertised on Facebook. (see advertisement attached) Job seekers are asked to send \$62.00 KYD to cover the cost of Immigration Work Permit forms being sent to them via FEDEX. It offers wages of \$22.00 per hour, accommodation, a work permit or visa, and 50% coverage of plane fare.

The RCIPS would also like to warn the public both here and abroad that the payment of work permit fees by job seekers is not acceptable procedure, and that solicitations that request payments for same are suspect and should be avoided.

Those who may have fallen victim to either of these scams are asked to contact the RCIPS Financial Crimes Unit at 949-8797, or can provide any information anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 800-8477(TIPS), or online at the link: https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=681.

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO WORK AT OUR CAYMAN ISLANDS CALL CENTRE.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in working for our company.

Please note that our company has just opened its Cayman's Island Call Centre branch office and now wishes to employ Caribbean Call Centre Agents and Customer Service Representatives for the Cayman Islands.

The company will provide accommodation, work permit/visa and 50% of the employee's plane fare.

In the event that you are interested in working for us in the Cayman Island, you would be responsible for the basic cost of the immigration work permit forms FedEx to you. A total of **\$62 CI dollars**.

In addition, you will be required to complete a medical examination to assist us in obtaining a work permit for you.

Please note that under the Cayman's Islands Immigration law, Jamaicans can travel to work in the Cayman Island on a work permit. Therefore, it would take the company a short time to have you in the Cayman Island for the month of January 2017.

WEEKLY SALARY

Our weekly Call Centre Salary is \$22.0 per hour. All salary is fixed with provision of bonus.

Please indicate if you are interested in working for us in the Cayman Island so we can begin the process in having you here.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Chief Executive Officer

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