

NIGERIAN / ADVANCE FEE FRAUD SCAM

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-----Original Message-----

Subject: URGENT REPLY NEEDED.

From: mr.i.amascammer

Sent: Wednesday, 23 January 2008 11:26 PM

DEAR FRIEND,
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I KNOW THAT THIS MESSAGE WILL COME TO YOU AS A SURPRISE. I AM THE BILL AND EXCHANGE MANAGER IN BANK OF AFRICA (BOA), OUAGADOUGOU BURKINA FASO. I HOPED THAT YOU WILL NOT EXPOSE OR BETRAY THIS TRUST AND CONFIDENT THAT I AM ABOUT TO REPOSE ON YOU FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR FAMILIES.

I NEED YOUR URGENT ASSISTANCE IN TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF (USD\$20M) TO YOUR ACCOUNT WITHIN 10 TO 14 BANKING DAYS. THIS MONEY HAS BEEN DORMANT FOR YEARS IN OUR BANK WITHOUT CLAIM. I WANT THE BANK TO RELEASE THE MONEY TO YOU AS THE NEAREST PERSON TO OUR DECEASED CUSTOMER (THE OWNER OF THE ACCOUNT) DIED ALONG WITH HIS SUPPOSED NEXT OF KIN IN AN AIR CRASH SINCE JULY, 2000.

I DON'T WANT THE MONEY TO GO INTO OUR BANK TREASURER ACCOUNT AS AN ABANDONED FUND. SO THIS IS THE REASON WHY I CONTACTED YOU SO THAT THE BANK CAN RELEASE THE MONEY TO YOU AS THE NEXT OF KIN TO THE DECEASED CUSTOMER. PLEASE I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KEEP THIS PROPOSAL AS A TOP SECRET AND DELETE IT IF YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED.

UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR REPLY, I WILL GIVE YOU FULL DETAILS ON HOW THE BUSINESS WILL BE EXECUTED AND ALSO NOTE THAT YOU WILL HAVE 40% OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUM IF YOU AGREE TO HANDLE THIS BUSINESS WITH ME? AND 10% WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR ANY EXPENSES THAT WARRANT ON THE PROCESS BEFORE THE FUND GET INTO YOUR BANK ACCOUNT SUCH AS TELEPHONE CALLS BILLS (ETC).

PLAESE REPLY ME TO THIS E-mail,

BEST REGARD.
MR I. AMASCAMMER

Don't act impulsively!

Scammers create a sense of urgency to get your attention and make you respond quickly without thinking twice.

**DON'T RESPOND!
DELETE IT!**

Don't fall for it!

Why have they contacted me? I don't even know this person or the organisation.

Scammers grab your attention by mentioning a HUGE amount of money. **BUT THERE IS NO MONEY! DON'T RESPOND!**

'Don't tell anyone!'

Scammers ask you not to tell anyone because they are afraid that you might find out that it really is a SCAM!

DON'T REPLY!

Scammers may only ask for an expression of interest and not request for any money or your personal banking details so that you are less likely to be suspicious and to gain your trust. If you reply, they will progress to the next stage of the scam!

DON'T RESPOND!

NO! DON'T RESPOND!

By responding, you are exposed to further harassment from scammers!

You might also download spyware on your computer so that scammers can collect all your passwords and other personal details.

If you've already responded, ignore any further emails you may receive and don't give out any of your personal details. See SCAMwatch for help.

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!

Beware of offers that promise LARGE amounts of money for little or no work. Don't trust them — it is a **SCAM!**

If you respond, they will harass you with further emails! They will try to scam money from you or involve you in illegal activities in the following ways:

They ask for a fee before you can receive your payment. Not only will you not receive your payment, but you will lose the money you paid for the fee. This is called **advance fee fraud.**

OR

They ask you to provide your personal banking details, such as your account number, PIN and password. If you provide these details, they may clean out your account. This is called **identity fraud.**

OR

They transfer money into your account and they ask you to transfer a portion of it back into their account. If you do this, you may be involved in an **illegal activity** referred to as **money laundering.**

If you get an offer like this, **DON'T RESPOND!** Protect yourself and don't respond in the first place. This is a **SCAM!**

Check out SCAMwatch for help and further information about scams.