

## **Dr Donald Eezeh - 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.

### **Dr Donald Eezeh Advance Fee Fraud**

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

Within the emails, which are given the subject “*REPLY!!!*”, it is claimed that the above named individual is “*an investment consultant*” at the “*Dept. of Offshore Mortgage Services, Bank of Scotland Int’l Ltd*”.

The email claims that a “*Mr Robert J Gerlich*” was a customer of the above bank and “*made an investment deposit valued at £10.2 Million in this bank*”. The email goes on to state that this man “*was among the victims of the 9/11 World Trade Centre attack*” and that “*he listed no next of kin*” in his “*bio-data form*”.

The email seeks assistance from recipients to “*instruct the bank to release the deposit*” to them “*as the closest surviving relation*”.

The email gives an address for the sender of PO Box 19, Bank of Scotland House, Prospect Hill, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AT.

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

There is a genuine holder of an Isle of Man Banking Licence called Bank of Scotland International Limited with a genuine address of PO Box 19, Bank of Scotland House, Prospect Hill, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1AT. [Details of all licenceholders of the Commission are available on our website](#)

Enquiries by the Commission have established that there is no Dr Donald Eezeh now or formerly employed by the genuine Bank of Scotland International Limited.

Under the circumstances the Commission feels that these emails are 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 emails matching the above description to refrain from responding to them in any way.

Any persons who are already involved in any dealings resulting from emails matching the above description and have concerns should contact the Enforcement Division on +44 1624 689315 or by email to [fsc@gov.im](mailto:fsc@gov.im) .

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

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