



UKFIU Scam Letter

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The information contained within this alert is based on the results of research carried out by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB). One of the key objectives of sharing fraud data between NFIB and the public is to prevent fraud. The purpose of this alert is to inform partner agencies and raise public awareness of the risks associated with fake letters purporting to be from the UK Financial Intelligence Unit.

ALERT CONTENT

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has seen a marked increase in attempted frauds which use the name of the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU), a part of the NCA.

Fake letters utilising logos from the NCA (and the predecessor organisation SOCA [Serious Organised Crime Agency]) have been sent to individuals and organisations purporting to be from the UKFIU. These letters normally state that an account containing significant sums of money (sometimes in the millions of pounds/dollars), allegedly belonging to the individual or organisation has been frozen by the UKFIU with immediate effect and that a fee is required to release it.

The UKFIU will **never** seek payment of fees to release funds. Such requests are attempting to defraud individuals and organisations.

PROTECTION / PREVENTION ADVICE

- Never provide personal or financial details in respect of an unsolicited letter, email or caller.
- Do not pay any fees to those requesting a release of funds.
- If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.

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