Bungling Ben

Baited by Doug Spollacks

---Starring----

The Good Guys

Eric Stott - Recipient of 3.5 million US Dollars

Cliff Sedges - Fictitious Scammer pretending to be the Customs Director Agent in NY

---Non-Speaking Role by---

Benard Akpovwowo - Fictitious Bag Man for Cliff Sedges, Accra, Ghana

The Scammers

Diplomat Ben Eric - Diplomatic Logistic Global Courier Company (IP Address - DIRECTONPC-ISP-NETBLK, Nigeria)

---Non-Speaking Roles by---

Thomas Brocksopp - Ben's Bag Man, Wappingers Falls, New York

Joe Uche - Ben's Bag Man, Lagos, Nigeria (Scammers real name?)

I received the same e-mail quite a few times from this scammer from a Nigerian IP address. Because he'd sent the same e-mail over and over and he'd put the message in the subject heading, (no wonder he didn't get any replies) I thought he must be a novice scammer so I decided to reply and play with him.

Apparently he's waiting at MY HOME airport and he's been trying to call me regarding \$3.5 million that he has for me. When I asked him which airport he's waiting at as there's five in London UK, the moron replies that he's at JFK.

His next e-mail gets straight to the point and says the US Customs want \$285 to issue a "Non Inspection Certificate" to release the box of money and he gives me the name of a bag man in New York to send the money to via Western Union.

In Just about every e-mail he sends he asks me to send money to the Westy. Not a large amount compared to other scammers just \$285, so this also made me think that he was new to the game and starting out small just to test the water.

It turns out that he's a total bungling idiot with no sense of organisation and can't recall things that I've asked. I play on this and continually insult him.

Near the end I introduce my fictitious scammer, Cliff Sedges, who uses his bagman to steal Ben's money.

I even figure out Bungling Ben's REAL NAME, confront him with it and the moron still comes back for more.

Ben gets pissed off with me and tells me that "The President of Federal Republic of Nigeria have instructed him to return back home".

Playing on his enthusiasm to get a good hit as a probable first time scammer I eat humble pie, tell him I found out Cliff was trying to scam me all along, apologise to Ben and offer to strike a deal and meet him or his agent. As a sweetener I told him I'd bring a suitcase with \$20,000. I know he's probably not got a "Scam Ring" going yet, but at least I know he has a contact in New York.

Normal Text - Scammers e-mails Green Text - My e-mails Blue Text – Me playing the role of a fictitious Scammer Small Bold Text - Comments made by me

The first scam-mail... He had put the main message in the Subject heading, I copied it just how it was...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <gerauldallen@aol.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: I'm diplomat Ben Eric I have been trying to reach you on your telephone to inform you i have arrived your airport call me now for more details +1 (845) 450-2840 Date: 26 August 2012 05:22

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ericdiplomatben915@yahoo.com.hk> Subject: Re: I'm diplomat Ben Eric I have been trying to reach you on your telephone to inform you i have arrived your airport call me now for more details +1 (845) 450-2840 Date: 26 August 2012 16:47

Dear Ben,

I tried to call you on your number a few times but couldn't get through.

Which airport are you at as there are 5 airports in London.

Regards, Paul Mehoff

I didn't try and phone him.

I mistakenly called myself Paul Mehoff, one of my other scam baiters names, and then subsequently Eric Stott in the rest of my e-mails, which is the name I meant to use. He didn't comment on it though.

Then he replies through a different e-mail address and he cuts straight to the chase about sending money via Western Union ...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com>

To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: DIPLOMAT BEN ERIC PHONE +1 (845) 450-2840 Date: 26 August 2012 18:27

I was informed by the custom here in the airport to get the Non-inspection Clearance Certificate from customs Service to avoid have problem with the Home Land Security here in New York so that they will inspect the package i have to provide them a copy of that certificate so that i will break the law of the United State.

The Airport authority demanded for all the legal back up papers to prove to them that the fund is no way related with drug nor fraud money, I have presented the papers I handed to them and they are very much pleased with the paper's

So I want us to be working hand in hand to obtain the certificate, i was told that the Noninspection Clearance Certificate will cost us \$285 express service, your cooperation/collaboration with me in this venture is inevitable to it's success, because this money can only be released you, your boxes valued \$3.5 Million United State Dollars will be in your front door as soon as the fee is paid.

I will gladly appreciate your immediate action regarding this request, it is very urgent you send the \$285 dollar to enable me obtain the certificate for immediate delivey to you today, I will be awaiting your immediate response, I can accompany you to your bank were you will deposit the fund successfully with these papers. I have i more vital paper with me but I can only present you the hard copy when I reach your house as that it's the diplomatic rules, such as authorization to deliver.

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

RECEIVER -- THOMAS -- BROCKSOPP. COUNTRY -- WAPPINGERS FALLS--NEW YORK AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS TEXT QUESTION --YES. TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

ONCE YOU SEND THE \$285 DOLLARS, YOU ARE ADVICE TO SEND THE WESTERN UNION PAYMENT INFORMATION RECEIPT OR THE MTCN# CONTROL NUMBER.

GET BACK TO ME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS

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Looks like he's had a hard life for his age.

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: I am confused Date: 26 August 2012 18:49

Dear Ben Eric,

I am confused. You told me that you HAVE arrived at MY airport and you are there waiting for me. I think that you have gone to the wrong airport as I am based in London.

As I said, I tried to call you five times but I couldn't get through. Have you got your phone switched on? Are you sure that you gave me the right phone number? This is a reasonable question as you did give me the wrong airport 3,000 miles away. Just thought I'd ask.

So, if you can tell me what your intentions are now then we can get this sorted and I will be happy to pay the bill for release.

And don't think that I'm going to fly to New York to sort this out. It was your cock-up so you can get of your butt and come here OK? Call yourself a Diplomat, you couldn't organise a piss-up in a brewery,

Regards,

Eric Stott

Not an attempt from him to answer my questions, just SEND ME THE MONEY...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: I am confused Date: 26 August 2012 19:29

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information, as soon as you send the money today i will take the next flight down to your location for final delivery to you.

RECEIVER -- THOMAS -- BROCKSOPP. COUNTRY -- WAPPINGERS FALLS--NEW YORK AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS TEXT QUESTION --YES. TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

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I did a bit of checking up on Ben's accomplice and bag man, Mr. Thomas Brocksopp. He does live in Wappinger Falls and with a little digging I was able to find out a wealth of information about him that I might be able to use at a later date... Knowledge is power as they say.

Well it's Sunday evening and tomorrow is a Bank Holiday here, so the Western Union offices will be closed...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Knob Heads Date: 26 August 2012 21:57

Woh... Slow down a bit Ben, you're going too fast here. I need a few questions answered first. I'm not going to send someone \$285 just because they ask me to. I know that it's not a vast amount of money I make twice that amount in one day.

You never told me exactly where this money originated from. Is it illegal? Is it drugs money? Because if it is you can forget it. I won't have anything to do with drugs or guns my man, get that straight.

And who is this Thomas Brocksopp person? Where is he from and why is he involved. Can you trust him? Is he a knob head? Why have you involved him in this transaction? You said you're in New York, why can't I just send the money to you? \$3.5 million is a lot of money and in my experience the less people that know about it the better.

I hope you don't think that I'm being facetious, I'm just cautious. Hope you understand Ben?

Anyway, it's Sunday evening here in the UK and tomorrow is a Bank Holiday so I won't be able to do anything until Tuesday anyway so this will give you some time to answer my questions and if at all possible, for you to make other more appropriate arrangements for the money transfer that doesn't involve any other knob heads.

Best regards,

Eric

SEND ME THE MONEY...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com>

To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Knob Heads Date: 28 August 2012 17:08

I don't have any more time to waste here in the airport, i will advice to try all your possible best to make the payment today.

I have the legal document to provide to you that this contract sum is not a drug money or any Gun money.

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

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From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: More Knob Heads Date: 29 August 2012 21:25

Hi Ben,

Sorry I've not replied back in a while, are you still at the airport in New York, if not where are you?

Yesterday I went to my local Western Union Office to see about the money transfer but they informed me that they have two offices in Wappingers Falls. One on Broadway, Newburgh and another one on North Avenue, Pleasant Valley. Which one is it that you want the money to be sent to?

You seem to be very unprofessional in dealing with this, first you go to the wrong airport, then you give me a phone number that I can't contact you on and make me waste my time phoning you five times, now you give me vague information about where to send the money.

Are you sure that you can handle this transaction Ben? You don't seem up to it to me.

\$3.5 million is a lot of money. With your past track record I'm worried that you will send the money to Outer Mongolia or somewhere. If you can't do this right then get someone else to liaise with me ok?

You also never answered my questions that I asked you in my last e-mail that I sent you. Can you please answer them so that we can conclude this deal ASAP?

Regards, Eric Stott

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: More Knob Heads Date: 30 August 2012 09:27

Re-send me your phone number for a serious discussion for the completion of this transaction.

A change of bag man and location...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: More Knob Heads Date: 30 August 2012 09:39

there is no time to waste any more you are advice to send the money to my Director in Nigeria to enable him get the money fast and credit my International Atm Card for immediate withdraw here in New York.

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

RECEIVER -- JOE -- UCHE. COUNTRY -- LAGOS--NIGERIA AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS TEXT QUESTION --YES. TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

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GET BACK TO ME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS

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And yet again... SEND ME THE MONEY...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: More Knob Heads Date: 30 August 2012 09:43

The Airport authority demanded for all the legal back up papers to prove to them that the fund is no way related with drug nor fraud money, I have presented the papers I handed to them and they are very much pleased with the paper's I presented I can accompany you to your bank were you will deposit the fund successfully with these papers. I have i more vital paper with me but I can only present you the hard copy when I reach your house as that it's the diplomatic rules, such as authorization to deliver.

you are advice to send the money to my Director in Nigeria to enable him get the money fast and credit my International Atm Card for immediate withdraw here in New York.

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

RECEIVER -- JOE -- UCHE.

COUNTRY -- LAGOS--NIGERIA

AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS

TEXT QUESTION -- YES.

TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

ONCE YOU SEND THE \$285 DOLLARS, YOU ARE ADVICE TO SEND THE WESTERN UNION PAYMENT INFORMATION RECEIPT OR THE MTCN# CONTROL NUMBER.

GET BACK TO ME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS

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On Thu, Aug 30, 2012 at 9:39 AM, Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> wrote:

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COUNTRY -- LAGOS--NIGERIA

AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS

TEXT QUESTION -- YES.

TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

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From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Get a move on Date: 29 August 2012 09:43

Ben,

This has been going in for too long now, we need to get a move on.

Why can't you answer the questions that I asked you? This will be the third time that I've asked you to answer them now. I'm not very impressed with you.

You can reach me on my mobile phone: 07700 917728.

Eric

Then a flurry of e-mails from our dear Ben...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Get a move on Date: 30 August 2012 14:35

You are the person that is wasting time, rush down to western union and make the payment to enable take the next flight to London

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Get a move on Date: 30 August 2012 14:38 From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Get a move on Date: 30 August 2012 14:44

i dont no our to dial this phone you gave to me 07700 917728 which area code should i dial?

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Re: Get a move on Date: 30 August 2012 22:00

Ben,

This is becoming a farce.

The questions that I asked you were in an e-mail I sent you on 26th August. I asked you where this money originated from. Is it illegal? Is it drugs money?

I also asked you who Thomas Brocksopp is. Where is he from and why is he involved. Can you trust him? Is he a knob head? Why have you involved him in this transaction? You said you're in New York, why can't I just send the money to you? \$3.5 million is a lot of money and in my experience the less people that know about it the better.

Now you are asking me to send the money to someone called Joe Uche in Lagos. Who is he, and why have you changed the location to Nigeria now? You have involved someone else in this transaction which is not a good idea, WHY?

To answer your question about what code to use for the UK. You should know that as you said you were in London, remember? The code for the UK is +44.

Ben, you need to get your eye on the ball about this now. You keep changing things, and stop keep sending me the same e-mails over and over again. I understand that you haven't got too much time, but I've got all the time in the world and so you must answer my questions to my satisfaction before I proceed my friend ok?

Eric

I've not heard from our bumbling Ben for a while, I must ask him why...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Re: Get a move on Date: 07 September 2012 22:18

Dear Ben,

Are you still dealing with me? It's been more than a week since I last heard from you. I haven't had a reply from you and you haven't phoned me, why?

I hope that you aren't giving me the run around? As well as not answering my questions you can't even afford me the courtesy of even replying to my texts now.

If you still want to proceed with the deal can you call me on the number that I gave you or if you're having problems figuring out how to use a phone then e-mail me.

I await your response.

Eric Stott

All he seems to send is the same text... SEND ME THE MONEY...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you still dealing with me? Date: 08 September 2012 22:33

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

RECEIVER -- JOE -- UCHE. COUNTRY -- LAGOS--NIGERIA AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS TEXT QUESTION --YES. TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

ONCE YOU SEND THE \$285 DOLLARS, YOU ARE ADVICE TO SEND THE WESTERN UNION PAYMENT INFORMATION RECEIPT OR THE MTCN# CONTROL NUMBER.

GET BACK TO ME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS

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From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you still dealing with me? Date: 08 September 2012 22:34

YOU ARE NOT SERIOUS IN GETTING YOUR PAYMENT

Well if he's so desperate for me to send him \$285 then I suppose I will have to...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Are you joking? Date: 08 September 2012 23:22

Hey Ben,

Are you joking or what? I'm very serious about getting my payment but you are just pissing me off and not doing what you're paid to do. Are you trying to have a laugh with me Ben? Because if you are it's not very funny.

You seem to be messing me about with this deal. I told you last week that I sent \$285 via Western Union to your agent Thomas Brocksopp in New York. Did you not get the e-mail or didn't you read it?

I sent the money on 31st August. Yesterday I had to make yet another trip to the Western Union office to see what was happening as you don't reply to my e-mails. When you do reply it's usually just one line and you paste in a previous message that you have sent me many times.

Anyway, the man at the office told me that the \$285 hadn't been collected and he said that I could take it back if I wanted so I did. I'm not very happy about this because the nearest Western Union office is a long way from me and I had to pay a fee too.

If you can't get your act together and tell me what I need to know then get your company to find someone else to deal with me because you don't seem to be doing a good job.

Just to let you know that I'm a very busy man. I don't like being messed about having to send money to someone that can't be bothered to get out of bed and collect the money. My time is worth more than \$285.

Knowing your past history in arranging things, you probably never even told Thomas Brocksopp that the money was there for him to collect.

Let me know what your next plan is... I can't wait to hear it.

Eric

Well my last e-mail certainly seemed to get his attention...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you joking? Date: 09 September 2012 20:37

I Swear to God In Heaven that i did see or receive any email from you about the \$285 dollars, i will advice to re-send back the Western Union MTCN# or the Payment receipt to enable take off immanently.

That's because I didn't send you a text about sending \$285 you idiot. Oh! And I didn't send any money either.

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you joking? Date: 09 September 2012 20:38

I am very sorry for the delay in this transaction, pls go and re-send the money back for immediate pick up from Thomas Brocksopp.

And yet again... SEND ME THE MONEY. And he's changed back to his original bag man in New York...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you still dealing with me? Date: 09 September 2012 20:41

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

RECEIVER -- THOMAS -- BROCKSOPP. COUNTRY -- WAPPINGERS FALLS--NEW YORK AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS TEXT QUESTION --YES. TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

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THANKS AND GOD BLESS

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From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Are you serious? Date: 09 September 2012 23:40

Hello Ben.

Are you serious?

I send \$285 to your stupid man in Wappingers Falls and he didn't even bother to go and get it. I e-mailed you to tell you I had sent it and you didn't even read it. So you just want me to send it again?

Let me tell you what I went through to send you that money Ben. I had to drive 20 miles to the nearest Western Union office, wait in a queue for 15 minutes to get served, another 10 minutes to fill in the form and answer their questions, pay a fee of £19.60 (about \$30) and drive back. Then a week later I had to drive back to the office to get the money again because it hadn't been collected.

So, I drove 80 miles, wasted about 2 1/2 hours of my time and I'm now \$30 out of pocket for the fee, and that's not taking into account the petrol that I used and all you can say is go and re-send the money back for immediate pick up. Are you having a joke?

Ben, you really need to get your act together as I'm starting to get annoyed with you. Promise me that you'll give this matter your undivided attention, keep out of the bars and stay away from the loose women. Hands off cocks and on with socks as they say.

Regarding the money transfer, I will send it again, but not through Western Union as the office is too far away for me to travel and yesterday they started some road works along the route so it will take me twice as long to get there and back. I will send it through Money Gram as there is a Money Gram agent just round the corner from where I live OK? And I think it's only fair that you stand the \$30 fee that I lost as it was your cock-up that it wasn't collected Ben.

Let me know what your next move is? You don't play chess by any chance do you?

Your ever suffering friend, Eric

Then he sends his normal hurried multiple e-mails one after another...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you serious? Date: 10 September 2012 09:18

Thank you for your good cooperation in this transaction, go head and send it via Money Gram is the same as Western Union.

I wait for Money Gram Payment Receipt or control number for fast pick.

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you serious? Date: 10 September 2012 09:24

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I wait for Money Gram Payment Receipt or control number for fast pick

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Are you serious? Date: 10 September 2012 15:26

STILL WAITING FOR THE MONEY GRAM PAYMEN

I let him stew for a while and put my plan together to bring in a fictitious scammer to rob him,

I introduce Cliff Sedges my fictitious scammer who I pretend has e-mailed me a few times and has convinced me to send the money to his agent in Ghana. Hopefully this will make Ben think that he's being robbed of his money.

The name of the bag man is real. It was sent to me from General Raymond in the Iraqi Cash Story, so this might generate some amusement for me.

I send the e-mail from Cliff to Eric, which of course is from me to me complete with spelling and grammar mistakes...

From: Cliff Sedges <cliffsedges@xxx.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Payment Date: 12 September 2012 10:25

Hello Eric. How are you today.

Thank you for understanding and trust in me.

I have send the informations for money transfer to get the customs certificate for the release of your package to you. As soon as we get payment we will send you the package without delay to your home airport.

you are to send the needed amount for the obtaining of these documents via Western Union Money Transfer or Money Gram Transfer and send us the MTCN number.to this information below.

RECEIVER NAME(S)	BENARD AKPOVWOWO
DESTINATION	ACCRA GHANA
TEXT QUESTION	BLACK
TEXT ANSWER	WHITE
AMOUNT	\$285 DOLLARS

Other information will be provided by you after the payment .

Looking forward to hear back from you,

Best Regards

Cliff Sedges Customs Director Agent

And I reply to the fictitious Cliff Sedges...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Cliff Sedges cliffsedges@xxx.com Subject: Re: Payment Date: 12 September 2012 10:48

Dear Cliff,

Thank you for all your e-mails and your patience answering my questions. You did a better job than that Ben Eric. I was beginning to get angry with him as he didn't seem to know what he was doing.

I know that I asked you in my previous e-mails why I should send the money to Ghana but you have answered this question to my satisfaction. I appreciate this and I understand.

I will be going to the Money Gram office to send the sum of \$285 to your agent in Ghana as soon as I send this e-mail. I will let you know what the MTCN Number is as soon as I can.

As soon as you receive the money for the certificate could you please inform me when the consignment will arrive?

Thank you once again for your personal intervention in this matter and getting it sorted for me.

Regards, Eric Stott

I haven't heard from Ben for a while, so I send him an e-mail through the account that he first contacted me from pretending that I'd sent lots of e-mails to him and not got a reply...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <gerauldallen@aol.com> Subject: Why are you not replying??? Date: 12 September 2012 21:09

Ben,

I have sent you many e-mails over the last few days and I have received nothing from you... Why are you not replying?

I have decided to try and send this e-mail using this account in the unlikely event that you can get your act together and reply.

Over the last few days Cliff Sedges, the agent from the customs, has been in contact with me and I sent the money this morning to his agent in Accra, Ghana as he instructed me to and gave him the control number.

The Money Gram office has told me that the money has been collected and now Cliff Sedges is not replying.

Ben, I'm not very happy about this. I have had nothing but trouble trying to send this money.

If you get this e-mail please contact me immediately.

Eric Stott

And just to make sure...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ericdiplomatben915@yahoo.com.hk> Cc: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Fw: Why are you not replying??? Date: 13 September 2012 09:12 I still haven't had a reply from you

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

From: Eric Stott

To: gerauldallen@aol.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 9:09 PM

Subject: Why are you not replying???

Ben,

I have sent you many e-mails over the last few days and I have received nothing from you... Why are you not replying?

I have decided to try and send this e-mail using this account in the unlikely event that you can get your act together and reply.

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Eric Stot

And it seems to get him going...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Fw: Why are you not replying??? Date: 13 September 2012 21:57

You are very stupid for contacting me fool, go and Cliff Sedges Accra, Ghana to pay you back fool

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Fw: Why are you not replying??? Date: 13 September 2012 22:02

I told you to send the money to THOMAS -- BROCKSOPP in WAPPINGERS FALLS -- NEW YORK not to Ghana Idiot, if you still want to get your boxes go and the send the \$285 to THOMAS --BROCKSOPP or stop any further contact with me fool.

Receiver -- THOMAS -- BROCKSOPP. Country -- WAPPINGERS FALLS -- NEW YORK Amount \$ 285 US Dollars Text Question. YES Answer YES.

Once you send the \$185 dollars, you are advice to send theWestern Union Payment information receipt or the MTCN#.

Diplomat Ben Eric

Phone ++1 (845) 450-2840

He calls ME a fool, stupid, and an idiot but he doesn't know if it's \$285 or \$185 to send.

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Fw: Why are you not replying??? Date: 13 September 2012 22:03

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THE MONEY GRAM SINCE THREE DAYS NOW, NOT KNOWING THAT YOU HAVE SEND THE MONEY TO THE WRONG PERSON FOOL

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Fw: Payment Date: 14 September 2012 09:17

Ben,

I don't like you calling me a fool, an idiot or stupid. Who do you think you are?

You are the fool because you don't know what you are doing. You keep sending me conflicting information and I've been running around like a blue ass fly to and from money transfer offices.

First you tell me to send it to New York which I did and your agent didn't collect it and I had to go and get the money back, then you said send it to Nigeria. I've sent you many e-mails and got no reply from you.

Cliff Sedges e-mailed me and was able to answer my questions and asked me to send the money to Ghana which I did and it has been collected. I assume you must know this man as how else would he know about this and the amount to send?

Now you're asking me to send MORE money to New York. Are you trying to be funny with me?

Your last e-mail said \$285 and then you said \$185. You can't even get the amount right and you call me an idiot.

I suggest that you contact the agent and find out what's going on Ben as I'm very angry about this. I have forwarded the e-mails to you. He can be contacted at:

cliffsedges@xxx.com

Get back to me as soon as you have spoken to him with an apology.

Eric

----- Original Message -----From: Eric Stott To: Cliff Sedges Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:48 AM Subject: Re: Payment

Dear Cliff,

Thank you for all your e-mails and your patience answering my questions. You did a better job than that Ben Eric. I was beginning to get angry with him as he didn't seem to know what he was doing.

I know that I asked you in my previous e-mails why I should send the money to Ghana but you have answered this question to my satisfaction. I appreciate this and I understand.

I will be going to the Money Gram office to send the sum of \$285 to your agent in Ghana as soon as I send this e-mail. I will let you know what the MTCN Number is as soon as I can.

As soon as you receive the money for the certificate could you please inform me when the consignment will arrive?

Thank you once again for your personal intervention in this matter and getting it sorted for me.

Regards,

Eric Stott

----- Original Message -----From: Cliff Sedges To: estott@gmail.com Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 10:25 AM Subject: Payment

Hello Eric. How are you today.

Thank you for understanding and trust in me.

I have send the informations for money transfer to get the customs certificate for the release of your package to you. As soon as we get payment we will send you the package without delay to your home airport.

you are to send the needed amount for the obtaining of these documents via Western Union Money Transfer or Money Gram Transfer and send us the MTCN number.to this information below.

RECEIVER NAME(S)	BENARD AKPOVWOWO
DESTINATION	ACCRA GHANA
TEXT QUESTION	BLACK
TEXT ANSWER	WHITE
AMOUNT	\$285 DOLLARS

Other information will be provided by you after the payment . Looking forward to hear back from you,

Best Regards

Cliff Sedges

Customs Director Agent

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Fw: Why are you not replying??? Date: 14 September 2012 11:23

I want to let you know that there is nothing i can do to help you in this transaction, you are advice to send the \$285 dollars or forgive about this transaction.

I am a very busy man, you can continue with him i don't care or send more money to him in Ghana I Dont care BYE

Ben.

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Fw: Why are you not replying??? Date: 14 September 2012 11:26

Stop any further contact with me go to Cliff Sedges Accra, Ghana and let him make your delivery to you ok.

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Payment Date: 14 September 2012 09:17

Hi Ben,

You seem to be angry with me, why?

This big cock-up isn't my doing so why are you blaming me? You keep telling me to send money again but how will I know that you won't say that you haven't received it again and ask me to send more?

Your friend Mr. Sedges is now asking us for more money to be sent to Nigeria to pay for storage fees and tax. Obviously I don't want to send any more money until this terrible mess is sorted out.

Can I suggest that instead if insulting me, you get your ass in gear, do what you're paid for and contact your agent and ask him what's going on? I'm sure that there's a perfectly reasonable explanation to this that can be sorted out quickly.

Regards, Eric

And then the three expected hurried e-mails from Bungling Ben arrives...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Payment Date: 14 September 2012 11:56

I want to let you know that i am working with instruction from the President Federal Republic of Nigeria, i work alone to make this delivery to you and i have no Agent or Mr Sedges from Ghana i don't no them.

Meanwhile, i will advice you to rush down to Money Gram and make the payment now to enable me take off immanently to your location for final delivery

He said he's "working with instruction from the President Federal Republic of Nigeria". What a bozo.

Oh no! Not the "Send the money to Western Union" ploy again. I'm beginning to get pissed off with this...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Payment Date: 14 September 2012 11:57

Here is the Western Union or Money Gram Payment Information.

RECEIVER -- THOMAS -- BROCKSOPP. COUNTRY -- WAPPINGERS FALLS--NEW YORK AMOUNT -- \$285 US DOLLARS TEXT QUESTION --YES. TEXT ANSWER -- YES.

ONCE YOU SEND THE \$285 DOLLARS, YOU ARE ADVICE TO SEND THE WESTERN UNION PAYMENT INFORMATION RECEIPT OR THE MTCN# CONTROL NUMBER.

GET BACK TO ME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

THANKS AND GOD BLESS

DIPLOMAT BEN ERIC PHONE +1 (845) 450-2840

And he sent the same e-mail again which I didn't include to save space

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Payment Date: 14 September 2012 09:17 Ben my friend,

I want to level with you and talk with you man to man.

You know that I will send you any reasonable amount of money to get my hands on \$3.5 million. Who wouldn't? It's a large amount of money, I'm a greedy bastard and I like to have lots of cash just like you or anyone else but you must understand my position.

I know that \$285 is not a lot of money to send but what pisses me off is that I think that you're in collusion with Cliff Sedges to try and rip me off.

I sent the money to him and he's now asking for more. I don't mind sending the money. I would gladly send you more than \$285 if I was assured of receiving the \$3.5 million from you.

Cliff Sedges is still sending me e-mails asking me to send more money to him and I am not replying to him. What I would like you to do is contact him and find out what his game is. If you do this and let me know I will gladly send you \$1,000 for your trouble and to finally get the cash released.

Let me know what you think.

Your buddy Eric

Oh no! Bungling Ben's not too happy with me and he's been recalled back to Nigeria by the president...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Payment Date: 16 September 2012 08:03

The President of Federal Republic of Nigeria have instructed me to return back home, since you don't want to send the \$285 dollars for the completion of this transaction.

I am tried of your stupid talk all the time, i will like you to stop any further contact with me.

Meanwhile, I will no longer reply any email from you have good day Bye.

It seems like this game is coming to an end. I always like to try and leave them with something to think about though...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: You stole my money Date: 16 September 2012 09:17

Well enjoy your time in Lagos.

I'm not too happy that you have colluded with your friend Benard Akpovwowo in Accra to rip me off for the sum of \$285.

As you know for someone to be able to collect cash from a money transfer office they need to show ID, so that means his name is real. I have his details and picture from the CCTV camera at the money Gram office so a couple of my friends in Accra will be paying him a visit soon to get my money back from him.

Joe Uche. Ah yes I have his details too and his picture from Facebook. He needs to answer some questions so he'll be getting a visit very soon as well. Oh I forgot! JOE UCHE IS YOU ISN'T IT?

Your other friend, Thomas Brocksopp also needs to be spoken to so that we can ask him about his shady dealings with you.

Of course you could just apologise to me and we can forget the whole thing? Your call.

Eric Stott

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I scanned a blank Money Gram form and filled in the details using Paint Shop Pro fading out the Reference Number more than the rest of the form to make it illegible.

After exposing him and insulting him in my last e-mail I really didn't expect to hear from Ben again. He also said in his last e-mail that he will no longer reply to any email from me and I thought that this game was closed, but...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: ben.eric56@globomail.com Date: 18 September 2012 18:30

THERE IS NO TIME TO WASTE IN THIS TRANSACTION, GO AND SEND THE MONEY TO ENABLE ME TAKE OFF,

So I might get a bit more life out of this game yet...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Then Fly Away Date: 18 September 2012 20:20

Hello Ben,

How are you? Then fly away my friend because Cliff is going to get my boxes for me. I never expected to hear from you again as I thought that you told me that you had been summoned back to Nigeria by the President?

Since your last e-mail Cliff Sedges has been in contact with me and he has personally assured me that I will be able to pick the cash up in Amsterdam. I have been looking for flight details and I hope to book a flight soon and meet him there.

I know that he wants me to bring \$20,000 with me to pay for all the transactions that he's arranged, but HEY! It will be worth it to finally get the \$3.5 million that you couldn't supply me with Ben.

As I said, you couldn't organise a piss up in a brewery let alone get me my cash. You kept giving me the run around and making me send money to people and they couldn't even be bothered to collect it. Were you trying to test me?

I'm just about to e-mail Cliff and make arrangements to meet him in Amsterdam with the money. Oh do tell me who your boss is at Diplomatic Logistic Global Courier Company. I would like to send him an e-mail, tell him what a tosser you are and how helpful his other agent Cliff has been.

Have a nice trip back to Nigeria. I've got flights to book.

Eros (Who the hell is Eros? Haha)

He hasn't replied for a couple of days. I miss this guy and his bungling ways so I thought I'd try a different tack and eat humble pie. Well just a bit, LOL. Even if I just manage to get a dialogue going with him again, occupy his time and keep him away from scamming others it will make me feel good. Anyway, I miss insulting him...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: My friend I'm sorry Date: 20 September 2012 22:50 Hi Ben,

How are you my friend?

First I must say sorry to you for doubting you. It appears that you were right about this Cliff Sedges after all. I found out just in time that he was just trying to get \$20,000 from me for nothing.

Apparently he had hacked into my password and intercepted our e-mails. I have changed my password now so don't worry. He was trying to say he was from your Company. When I asked him what the name of your company was he couldn't tell me so I knew he was a fraudster. It's a good job that you sent me a scan of your ID card with the company name on, that was a good move. You're not as stupid as I thought. Thank god I didn't book a flight and waste my time meeting this bastard and losing \$20,000.

Anyway my friend, after all this skulduggery and lying that's been going on I am finding it very hard to trust people now. I know that thieving bastard Sedges stole \$285 + transfer fee from me. It's not a lot of money... HEY! I spend more than that on a bottle of wine. It's the humiliation of being conned that's the bitter pill I'm sure you'll understand?

So I have decided to put a proposal to you Ben that I hope you will consider and will make us both lots of money?

My proposal to you is this:

I will personally meet you or one of your appointed agents anywhere in Europe or the USA and give them the cash. I will also pay any reasonable expenses that they incur to get there... Flights, hotels, taxi, etc, when I meet them. I will also pay them an extra \$3,000 for their trouble and time. Does that sound fair and reasonable?

One other thing... When I do eventually receive the \$3.5 MILLION I promise to send you \$500,000 just for helping me. That's just between me and you though Ben, call it a bonus ok?

Now I'm sure that you or one of your trusted Diplomats could meet me if you are serious? If you agree to these terms then I would want him to bring some kind of ID from you and I will supply you with a code to give him at a later date so I know that I am dealing with someone from your company.

I still have the \$20,000 that I got from my bank yesterday which I will bring with me if you agree to this deal

Think this proposition over carefully my friend and get back to me when you have decided. If you do decide to go ahead I would ask you to keep this information only to the people that need to know.

Your friend and confidante, Eric Stott

After reading that I realised it could have been written by a scammer but with correct spelling, LOL. Well I wanted it to appeal to his greed.

Well, I did get a reply, but probably from a different author as the next two e-mails seem to be in a different style to our Ben's.

Early next morning I got two unintelligible e-mails full of quotes from the bible. These thieving scumbags seem to think that this helps with their credibility. I see this as a sign of desperation...

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: My friend I'm sorry Date: 21 September 2012 05:09

Thank you for your speedy response, i want to let you know that delay is very dangerous As you may know I do not want the security company where this Consignment is lodged to start raising an eye brow because of the length of time it has stayed and i don't want to police to get me arrested.

As natural laws were suspended for Christ too walk on sea, heaven will suspend all laws necessary too bring all your expectations too pass this year, have a fulfilling year.

May the good hands of the lord remain upon you, you have come into the world for prosperity, long life and good health, you shall be a shining light to the world, and your generation shall name you blessing (AMEN) and I hope you wake up this morning with joy and happiness.

Please I want us to be working hand in hand ok, we have to work with one mind, we have to be our brother's keeper, honesty and sincerity should be our keyword ok, Furthermore, you say: "It's impossible" God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27) You say: "I'm too tired" God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28 -30) You say: "Nobody really loves me" God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 3:34) You say: "I can't go on" God says: My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15) You say: "I can't figure things out" God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5- 6) You say: "I can't do it" God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13) You say: "I'm not able" God says: It will be worth it (Roman 8:28) You say: "I can't manage" God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19) You say: "I'm afraid" God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7) You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated" God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7) you say: "I feel all alone" God says: I will never leave you or forsake you.

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: My friend I'm sorry Date: 21 September 2012 05:46

I have considered your suggestion and there are some wisdom and ingenuities in that. I would like to accept it conditionally, with some modifications though, because of the advantages it will offer us initially. However, you must understand that i am working hand to hand with the President Federal Republic of Nigeria and i dont want to lose my job or my position in the country.

Nevertheless, I will be willing to work with you on this transaction on very liberal terms and on condition of mutual respect and trust for one each other, if you want to. But if you choose to opt out, it is your choice and right, which nobody can deny you.

meanwhile, the total money needed to complete this transaction is \$1500 and you will get your complete boxes of \$3,5 Million United State Dollars in your front door in 2112 GREAT NORTH ROAD ISLINGTON LONDON.

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Do you not understand? Date: 21 September 2012 10:18

Hi Ben,

It's nice to hear from you again.

I don't understand what you are ranting on about. Have you been drinking or taking some substances? It will be the downfall of you Ben. And who are all those people that you mentioned... Luke, Mathew, John, Roman, Timothy and Peter? You never mentioned these people before. Just how many people know about this? You're starting to worry me. And why have you involved the Philippinos in this transaction?

As for sending you \$1,500 did you not understand what I said? I think I made it clear in my last e-mail that I won't hand over any cash until I meet you or your agent in person. As I said, I will pay all their expenses in cash when they meet me but because of what has happened with Sedges I will NOT pay any money up front.

This proposition from me is UNCONDITIONAL. I will pay more than \$1,500 when I meet you or your agent. I will pay \$3,000 and any out of pocket expenses like flights and hotels that they incur, but I won't pay before.

I hope that's clear now? If you still want to go ahead then please get straight to the point and talk about this transaction instead of Mumbo Jumbo and suggest a place to meet.

Eric

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: Do you not understand? Date: 21 September 2012 22:13

PLS STOP ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH ME OK BYE.

I feel really bad about Ben losing what is probably his first scam and he thought was a hit. I'll also miss playing with this bungling idiot, so I take a chance and call him by what I believe to be his real name and offer him yet another proposition to see what happens...

From: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: I'm Saddened Date: 21 September 2012 10:18

Dear Joe,

It saddens me to hear that you don't want any further contact with me. Over the past month that we've been communicating with each other I've become quite fond of you and regarded you as a friend. I've warmed to your little idiosyncrasies and bungling ways.

You seem a very determined person and I think that you could do better than a measly \$285. I make BIG money, more that you have ever dreamed of. Have you ever considered making a lot of money Joe?

If you ever want to go in with me and make some serious money then let me know. I've been doing this for many years now, I'm very good at it and I know what I'm talking about. With your enthusiasm and my experience and contacts we can both make lots of money.

Think things over and let me know my good friend.

Eric

From: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> To: Eric Stott <estott@xxx.com> Subject: Re: I'm Saddened Date: 23 September 2012 16:33

FUCK OFF.

Well I think I'll let my little friend have the last word and bring this to a close, I'll miss the little chap though. I might try and play with him at a later date using a different name. By then he may have gained a bit more experience.

After leaving it for two weeks I decided to try my luck and have some more fun with him so I sent him an e-mail using a different account...

From: Miles Prower <mibesco@xxx.com> To: Diplomat Ben Eric <ben.eric56@globomail.com> Subject: Re: Contact me urgent Date: 07 October 2012 18:31

Dear Ben.

I got your mail asking me to contact you. I'm sorry about the delay in replying but I have just come across your mail to me after an extended trip overseas.

Are you sure that you have the correct person? Is this Ben Doon as I am expecting someone of that name to contact me?

Please reply and clarify what your business dealings are with me.

Respectfully yours,

Miles Prower

I never got a reply. Maybe my little bungling friend realised that scamming wasn't for him and gave it up. Let's hope he did. I will miss playing with this guy as I had a lot of fun with him.

-- The End –