Just to mix it up a bit, after this fool sends me a statement of account form and deposit certificate, I decide to send the lawyer a totally different form to fuck with them. This idiot actually figures it out. Will wonders never cease?

Good Day, I beg your excuse for the inconveniences that this Mail may cause to you. My name is Mr. Ted Apostoleris, I work with one of the local Banks here in Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire, I am the personal accounts manager to one Engineer, a National of your country, who owned a construction company here in Ivory Coast (Cote d' Ivoire). My client, his wife, and their three children were involved in the ill fated Kenya Airways crash in the coasts of Abidjan in January 2002 in which all passengers on board died. Since then I have made several inquiries to your Embassy to locate any of my clients extended relatives but has been Unsuccessful. After several unsuccessful attempts, I decided to trace his Last name over the Internet, to see if I could locate any member of his family hence I came across your contact. The particular interest is this huge amount deposited with our bank here in which the deceased has an account valued at US\$25 million United States dollars. Being the personal a/c manager of the deceased's bank account, the bank has issued me a notice to provide the next of kin/beneficiary or else the bank will declare the account unserviceable and thereby forfeit the funds to the bank treasury. My Request: Since I have been unsuccessful in locating the relatives for over the past 3 years now, I hereby seek your consent (with due respect and Honor) to present you as the next of kin to the deceased so that the proceeds of this account can be paid to you and then you and I will share the money 50 /50. All I require is your honest cooperation to enable us see this deal through. I guarantee that this will be executed under all legitimate arrangement that will protect you and I from any breach of law. Please reconfirm and provide me with your; full Name and Address, Telephone and Fax Number for immediate documentations, If you can handle this with me, reach me now urgently with the information requested. Thanks in advance for your anticipated cooperation. Cordially, Mr. Ted Apostoleris

What is this all about? Please explain this to me if that is at all possible.

Thomas

Hello Thomas,

This is after reading your reply, Meanwhile i need your total co-operation to work with me in this opportunity because I have tried severally to get in contact with the late depositor's relatives without success but happy I succeeded in meeting you. Kindly read this mail very well to understand correctly.

I want to inform you that this is a great business plan and I want it to be between you and me alone, as I told you, I don't want the bank management where I work under any circumstances to know that I am involved in this transaction or else this will hinder the transfer and I could be held for giving out bank classified information to competitors, I hope you understand what I am meaning here?

If this is properly done, the bank will acknowledge you as his next of kin and will accept to release the funds to you. I have all the information to back you up and support your demand. I know that this will work perfectly well because am here, what I need from you is just to be honest with me, trust me and follow my directives.

As per security, I would like you to understand that this business plan is genuine, legal and 100% risk free from any trouble but what I need is for you to keep this matter personal and keep everyone out of it, this is the only possibility.

Again, I want us to achieve a perfect business transaction because I want to use my own part of the money after the transfer to become a full businessman as you know that I am just a Bank staff.

For the above reasons, immediately after the claim and the Fund is released to you, the 50% remains for you for your total co-operation and to enable you handle your activities and your profession perfectly while 50% will be for me. It is very important for us to know this because we are having a long lasting relationship and I dont want any suprises during the disbursement of the funds.

Again, the most important thing is that you must keep everybody away from this transaction it needs to be between me and you to avoid any exposure of this matter to anyone but I assure you and can still reassure you that this is 100% genuine, legal and can never bring or cause embarrassment or trouble of any kind.

Again, as i have had many banking experience therefore there is no way we can make mistake towards this transfer because i have done it for others and my own will not be a different case, so you need to keep everybody blind concerning this fund so that they will not start raising'eyebrow' even your banker, so for this reason also, transferring this fund into your bank account will be declared (Motive of Transferring) as business funds for investment. I will be waiting to receive your telephone and fax numbers along with your postal address as fast as possible so that i will start working on placing your name and your information's as the next-of-kin to this fund and immediately I hear back from you with the informations, I will draft an Application Letter on your behalf and you will send it to the bank to avoid mistakes.

What I need from you is as follow:

- (1) Your Profession.
- (2) Your Private Telephone Numbers and fax
- (3)Your complete address.

I need urgently the above informations to enable me perfect the documentation on your name to avoid mistakes.

Kindly reply quickly with the information as I requested and reassure me of doing this business plan with me in sincerity.

I am attachig here with copy of my international passport Thanks and my regards to your family.

Yours sincerely, Mr. Ted Apostoleris

Before we get started on all this, I want to ensure that this is all true. How can you prove to me that what you say is true? I would like to see a current Account Statement for the bank account.

And please answer these questions; Where is the money now? What's the name of the bank? What is your client's full name?

Once you answer these questions, I will decide my course of action. You can never be too careful on the internet, and I hope you understand.

T	ha	nl	ΚS,
T	ho	m	nas

Hello Thomas,

The money is deposited with the BANK OF AFRICA LOCATED IN ABIDJAN THE ECONOMIC CAPITAL OF COTE D' IVOIRE (IVORY COAST)

FULL NAME OF MY CLIENT IS: MR.JOHN ARROYO (LATE)

THE MONEY IS STILL IN THE BANK OF AFRICA UPTIL DATE.

I am attaching in this email the copy of the deposit receipt as prove of deposit by late Mr. Arroyo.

Also attached in this email is is the last statement of account of late Mr. Arroyo.

If you are sure that you will be discret in handling this transaction without the knowledge of any second party, then we can do business. Like I said before, I do not want anything that will jeoperdise my profession and intergrity.

The details provided here are through to the best of my knowledge and God is my witness.

I dont want you in anyway to see this deal as a sin or risk because everything will pass through normal legal process without you or me going contrary to any local or international law.

If you are ready to work with me, then contact me for further directives.

Regards

Mr. Ted Apostoleris.





I hate to admit it, but these are two of the best forgeries I have ever received from scammers.

In the first email you sent me you told me that you contacted me because I had the same last name of your client. Where did you get that from? My name is not Arroyo? How would this possibly work?

Thomas

This will completely work out because I am here. It will work out because I have every details of this deposit therefore with the informations I will give you which will be contained in the text of application you will send to the telex office will make them know that you are the rightful person. Like I told you earlier on, everything will be done in absolute legality therefore you have nothing to worry about. All you need to do is to follow my directives and we will achieve this success at least 7 days of commencement.
Let me know your thoughts.
Regards
Mr. Ted Apostoleris. ************************************
Answer my question – why did you tell me that your client had the same last name as me and that how you found me???
Thomas ************************************
Thomas,
Well at first, I went on a business directory and the name I used in that reverse lookup was Arroyo and my focus was to get someone who is into construction business since my late client was into construction too. I saw your email and picked interest to contact you since you are with a construction firm.
I believe we are matured enough therefore decide now and let me know because each day that passes draws me closer to the automatum given by the bank.
Regards
Ted ************************************
Just for the record, I am not in construction business – we are a leasing company that leases and sells large commercial equipment and properties.
What exactly do you need from me? Do you have any proof that what you say is true?
Let me know, Thomas ************************************
I have given you the proof of deposit and statement of account. I believe the highest proof is for the arrival of this funds in your account after the legal and banking formalities is accomplished. What I need at this time is for you to set up a new bank account where this funds will be transferred and then forward it to me along with your personal telephone and fax numbers, address, city and state. This details will be needed by our bank to process your transfer.

Sorry, I did not see the attachments to that email. Where should I set up a bank account? Citibank or Chase? Both accept international transfers so either should work.

Here is my info;

Thomas S. Payne 1422 Lake Road Medina, Ohio 44256 (330) 669-2473

Dear Thomas,

I have received the information. I suggest you set up the account with CitiBank.

Do you mean that you did not receive the statement of account and deposit receipt I sent to you??

I will be waiting to receive the account details to enable me prepare the text of application. Meanwhile under normal circumstances you will need the assistance of a local attorney here in Abidjan who will represent you in securing the neccesary legal documents here on your name which will justify your application to our bank as the rightful beneficiary.

The attorney will swear an oath of affidavit at the high court of justice here on your name as the rightful beneficiary of this fund, he will obtain your stamp duties with deed of conveyance of inheritance, legalize, normalize and notarize this documents on your behalf.

As soon as this documents is secured, you will then send them to our remittance department with the text of application requesting for the wire transfer of this funds to your account.

Like I told you, I want us to do everything in a legal manner without going contrary to any local or international financial laws I will look into judiciary and select a good attorney's contact and then send his details to you to enable you apply for his assistance in handling the above.

I want us to finalise the transfer of this fund before Friday next week.

When do I expect the account details??

Ted

Yes, I received the statements that you sent. I didn't see them attached. I will set up an account with Citibank on Monday and give you the details once I get them.

Thanks

Thomas

Ok then I will expect the account details by monday meanwhile after work today, I will take my time tomorrow to get the attorney's contact details and will forward it to you before the end of tomorrow to enable you contact him so that he can start work by Monday.

Regards

I set up the account with Citibank. It is an interest-bearing account that will accept international transfers. It will take three days to be activated for online banking.

Thomas

Dear Thomas,

After going through the judiciary here, I picked up this attorney's contact. He is a reputable attorney with many years of experience and I believe he is the most qualified to represent you in soliciting the legal documents without any complications.

Here is his contact details:

Malcolm Cisse & Associates

Manuchim Chambers

Attorneys and Counselors at Law

04 Rue de la Justice 2éme Etage

01 Bp 5342 Abidjan 01

Republic of Cote D'Ivoire

Tel: +22508156058

E-mail: cissechamber@justice.com

I advise you to contact him either by telephone or email and introduce yourself to him as Mr. Thomas S. Payne. Tell him that you got his contact through a good confidant of yours in Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire. Tell him that you have an outstanding inheritance deposit of \$25 Million with the bank of Africa in Cote d'Ivoire and you want this deposit transferred to you in United States within the shortest period of time therefore you need his legal assistance to do the following:

*swear an oath of affidavit at the high court of justice here in Abidjan on your behalf.

*Obtain your stamp duties and transfer approval from the Ministry of Finance with deed of conveyance of inheritance, legalize, normalize and notarize all the documents on your behalf to enable you submit them to the bank for wire transfer of the funds to you in United States.

Tell the attorney that all documentary evidence will be forwarded to him as soon as you hear from him to enable him commence the process without delay.

Please contact him as soon as possible and let me know.

Regard

Ted

Dear Thomas,

It is a step towards the achievement of our desired success therefore I will expect to receive the details as follows;

The account number, swift or routing numbers and address of bank.

Meanwhile I sent the contact of an attorney to you on sunday. did you receive it? please confirm.

Regards

Why am I contacting this lawyer? I did receive the contact details but I'm not sure what to say to him.

Here is the account information;

CITIBANK

SWIFT. CITIBS33 Swift-Code: BT4415TG

Account number: 01136 10447500194 Account: Name: Thomas S. Payne

Dear Thomas,

I did not tell the lawyer anything about you rather I picked up his details from our local directory as an astute practitioner.

The reason why you are contacting this lawyer is to apply for the legal documents which will justify your application to our remittance department for the wire transfer of the funds.

All you need to do is this:

Attention Malcolm Cisse & Associates.

Sir,

I got your contact details from the local attorney directory through a confidant of mine. I am Mr. Thomas Payne. I have an outstanding deposit of \$25 Million with the Bank of Africa in Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire. This fund was left by my deceased relation.

Due to my inability to fly down to Cote d'Ivoire at this time, I want you to represent me and do the following;

- 1) Swear an affidavit at the high court of justice on my behalf as the beneficiary of this deposit.
- 2) Secure my transfer approval from the Ministry of Finance.
- 3) Transfer the deed of conveyance of the deposit to my name, obtain the stamp duties, legalize and Notarize the documents and deposit them to the Bank of Africa on my behalf.

I need this documents as urgent as possible therefore on my hearing from you and upon your acceptance, I will forward the copy of the deposit certificate to enable you facilitate the documentations as fast as possible.

Regards

Thomas Payne

Please copy this message and send to him. because immediately you make the application for the wire transfer, our bank will request for the documents therefore I want you to have the documents in hand already so that immediately you send the application to our bank, the bank will activate the account and wire transfer the funds to you without any delay.

As I earlier told you, I want us to pass through normal legal procedure to avoid any mistake and with my many years of banking experience, there is no way we will make mistake hence my reason of suggesting this before hand.

your document.
Cope the message and send directly to the attorney and then get back to me as fast as possible.
Regards
Ted. ************************************
I sent the email to the lawyer as you have instructed. I will let you know when they contact me.
Thomas ************************************
Letter template copied and sent to the lawyer. ***********************************
ATTN:THOMAS PAYNE,
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING MALCOLM CISSE AND ASSOCIATES. WE ARE READY AND WILLING TO CARRY OUT YOUR REQUEST.
KINDLY PROVIDE US WITH ANY PROOF OF DOCUMENT IN YOUR POSSESION BEARING THE NAME OF THE DECEASED DEPOSITOR.
UPON OUR RECEIPT OF THE SAID DOCUMENT, WE WILL MAKE THE NECCESARY INQUIRY AND THEN GET BACK TO YOU.
WE ANTICIPATE YOUR RESPONSE
CORDIALLY
MS. CELINE DIKKO SECRETARY ************************************
Thank you for the prompt reply. Here is the document that I possess proving I am the next of kin to the deceased. Please let me know what needs to be done and please give me details of your charging structure before we have to sign the Attorney/Client Agreement.

Thank you very much,

Thomas



Just to set these idiots up for a fall later, I send the lawyer a form from another scambait that obviously has nothing to do with this one. I figured that they won't even look at the form that I send and will continue with the modalities... How wrong I was!

ATTN:THOMAS PAYNE,

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF YOUR VIDE MAIL DATED 22/04/2010. WE ARE CONFUSED WITH YOUR FIRST AND SECOND COMMUNICATION. THE UNDERLINED MESSAGE BELOW IS THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER OF REQUEST TO OUR CHAMBER.

I got your contact details from the local attorney directory through a confidant of mine. I am Mr. Thomas Payne. I have an outstanding deposit of \$25 Million with the Bank of Africa in Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire. This fund was left by my deceased relation.

IN THE UNDERLINED EMAIL COMMUNICATION, YOU MENTIONED \$25 MILLION DEPOSITED WITH THE BANK OF AFRICA IN ABIDJAN COTE D' IVOIRE HOW COME YOU SENT A DOCUMENT BEARING THE LETTER HEAD OF THE FAMOUS EUROPEAN FINANCIAL TRUST BANK BEARING \$4.5 MILLION?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, HAVING VERIFIED THE DOCUMENT BEARING THE LETTER HEAD OF EUROPEAN FINANCIAL TRUST BANK, WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT SUCH BANK DOES NOT EXIST ALL OVER EUROPE. THE BANK SIMILAR TO THAT NAME IS THE EUROPE TRUST BANK AND WHEN WE CONTACTED THEM, THEY DID SUCH DEPOSIT RECEIPT CONFIRMING TO US THAT THE RECEIPT IS FAKE;

WE ARE FIRM TO INFORM YOU THAT THE EUROPEAN FINANCIAL TRUST BANK IS A FICTITIOUS BANK USED BY INTERNET SCAMMERS ALSO KNOWN AS 419 A PENAL CODE WHICH WAS ENFORCED IN LAW IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO ELIMINATE SCAM PRACTISES.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE US WITH THE EXACT DOCUMENT TO ENABLE US VERIFY ITS AUTHENTICITY AND THEN GET BACK TO YOU.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

CORDIALLY

MS. CELINE DIKKO SECRETARY. ************************************
hello i want to know if the lawyer have contcated you ted ***********************************
Yes, they just got back with me today. They said the form was the wrong one or something. They said the form is used by internet scammers and that the bank does not exist. What the hell is going on here???
Thomas ************************************
can to pls send me the form you send to they that sey the band does not exist my own bank? ************************************
Here is the form I sent. Should I have sent the other one? You sent me two.
Thomas
I send Ted the correct forms, not the one that I sent to the lawyer. ***********************************
you are lying to me mr thomas i think you are a man of your word now i know ************************************
What is that supposed to mean? Are you calling me a liar? That is what the lawyer said!
Thomas ************************************
yes you are liar you can go to the site and see if the bank exist ************************************
You are a fucking asshole – I am only telling you what the lawyer told me. I didn't check to see if they had a website, I was only going by what they said, dickface.
Thomas

NOTE – I am illegally posing as the next-of-kin with the help of a dishonest banker. The "lawyer" doesn't know I have a previous relationship with the banker (Ted), which would expose our scheme to steal this money. Yet, Ted seems to know exactly what I sent the bank *********************************
that is not what i send you ************************************
How did the lawyer send you anything? They don't even know about you?
Here's what you said remember? - I did not tell the lawyer anything about you rather I picked up his details from our local directory as an astute practitioner.
So who is the liar? ***********************************

remember i give you his contact so i send him an email when you say i am lying so him reply me with the the doc you send to them ***********************************
Are you telling me that if anyone contacts this lawyer he will send my personal and private information out to them. I never told the lawyer about you. And yet he will send you information about my dealings with him??? That's a breach of confidentiality!!!
I guess the lawyer is dishonest as well. **********************************
i tell him that you are a client to our bank that want him to help in transfer your money to your bank account that how he know ***********************************
You are an idiot. Of course I knew you were a 419 scammer from the beginning – I was just having some fun with you. Do you like begging white people for money? Your life must be horrible. I pity you.
Thomas ************************************
I love messing with 419 scammers!!! Do you like begging white people for money? ************************************
fcuk you ************************************
No response? I am sorry that you are a black beggar. Your life must be horrible. Do your parents cry a lot in shame? I pity you. If you killed yourself, the pain would all go away.
Thomas ************************************
I am sorry that you are black and poor and stupid and have to beg for money. If you killed yourself, the pain would go away.
Thomas ************************************

What I attempted in this scambait back-fired but was mildly funny anyways. This scammer was a little more intelligent than most, which still puts him far below a normal person, but he wasn't fooled by my little trick. No matter what, he still could not explain (though he tried) why he knew exactly what form I sent the bank.

Also, if he was intelligent, why did he keep responding to me after he saw I sent the form from another scambait? At that point he had to know I was a scambaiter, don't you think???

Maybe I'm wrong and he is a freaking moron...