

Check Mule

I feel so used! This was a new “modality”, at least to me, where the scammer doesn’t even want any money. He just wants a scan of a Bank of America Cashier’s Check in the amount of \$50.00. I started off giving him a hard time about having a fax line in Seattle (k7), an office in Las Vegas, a phone number in Ontario, and a mailing address to Reno, Nevada – his IP Address resolves to Ontario. But after I started this scambait, I started to get really interested in why he wanted just the check. Obviously it was to use against other victims, but I was curious to see how he would proceed so I played along.

From: Banesto James [mailto:banestojames@yahoo.com.hk]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2009 10:59 PM
To: Thomas Payne
Subject: RE: Contact the bank

This is to inform you that your lottery has been approved for payment to you for a long time of which we contacted you regarding to this but you have not made any attempt to receive your funds.

The only thing holding your lottery winnings to be forwarded to you is you non compliance with the payment of the stamp duty fee amounting to \$50.

You are required to purchase a Bank of America cashiers check for \$50 in your name and forwarded to us to cover your stamp duty fee so that we can send your lottery winnings to you.

You are required to fax the cashiers check to this fax number +1-206-3376901 and also forward a scanned copy as well to this email address so that we can confirm it.

You are also required to forward the following details to us as well.

- 1) Your full name and address
- 2) Your direct phone number
- 3) Your banking details where you will like the funds to be wired to.

Awaiting your immediate response.

Regards,

Mr. James Banesto
Progressive Gaming International

Okay, I will get the check. Thank you.

Thomas

Dear Thomas,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your mail.

Once you get the Bank of America cashiers check you are required to send a fax copy to the fax number I gave to you and also send a scanned copy through this mail.

Awaiting your response.

Regards,

James Banesto

Where are you located?

Thomas

Dear Thomas,

We are located in Las Vegas.

Regards,

Mr.James Banesto

Then why is your fax number from Seattle?

Thomas

Dear Thomas

We have an office there where your payment is been processed and will be paid to you from.

You are the one delaying your funds payment to you because the only thing holding your funds payment to you is the \$50 Bank of America cashiers check.

Are you ready to receive your funds?

Regards,

Mr.James Banesto

What is your office phone number in Las Vegas so I can call you.

Thomas

1-905-5980735

You said you were in Las Vegas, didn't you?

Thomas

yes

Then why is your area code from Toronto, Ontario??? What the heck is going on here?

Thomas

am there for a meeting

What is the address and phone number to your Las Vegas Office? I think that is what I asked you – not some phone number from Ontario.

Thomas

Dear Thomas,

I have given you the instruction you are required to follow for you to receive your winnings but you have adhered to the instructions given to you.

Have you gotten the Bank of America cashiers check for \$50?

Regards,

James Banesto

I'm sorry – but not as yet. I was just confused as to where to send it to. I know you said you want me to fax a copy and email a copy of it, but where should I mail the original when I get it?

Thomas

9295 Prototype Drive
Reno, NV 89521-8986
United States

Who should the check be made out to?

Thomas

Alicia Thomas

Okay, thank you. I will let you know once I get the check.

Thomas

Am waiting for the scan of the check.

Regards,

James Banesto

I will get that check in the mail today after I get off work.

Thomas

You are required to send us a scanned copy of the cashiers check.

Regards,

James

Yes, I know you said that but you need the original too, right? I was going to scan it and then drop it in the mail.

Thomas

Notice that he doesn't seem too interested in the real check, just the scan.

Dear Thomas,

Go ahead and forward the scan copy while you mail the original to me.

Regards,

James

Sorry about the wait – I will send it tonight when I get home from work.

Thomas

Dear Thomas,

Am still waiting for the scanned copy of the cashier check you promised sending over.

Regards,

James

Sorry, I got home late last night and totally forgot. I will send the check when I get home today from work. I dropped the original in the mail today.

Thomas

I haven't received the scanned copy yet,why?

Regards,

James

I just sent the check. You should be getting the original in the mail in a few days and attached is the scanned copy.

Let me know what needs to be done next to collect my money.

Thomas

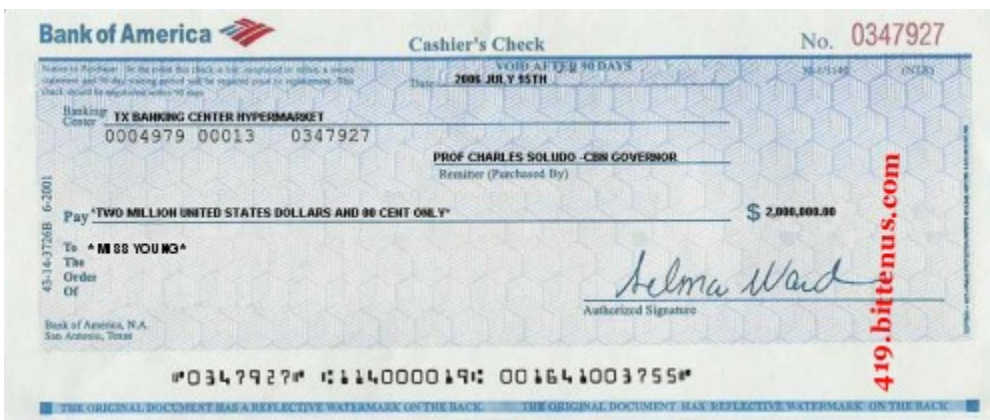
Hello? I am still waiting for instructions. Let me know.

Thomas

Why haven't I heard back from you yet? I need to know what to do next. Please contact me urgently.

Thomas

To get this mook a scanned copy of a Bank of America Cashier's Check, I found one on Yahoo Images.



Notice that this check was found on the <http://419.bittenus.com/index.htm> website. Also notice that the signature on the check is from Selma Ward (actress).



Here is my doctored check. I sent this to him minus the MACSBaitStore.com writing on it. I didn't want this idiot using this check against someone else so I shrunk it down to about 2 inches wide by 1 inch tall. If he tries to enlarge it, it will become pixilated and blurry. He never contacted back after my last email so he was either happy with the check or knew he was being fucked with.