The Eager Beaver

This was a short scam (3 days), but with numerous emails. I tried to continue with the FBI, but they wouldn't respond to my emails after the first. Notice that after I make the payment via Western Union but don't give him the details, because of what the Western Union clerk told me, how he panics. Especially when I threaten to verify all this information from my local FBI Office. I received 18 emails in the last day from this clown.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 1110 THIRD AVENUE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101 USA

ATTENTION: BENEFICIARY

This e-mail has been issued to you in order to Officially inform you that we have completed an investigation on an International Payment in which was issued to you by an International Lottery Company. With the help of our newly developed technology (International Monitoring Network System) we discovered that your e-mail address was automatically selected by an Online Balloting System, this has legally won you the sum of \$800,000.00 USD from a Lottery Company outside the United States of America. During our investigation we discovered that your e-mail won the money from an Online Balloting System and we have authorized this winning to be paid to you via a Certified Cashier's Check.

Normally, it will take up to 10 business days for an International Check to be cashed by your local bank. We have successfully notified this company on your behalf that funds are to be drawn from a registered bank within the United States Of America so as to enable you cash the check instantly without any delay, henceforth the stated amount of \$800,000.00 USD has been deposited with Bank Of America.

We have completed this investigation and you are hereby approved to receive the winning prize as we have verified the entire transaction to be Safe and 100% risk free, due to the fact that the funds have been deposited at Bank Of America you will be required to settle the following bills directly to the Lottery Agent incharge of this transaction whom is located in Lagos, Nigeria. According to our discoveries, you were required to pay for the following —

- (1) Deposit Fee's (Fee's paid by the company for the deposit into an American Bank which is Bank Of America)
- (2) Cashier's Check Conversion Fee (Fee for converting the Wire Transfer payment into a Certified Cashier's Check)
- (3) Shipping Fee's (This is the charge for shipping the Cashier's Check to your home address)

The total amount for everything is \$500.00 (Five Hundred-US Dollars). We have tried our possible best to indicate that this \$500.00 should be deducted from your winning prize but we found out that the funds have already been deposited at Bank Of America and cannot be accessed by anyone apart from you the winner, therefore you will be required to pay the required fee's to the Agent in-charge of this transaction via Western Union Money Transfer Or Money Gram.

In order to proceed with this transaction, you will be required to contact the agent in-charge (Mr. Benson Edward) via e-mail. Kindly look below to find appropriate contact information:

CONTACT AGENT NAME: Benson Edward

You will be required to e-mail him with the following information:
FULL NAME: ADDRESS: CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE: DIRECT CONTACT NUMBER: CURRENT OCCUPATION:
You will also be required to request Western Union or Money Gram details on how to send the required \$500.00 in order to immediately ship your prize of \$800,000.00 USD via Certified Cashier's Check drawn from Bank Of America, also include the following transaction code in order for him to immediately identify this transaction: EA2948-910.
This letter will serve as proof that the Federal Bureau Of Investigation is authorizing you to pay the required \$500.00 ONLY to Mr. Benson Edward via information in which he shall send to you, if you do not receive your winning prize of \$800,000.00 we shall be held responsible for the loss and this shall invite a penalty of \$3,000 which will be made PAYABLE ONLY to you (The Winner).
Mr. Robert Mueller Federal Bureau of Investigation. ***********************************
hello Thomas
i got your mail and the content was well noted and i wish to inform you that this transaction is 100% risk free and its legal that is why we have the FBI involve in this transaction so if you wish to proceed with this transaction do get back to me with the requested details so that we can start the process of this transaction.
l await your response ************************************
Are you an FBI Agent?
Thomas ************************************
am the agent incharge of your lottery winnings ************************************
FBI Agent or Lottery Agent?
FULL NAME: Thomas Payne ADDRESS: 1422 Lake Road CITY: Medina STATE: Ohio ZIP CODE: 44256

Here is the info you requested.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Yes

DIRECT CONTACT NUMBER: 330-666-9269

E-MAIL ADDRESS: < <u>bensonedward09@gala.net</u>

Thomas ************************************
I got your mail with the information and i wish to inform you that you need to make the require fee of \$500 before we can start the process of this transaction.
Thomas below you will find the western union payment information of where you are to send the fee to.
Name of Receiver: Benson Edward State: Lagos Country: Nigeria Test Question: Who is good? Answer: God Amount to Send: \$500.00
Do get back to this office with the following information below after making payment of \$500.00 via Western Union Money Transfer or Money Gram International Transfer.
Senders Name: Senders Address: Mtcn #/Reference #:
If you are able to make this payment immediately, then your cashier's check will be dispatched in less than 24 hours upon receipt of the payment and you will be contacted with a UPS/FedEx tracking number. Immediately have this done and get back to me ASAP.
l await your response ************************************
Why is this money going to Nigeria?
Thomas ************************************
Because that is where the money is coming from and am the agent wish the fbi choose as the agent incharge of your lottery winnings so i will want you to kindly proceed and make this payment done now so that i can proceed to the Ups Office and effect the delivery pf your funds to your door step.
Do get back to me as soon as you have finish making the payment
Best Regards,
Benson Edward ************************************
The money is at the Bank of America, correct?
Thomas

Bank Of America is the bank that issue out the cashier check and the lottery winnings is from Nigeria that is why we have the fbi involve in this transaction and i tried to call your Telephone Number you are not picking it.
··· **********************************
I'm at work. I gave you my home phone number.
Thomas ************************************
Ok i want you to get back to me with a phone number that i can reach you now and i also want to know if you will be making the payment now before the Ups close down here.
Get back to me ASAP
Benson Edward ************************************
I cannot be reached while I am at work. I may not have time on my lunch today to find a Western Union or Moneygram location. I don't know how late they are open, but possibly after I get off work today.
Thomas ************************************
Ok but you need to try all your possible best and make this payment dine today because there will be an holiday down here and i want you to get your funds successfuly in your door step tomorrow.
So do proceed now and make the payment via western union so that i can confirm your payment from western union office before they close and as soon as i confirm your payment from western union i will quickly proceed to the Ups Office and effect the delivery of your funds to your door step.
I await your mail with the western union payment information.
Benson Edward. ************************************
Am still waiting for your mail and let me know if you will be making this payment done today ************************************
Oh, didn't know you were waiting. On my lunch, I will see if I can find a Western Union or Moneygram. I have no idea where one is; I have never used them before. I may not have time, because I will have to go to the bank first. I'll let you know later today if I got it done.
Thomas ************************************
ok i want you to kindly forward your work address to me now and i will assist you in finding a western union location so that you can just proceed to the western union and make the payment once have assist you in finding the location
Do get back to me with your office full address ASAP
You should have it. It's 1422 Lake Road, Medina Ohio 44256
Thomas ************************************

Below you will finds some western union location near you and i will want you to proceed now and make the payment ASAP

TA #15 LODI 8834 LAKE RD I 71 I 76 EXIT 209 Seville, OH 44273-9001 Map and Driving Directions

Today's Hours: 07:00 AM - 11:00 PM Tomorrow's Hours: 07:00 AM - 11:00 PM

PILOT TRAVEL CENTERS #013 8924 LAKE RD Seville, OH 44273 Map and Driving Directions

Today's Hours: 07:00 AM - 11:00 PM Tomorrow's Hours: 07:00 AM - 11:00 PM

QUICK FOOD MART 120 LAFAYETTE RD Medina, OH 44256-2332 Map and Driving Directions

Today's Hours: 06:00 AM - 11:59 PM Tomorrow's Hours: 06:00 AM - 11:59 PM

DISCOUNT DRUG MART
211 COMMERCE DR
Medina, OH 44256
Map and Driving Directions

Today's Hours: 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM Tomorrow's Hours: 12:00 AM - 12:00 AM

CASHLAND #3137 408 S ELMWOOD ST Medina, OH 44256-2325 Map and Driving Directions

Today's Hours: 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM Tomorrow's Hours: 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM

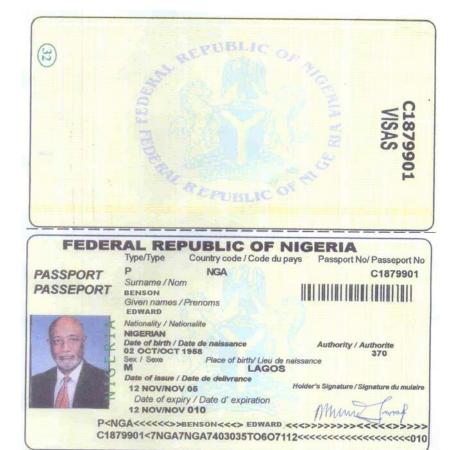
Do get back to me as soon as you have finish making the payment

Warm Regards

Benson Edward

get back to me and let me know if you found the western union location
Benson Edward ************************************
Am still waiting for your mail and i want you to get back to me as soon as you have make the payment
Benson Edward ************************************
I found the Western Union and I made the payment. They told me there, that I shouldn't send money to Nigeria, that this was probably a scam. I would like to see your ID and a scanned copy of the check from Bank of America before I give you any of the details.
Thomas ************************************
Attn: Thomas,
I got your mail and the content was well noted and i wish to inform you that i only have my ID here,below you will find an attachment of my ID and i want you to be assure once again that this transaction is 100% risk free transaction.
Once i confirm your payment from western union i will immediately proceed to the Ups Office before they close and i will effect the delivery of your funds and the Ups will give me a tracking number for the delivery of your package.
i will get back to you with the tracking number given to me by the Ups so i will urge you to kindly get back to me with the requested western union payment details.
await your response with the details
Benson Edward ***********************************
There was no ID attached to this email, moron. Where is the check if you don't have it with you?

Here is my ID and i want inform you the check is right here in our office but there is no scanner which i will use to scan the copy for so that you can see it yourself, Thomas i want you to kindly get back to me with this western union details ASAP so that i can confirm your payment before the western union office close down here.



Thank you for the ID, that was mighty white of you. If there is no scanner there, how did you scan your Passport??? What the clerk said at the Western Union office has me freaked out, so I am taking every precaution. If you don't send me a scan of the check, do you mind if I verify all of this with the FBI?

Thomas

i wish to inform you that have already have my ID here on my computer and i want to let you know that this transaction is 100% risk free transaction and its legal so if you wish to proceed with this transaction do get back to me and let me know because am late here in my office i have to go home.

Do get back to me and let me know if you have make the payment or not

I told that I made the payment, but what they told me at the Western Union Office has me freaked out. You don't have to stay at work waiting for me. We can finish this tomorrow. I will call the FBI Office to verify everything and once I have my fears put to rest, I will give you the Western Union MTCN. I apologize for all of this, but they said at the Western Union to make sure you verify everything because there are a lot of scams going on. We will finish this tomorrow if that's not a problem.

Thomas

Thomas i told you right from the begining that this transaction is 100% risk free transaction and its legal and i really understand all what you said about what they told you at the western union that is very correct but i want you to know that am a God fearing man and trust worthy man you dont have to worry about anything and you dont have to fear about this because am puting my trust on you that is why i want you to get your funds successfuly in your door step tomorrow.

Thomad i want you to kindly get back to me with the MTCN # so that i can confirm your payment today and be well assure that once i confirm your payment your funds will be deliver to your door step without any further delay.

Do get back to me with the MTCN# ASAP.

God Bless You

AM STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR FROM YOU WITH THE MTCN

AM STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR FROM YOU WITH THE MTCN #

Am still waiting for your mail and i want you to get back to me with payment info so check can be delivered to doorstop tomorrow.

Benson Edward

Hello Thomas,

I wish to bring to your notice that i have finally get a scanner at the libery to scan the copy of your check, below you will find an attachment of the check



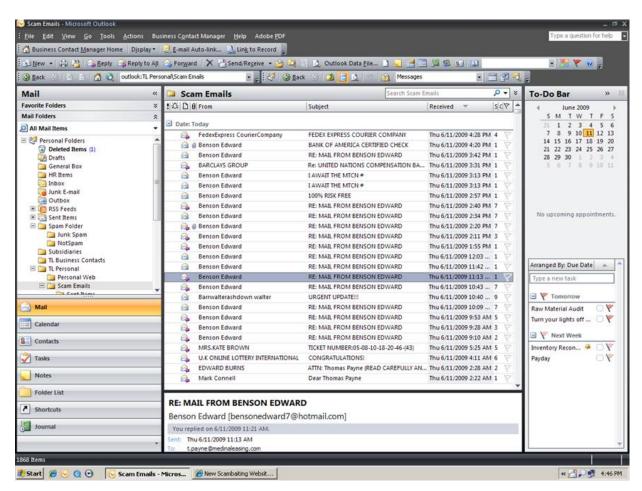
I called our local FBI Office (Akron, Ohio) and they informed me that they do not involve themselves with transactions like this and that you were most likely a 419 Scammer. I forwarded all your emails to their office, as well as that fake ID and silly looking fake check.

After work today, I will retrieve my money from Western Union.

You are pathetic.

Thomas

That was that last I heard from him (obviously). They like to stay away from the FBI. The string of email at the end of this bait from Bensen were coming about 20 minutes apart. He was trying to convince me to give him the Western Union info before I called the FBI to verify everything, so he was in a panic. He also thought that by sending me a "scan" of the check, it would convince me, not realizing that I already left work for the day, and was going to call the FBI when I got home.



Looking at this screenshot of my email account – you can all the emails I received from this butt-munch (Bensen Edwards) in one day.