

The Good, the Bad, and the Barrister

This moron must be a newbie, because he totally screwed up this scam from the very first letter. He tried to pull a Next-of-Kin scam, but instead of asking me to pose as Next-of-Kin, he actually told me I was the heir of the estate. This makes his letters interesting (and confusing...) because he uses the typical Next-of-Kin terms and M.O. , like the need for confidentiality and that it is 100% risk free and he will protect me from any "breach of law". He also informs me that HE IS MY LAWYER and I WILL PAY HIM 15%. For a lawyer, he has no idea how the attorney/client relationship works, but I will tell him.

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I am Kenneth Morris, an attorney at law. A deceased client of mine has bequeathed you as His Heir, who died as a result of Heart-Related problem due to the death of all the members of his family in the Gulf Air Flight Crashes in Persian Gulf near Bahrain Aired August 23, 2000 - 2:50 p.m. ET as reported on:  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0008/23/bn.08.html>

I'm contacting you as the Heir to approve the release of the money left behind by my client before it is confiscated or declared unserviceable by the bank where this deposit valued at thirty two million dollars (US\$32 million dollars) is lodged. This bank has issued me a notice to contact you (Heir), or the account will be confiscated.

My proposition to you is to seek your consent and approval as the Heir and beneficiary of my late client, so that the proceeds of this account can be paid to you as His Heir. All legal documents to back up your claim as my client's Heir will be provided. All I require is your approval about this and your honest cooperation to enable us see this transaction through.

This will be executed under a legitimate arrangement that will protect you from any breach of the law. If this mail proposition offends your moral values, do accept my apology. I must use this opportunity to implore you to exercise the utmost indulgence to keep this matter extraordinary confidential, whatever your decision, while I await your prompt response. Please contact me at once to indicate your approval. I will like you to acknowledge the receipt of this e-mail as soon as possible via my private EMAIL:([kenneth778@live.com](mailto:kenneth778@live.com)) And treat with absolute confidentiality and sincerity.

I look forward to your quick reply.

Best regards,  
Barrister Kenneth Morris.

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I don't understand this - who made me their heir? I don't even know this person. Please explain this. If I am this man's legal heir, what is the need for confidentiality?

This whole letter doesn't make any sense,

Thomas

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Good Day,

Thank you very much for your email entry to me and all the questions stated and I wish to let you know that you are not related to my late client Mr. Larry Matthews & there was no standard criteria for contacting you, other than for you to be notified about the funds bequeathed to you by my late Client Mr. Larry Matthews because he believed you can reach out to the charity organization in your region with part of this funds due to your profile he find on the internet which motivated him to bequeath you as his Heir.

Me being his personal lawyer, I started receiving notice from the bank that some certain amount deposit valued at Thirty Two million, US dollars (US\$32 million dollars) of my late client lodge in with them is due for its maturity that I should contact you his Next of Kin to the funds before it will be confiscate and transfer into government treasury according to the England Law.

Presently the funds lie in a Bank here in England which I can not disclose to you until I am sure of your full approval to carry out this transaction with me and I so much hope that you are not offended but as time goes on I shall provide you with all the legal documents. Conclusively I hope with the above information's have answered what you need to know from me before we can divulge further. I want this done so that you can use a good part of your share for helping the poor and the needy and for charity works. You shall compensate me with 15% for my assistance.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration and hope to hear back from you with your full profile such as, FULL NAMES, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE AND FAX to enable me apply for the release of the funds and follow up with the necessary procedures.

Best regards,  
Barrister Kenneth Morris.

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If this money has been legally bequeathed to me, you have no right to demand 15% of it from me. If you are this dead fellow's lawyer, then I expect that you have been provided for and taken care of financially, and I owe you nothing. Why should I be offended when you detail to me that I am the heir of this Larry Matthews? We are not doing anything illegal. I would like to see a copy of the will, if you would be so kind.

Thank you,

Thomas Payne

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Good day,

I am in receipt of your mail. All legal charges as regard the documentation process to ensure that the Bank release this inheritance to you will be covered by my law firm. Upon the receipt of this mail, do provide me with your full details as earlier requested in my last mail to enable me verify your details and also commence with the release process of your bequest and my 15% charge is for my legal job to make sure the bank release the money quickly, my late client did not pay for any legal fee before he was late.

Do have a nice week ahead.

Regards,  
Barrister Andrew Allen

(The lawyer changed his name... still emailing from the Kenneth Morris email account though.)

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Barrister Allen;

Let me explain something to you because you don't seem to know how this process works. I did not hire you or agree to pay you anything for your services. If you did not receive proper payment from the bank or from the deceased (your client), then it is not my problem. I am the legal heir to this money means that you have no legal right to tell me what I should pay you. And I would never agree to pay you \$2.4 million dollars for your services anyways. Do you know how ridiculous you are? Have you been a lawyer long? You get paid by whoever hired you and trying to demand that I would give you that much money when you aren't even my lawyer, just for doing your job, is almost criminal. I have half a mind to report you to the proper authorities. Here is the information you requested;

Thomas Payne  
1422 Lake Road  
Medina, Ohio 44256  
330-666-9269  
No fax

Thomas

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Good day,

I am in receipt of your mail. sorry i did not explain to you the 15% charges is Three thousand two hundred dollars (us\$3,200) in my terms not the real percentage. This is meant for all the legal and bank fee I will spend for your quicky transfer of the money, like tax.

I will not doubt about your opinion due to the high rate of internet scam. My primary duty is to notify you about the bequest of my late client Mr. Seith G. Daniel as you are not related to my late client Mr. Seith G. Daniel & there was no standard criteria for contacting you, other than for you to be notified about the funds bequeathed to you by him.

You have your decision to make as this is not my fund (Inheritance) but yours.

Do have a nice day.  
Best regards,  
Barrister Andrew Allen

(Now the dead fella's name changed – is this scammer an idiot or what?)

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So when you said your percentage was 15% - it was 15% of what? The only figure you gave me was \$32,000,000.00, and if the 15% didn't mean 15% of that, then what is it 15% of?

I don't know why you are mentioning internet scam – that wasn't my concern (although now it is...). I was just saying the lawyers (like you) work for the people who hire them. You said yourself that you were Mr. Daniels lawyer. Now if you didn't get paid by him, or make provisions to be paid, then that is your own fault, not mine. I am surprised at the audacity that you have telling me what I am going to pay you. If you are not familiar with how the lawyer-client relationship works, then you might want to go back to Law School for a few years, and this time stay awake for god's sake.

As you said yourself, I am the legal heir to this money. You have been instructed by the bank to contact me. Were you also instructed to send me a copy of the Will? Or do I have to contact the Probate Court?

Thank you,

Thomas Payne

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Thank you for your prompt response & reminder to my mail. I must assure you that this transaction is 100% risk free to you before and after it is been completed .All I require from you is your maximum co-operation to enable this transaction sail through, the total amount is in united state dollar, its okay if by me if your have decided that my service will not be paid for. I will go and file your details at the bank as the next of kin.

Also, I will proceed to the Court to obtain LETTER OF PROBATE & all the legal documentations to ensure that the Bank release this inheritance to you. Please do give me a call as regard this.

Regards,

Barrister Kenneth Morris

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I'm glad that it is okay with you that you will not be paid for your services. In the future, you may want to make arrangements for being paid by the person or company who actually hired you – that way you don't have to try to con someone like me into paying for your services just because you weren't smart enough to make the proper arrangements. You never did explain what the 15% was 15% of? Was it some arbitrary amount you just pulled out of your butt to see what you could get away with? I also don't understand how 15% of who-knows-what turns into \$3200.00? That must me the bottom amount you would settle for.

Send me you phone number again, I seem to have lost it...

Thomas

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Good day Thomas.

I don't know what you say about 15% because I tell you that my service will not be paid for. You will have to pay for LETTER OF PROBATE & all the legal documentations to ensure that the Bank release this inheritance to you.

This is my phone number:

TEL: +44 703 594 4640

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Before we get into all that – I asked you to send me a copy of the Will a while ago, and you have yet to do so. When you send it, will it be for Mr. Larry Matthews, the first dead guy who you said I was the heir to or will it be for Mr. Seith G. Daniel, the second dead guy that you said I was the heir to? And while we are on the subject, am I speaking to Barrister Kenneth Morris or Barrister Andrew Allen, in which it seems your name has magically changed to? I realize as a lawyer you are a busy, important man and it may happen that you mistake one dead guy's name for another, but to forget your own name and use someone else's is beyond me. You must be extremely busy!

Thomas

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Unfortunately that was it! I wonder why he left me. Was it something I said?