



Advisory on Scam Targeting Law Practices - 25 November 2014

The Law Society has received information of a possible scam targeting law practices. Some members have reported that they received e-mails from a person named 'Mike Brown'.

Mike Brown will send an email to a lawyer informing that he had been asked to contact a particular Singapore law practice (which he names) about an inheritance case from a relative of his that passed away. In subsequent e-mails to the lawyer, Mike Brown says that he had been notified by that particular Singapore law practice to pay them \$12,594.10 for a Certificate Bond. According to Mike Brown, he is unable to come up with the money and he will ask the lawyer to assist and make the payment to that particular Singapore law practice. Mike Brown gives an assurance that he will repay the lawyer twice the amount once the inheritance case has been completed.

Lawyers should remain vigilant and avoid making advance payments without conducting stringent checks.

Lawyers may report an offence bearing the mentioned modus operandi at any Neighbourhood Police Centre or lodge an e-report at the Electronic Police Centre (www.police.gov.sg/epc/). For further enquiries, please contact Mr Chew Jingwei at 6557 3735 (DID) or e-mail chew_jingwei@spf.gov.sg.