



FRAUD ALERT

Various frauds circling

What is an employment verification scam?

Someone looking for a job answers an ad for employment and begins corresponding with someone representing themselves as a 'company employee.' Eventually, they outline a payroll option or employment verification stage where you are asked to click on a link in an email that will go to a webpage where you, as the potential employee, enter your personal information. The personal information requested could be your social security number, bank account information and/or other sensitive account data. From there, the scammer can now use your credit to open charge accounts and/or empty your bank account. ***An email example is attached below.*

What is a re-shipping fraud?

Another variation of this fraud is to offer part time employment as a 'Re-shipping Agent'. This consists of accepting parcels to your home address and forwarding them on to criminals. Needless to say these goods are either stolen or obtained by fraudulent means. This type of fraud is well documented by many authoritative sources such as Monster.com and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Needless to say, this occupation as a 'Reshipping Donkey' leaves the unsuspecting dupe as the only contactable 'fall guy', guilty of handling stolen goods.

What is a Pay-Pal overpayment scam?

This scam targets people who have listed an item for sale on a site such as Craigslist or E-Bay. The scammer contacts them directly outside of the proper methods for purchasing an item on those websites. That's an initial sign that something likely isn't legitimate. The direct contact with the seller likely is attempting to mirror an established Pay-Pal account. Ultimately, the 'buyer' wants you to ship your sale item to them and a false Pay-Pal like email is used to give the appearance that proper payment has been issued for the sale item. The next step by the scammer is an email saying the payment was for more than the asking price of the sale item and requests a money order to be sent or funds wired for the overpayment amount. Now the seller/victim is out the overpayment amount and their sale item.

What is the Overseas Business Partner scam?

People at random are usually contacted by fax or email with a proposal outlining a business partnership situation. One example received locally was for a gold mine business in Africa. Initial correspondence outlines how successful the business can be and how much experience the author has in the business field. They ask you to respond and from their, typically, they ask for personal information to either steal your identity and/or bank account information. ***An email example is attached below.*

The problem with all these various types of frauds is that it is difficult for law enforcement to track down the suspect or suspects and often the suspects are located outside of the United States. Local law enforcement agencies don't have jurisdiction to charge and prosecute outside of the country. The best option for people is to not get involved in such frauds or scams. If you are on the internet or get correspondence, look for spelling errors and other nuisances in the writing style. Do not engage in solicited correspondence or click a link from an email (you didn't solicit) to a separate website where you input any personal information or bank account information. Simply ignore and delete.

To report a Fraud in Mesa County, contact:

Mesa County Sheriff's Office Main Number at (970) 244-3500

Mrs. Susan Kofi

susan@ghanaminingcorp.com

Dear sir

There is over 5.5 million ounces of proven and probable reserves, inactive mine for sale by the government of Ghana. This sale has been approved in tune with the governments privatization Programme introduced to attract foreign investors. It has successfully been operated for over Eight years and now dormant. Facilities can be re-opened to start up the extraction of mineral process again as all infrastructure are still in place and all mining rights are intact. It contains hundreds of acres of land ,near rail road access and major highways. The precious metal that is located in the mining site is GOLD. You will have the opportunity to exploit the rewards of this Gold market. I am seeking a foreign partner that i will use as a front to assist us buy out this concession right. I and My local partners will provide the funding for this project. My name is Mrs. Susan Kofi, I am a director in the ministry of mineral resources here in Ghana. My partners are experts in the field of metallurgy and has over 30yrs of experience in the field of mining, petroleum and energy. You are not expected to finance any of this acquisitions and you will be placed on a fixed percentage. I will give you further details upon receipt of your response.

Contact me on fax number+27115075168 or my personal email at susan@ghanaminingcorp.com

My regards
Mrs Susan Kofi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Sun, Sep 18, 2011 at 1:25 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

- > Hi [REDACTED]. Thank you very much for replying to our listing.
- > \$NI As mentioned in the job posting, this position offers a generous
- > starting wage, plus a full benefit package, as well as periodic pay
- > increases and advancement opportunities. This is a full-time (40 hours per
- > week) position. Each employee's starting hourly wage will be based on his or
- > her experience level, which will be determined once the recruiting process
- > has been completed. Experience working in a similar environment is helpful,
- > but not required, as fully paid training is provided.
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- > At this time, we are staffing very aggressively, and making firm employment
- > offers. Typically we conduct multiple in-person interviews with each
- > candidate. However, due to increased staffing needs, we have greatly
- > expedited the hiring process. One of the main ways we have expedited our
- > hiring process is by streamlining our payroll into a fast, easy, electronic
- > system, versus the old-fashioned paper check.
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- > The way it works is that you will be assigned your choice of a Visa or
- > MasterCard, into which we will deposit your weekly earnings. Our payroll
- > software integrates directly with this online payment method and is very
- > efficient. This reloadable debit card is provided by reputable company and
- > can be used just like any debit card. You can withdraw your money at any ATM
- > or pay bills online, it's basically as good as cash.
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- > Not only does this payment process result in employees getting paid faster
- > because it's integrated with our payroll system, it also functions as a form
- > of citizenship verification; as stated in the ad you must be qualified to
- > work in the US. If you simply prefer paper checks, ask your manager and he
- > or she will accommodate you. If you choose to receive a paper check, you
- > will be paid weekly but not until the second payment period. Regardless, all
- > employees must complete payroll registration to continue the hiring process
- > and for citizen verification purposes. It's critical that your name and SS#
- > match correctly or your application will be denied.
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- > To register, please go to this link: Here<[http://www.proudurls.com/\[REDACTED\]](http://www.proudurls.com/[REDACTED])>

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> Your link is unique to you! Once you have completed your registration, an
> email is generated and sent to our corporate offices to confirm that you are
> ready to start work. We will contact you shortly thereafter via phone or
> email to schedule a time for you to come in and complete your new hire
> paperwork and begin your orientation.

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> It's recommended that you fund the card with at least \$25 after
> registration to make sure it's active and you receive your first payroll
> deposit without issue. This is not required but it will give you a
> opportunity to figure out how it works and make sure your pin is set
> correctly.

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> Thank you again, we have multiple positions hiring now and ready to start!
> Please follow the instructions listed above immediately, as positions are
> limited, and we are hiring on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you have
> any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Have a great day.

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> Sincerely, [REDACTED]
> Sr. Staffing Coordinator
> Express Staffing Services

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