Aberdeen Police Department Warns of A Bank Scam

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The Aberdeen Police Department wants to warn the public of an apparent financial scam that was brought to our attention by an Aberdeen resident. The resident received a letter in the mail advising him that the sender was an "External Auditor for the Bank of Ireland" and that an investor with the same last name had died years ago. Through an audit, the Aberdeen resident had been chosen to reap the benefits of claiming some of the money. The letter advised of 14.9 million United States dollars to claim and was sent without a return address. The sender of the letter offers to compensate the Aberdeen resident a 25 percent share for his collaborative efforts. The prospective victim is advised that "utmost confidentiality is of vital importance if we are to successfully reap the immense benefits of this transaction."

The Aberdeen Police Department wants to warn the public not to respond to unsolicited requests for personal financial information and to repeat that if something is too good to be true, it probably is.A post on the Bank of Ireland's website states;So you're a Lottery Winner! ....(or are you?)The Bank of Ireland has become aware of a scam currently being carried out by various groups of international fraudsters. This involves victims being contacted by email in which they are advised that they have won the Lottery (...any lottery, it doesn't matter which one). No ticket purchase was necessary - according to the scammers. The victim is encouraged to pay a fee before the 'winning' lottery cheque is handed over. This scheme is a FRAUD. Do not become involved. The copy cheques and bank drafts, circulated by the criminals are WORTHLESS. Many appear to be for hundreds of thousands and in some cases millions of Euro - we repeat, these items are worthless.In the normal course, we advise any individual who has received a message from a suspect email address to return it to the remitting Internet Service Provider's abuse address (e.g. abuse@hotmail.com , abuse@yahoo.co.uk etc). The attached website may be of interest to readers:· www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com