

Intelligence Alert

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Evaluation		
Source Evaluation	1	Reliable
Intelligence Evaluation	B	Known indirectly
Handling Code	C	Lawful sharing permitted with conditions
National Intelligence Model Level	1: Local issue One member affected	
Handling Conditions	Cannot be shared outside of the member organisation, with the exception of Schools Contents must not be uploaded to any public facing websites	

Push Payment Fraud Alert

We have received a report of Push Payment Fraud, where fraudsters (often impersonating individuals in a position of vulnerability or authority) use social engineering to convince victims to send money. The money is then transferred to a mule account or accounts, where it is extremely challenging to recover.

On this occasion a school received an email from a fraudster impersonating a widow, seeking to donate her deceased husband’s piano. The school accepted the donation and agreed to pay the delivery fee. A further email was received from the purported delivery company attaching an invoice for advance payment. The details are below.

- Original email sender name:** Janice Lawson
- Original email address of sender:** janicelawsonstrokes@gmail.com
- Delivery company name:** Pickfords Movement & Storage
- Delivery company email address:** pickfordmovement.jpmmovingstrage@proton.me
- Account holder name:** Edesiri Onogho Jebi
- Bank name:** Revolut Ltd
- Sort code:** 042909
- Account number:** 53070607

Please note the fraudster’s use of delivery service name, Pickfords, as it is a legitimate, well-known and recognised removal and storage company. The email address of the legitimate company is also different and ends **@pickfords.com**.

The school did not make payment and we advise all members to exercise caution if a donation is offered, particularly if it includes a request for advanced payment of delivery charges.

NAFN receive many reports of fraud but given the potential loss to the public purse, it is important to continue raising awareness. Please distribute this alert among relevant staff members. **If you would like to report any instances of the above information being used in similar fraud attempts please email them to intel@nafn.gov.uk and the details will be forwarded to the relevant teams. Please also report to **Action Fraud**.** Alerts provide information about fraud, risks and trends which may affect members; your contributions are vital – please email them to NAFN. Where appropriate please include handling restrictions.

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