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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

Investment Fraud

I would like to make you aware of a new scheme to defraud that has been circulating. It is a new twist on the traditional Nigerian letter fraud. The perpetrator employs the use of fabricated letters from banking institutions and government entities to secure investors who will be repaid following a release of funds held internationally. The perpetrator convinces potential investors that he has millions of dollars in various international locations, and that the money cannot be transferred to the U.S. without paying expensive fees to the originating country. He then attempts to convince potential investors to assist them in raising the money necessary to pay the exorbitant fees which would then free up the funds. He explains to the potential investors that when the funds are released they will be shared by all the investors. The perpetrator may use emails, telephone calls, or U.S. mail to attempt these frauds.