

Alerts

Warning: Letter falsely claiming to be from Primal Kishorbhai Laxman of Fitz Solicitors Limited

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A letter has been sent falsely claiming to be from Primal Kishorbhai Laxman of Fitz Solicitors Limited, in relation to a supposed verification of a tenant occupancy.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that a letter has been sent falsely claiming to be from a genuine solicitor of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below for details).

The letter seen by the SRA uses a supposed letterhead for 'Fitz Solicitors Limited' and is headed 'Verification of Tenant Ocupancy' (sic). The letter supposedly confirms the existence of a tenancy.

The letter misuses the name and signature of a genuine solicitor and the name, SRA ID, website address and postal address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Fitz Solicitors Limited, with the SRA ID: 599609. The firm's head office address is K House, Slough Road, Datchet, SL3 9AU. The firm's website address is www.fitzsolicitors.co.uk.

The SRA authorises and regulates a solicitor called Primal Kishorbhai Laxman who is a partner at Fitz Solicitors Limited.

Fitz Solicitors Limited has confirmed that neither it, nor Primal Kishorbhai Laxman have any connection to the letter referred to in the above alert.

What should I do?

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA

to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.