Alerts

Warning: Telephone calls from 'Gregory John Malcolm' or falsely claiming to be from Gregory John Michael

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Telephone calls from 'Gregory John Malcolm', or falsely claiming to be from Gregory John Michael, in relation to a supposed litigation matter.

What is the scam?

Members of the public have received telephone calls from an individual either purporting to be a solicitor called 'Gregory John Malcolm', or falsely purporting to be a genuine solicitor (see below). We understand that the caller stated that a claim against a company had been approved and requested upfront fees to obtain the funds.

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a solicitor called 'Gregory John Malcolm', but we understand that the caller also misused the SRA ID and/or the similar name of a genuine solicitor (see below).

We understand that one of the telephone numbers used for the calls was '07354156600'.

Any business or transaction through the telephone number '07354156600' is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Gregory John Michael; his SRA ID is 155255.

Gregory John Michael has confirmed he does not have any connection to calls 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.