Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of John Kent Solicitors

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An email has been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of John Kent Solicitors in relation to a supposed unclaimed perpetual life insurance policy.

What is the scam?

An email has been sent to a member of the public from an individual called 'John Kent Esq' in relation to a supposed unclaimed perpetual life insurance policy.

The email was sent using an email address of 'johnkentesquire@gmail.com'.

The email provides a website of 'www.johnkentllp.com', a telephone number of ' +44 744 256 2772', and a fax number of '+44 120 064 0028'.

The email misuses the name and address of a genuine firm of solicitors and the name of genuine solicitors (see below).

Any business or transaction through the above contact details are not undertaken by a solicitors' practice or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called John Kent Solicitors. The genuine address of the firm is 34 Huntingdon House, 278-290 Huntingdon Street Nottingham, NG1 3LY and the telephone number is 0115 993 4286. The firm does not have a website.

The SRA does authorise and regulate a genuine solicitor called John Kent who is the owner of John Kent Solicitors, he has confirmed that he does not have any connection to the website or contact details above.

The genuine firm of solicitors John Kent Solicitors have confirmed they do not have any connection to the website or contact details above.

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.

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