Alerts

Warning: Email from 'Esq. Gregory Paul' of the 'Law Offices of Gregory Paul, PLLC'

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An email has been sent requesting the recipient to provide their address and telephone number in order to receive a pending payment.

What is the scam?

A member of the public has received an email from 'Esq Gregory Paul' of 'The Law Offices of Gregory Paul'. The subject of the email was called 'Second Notice' and it asked the recipient to provide their address and telephone number in order to receive a 'pending payment'.

The email appears to be sent from the email address Info@wingo.com and also provides the address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below)

The SRA does not authorise and regulate a solicitor called Gregory Paul, nor does it authorise and regulate a firm called Gregory Paul PLLC.

Any business or transactions through 'Gregory Paul', 'Gregory Paul PLLC' or the email address info@wingo.com is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does authorise and regulate a genuine firm of solicitors called JB Leitch, whose address is 10 Duke Street, Liverpool, L1 5AS.

The genuine firm of JB Leitch has no connection to the email 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.