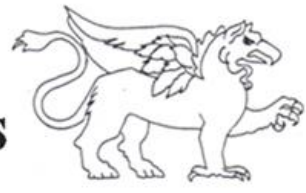




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PROJECT:
ONLINE SCAMS
SURGING

**ONLINE SCAMS SURGE AMID THE
SOUTH AFRICAN FINANCIAL CHALLENGES.**

**THIS IS AN URGENT CALL FOR
VIGILANCE AND RISK ANALYSIS.**

**PUPPY SCAMMING CRIMINAL
AKA
CHARLES OLSEN**



A concerning surge in scams has plagued our vulnerable and trusting society.

South Africans, already grappling with the financial challenges affecting our nation and the world, find themselves under siege from cunning criminals. Our law enforcement entities, burdened with addressing serious crimes, struggle to keep up with these scams as the perpetrators exploit the limited resources dedicated to tracking them down.

Mike Bolhuis and the SSS team have made a steadfast commitment to uncover these malevolent criminals and ensure that they face justice. Their mission extends to recovering the stolen funds of victims and ensuring the perpetrators are held legally accountable.

Today, we delve into the pervasive issue of the Puppy Scam, shedding light on the operations of these callous criminals. We have been tracing a specific individual - Charles Olsen.

Please note that not all information pertaining to our ongoing investigation can be disclosed at this time.

OUR CLIENT'S EXPERIENCE:

- In July 2023, our client spotted an online advertisement featuring an adorable Maltese Poodle.
- The advertisement conveniently provided a WhatsApp contact, leading our client to Charles Olsen, who claimed to be a reputable dog "breeder."
- Engaging in a WhatsApp conversation, our client agreed to purchase the Maltese Poodle from Charles Olsen for R5,900.00, with the understanding that CenterPoint Logistics, a well-known transport service, would handle the safe delivery of the puppy to our client's location.
- Initially, Charles Olsen assured our client that the puppy would be dispatched the very next day.
- Things took an unexpected turn when our client received a call from someone named Martin Murray the following day.
- Martin Murray alleged a problem with the transportation crate and requested an additional fee of R11,000.00 to rectify the situation.
- This fee was later reduced to R6,000.00, but the puppy's shipment hinged on the funds being cleared, causing a two-day delay.
- Charles Olsen employed emotional manipulation tactics designed to sow confusion, leading our client to make substantial payments.
- This is a common tactic seen in such scams, where fraudsters begin with small amounts and then progressively increase the demands, capitalising on the victim's emotional attachment to the puppy and their fear of losing the money already invested.
- Ultimately, this cunning strategy results in the victim being persistently drained of their financial resources.
- The scammers cunningly managed to deceive our client into parting with a staggering sum of over R200,000.00 during the course of this fraudulent scheme.

UNRAVELING THE "CHARLES SENIOR" PUPPY SCAM:

*In the criminal world of online scams,
a particularly heartless scheme
preys on individuals seeking
adorable four-legged companions.*

This particular deceitful operation is primarily orchestrated by two individuals, whom we will refer to as "Charles Jr." and "Charles Sr."

For the sake of illustration, we will describe their deceptive tactics and how they lure unsuspecting victims into their web of deceit.

- **The Scammers and Their Setup:**
 - Charles Jr. poses as "Martin Murray," the CEO of a fictitious company called "Centre Point Logistics."
 - Meanwhile, Charles Sr., under the pseudonym "Charles Olsen," masquerades as a dog breeder.
 - They operate from Rustenburg but falsely claim to be based in Queenstown and an Eastern Cape farm, respectively.
- **Initial Contact and Deceptive Advertising:**
 - Armed with a counterfeit Centre Point Logistics website and social media ads, the scammers encourage potential victims to contact them via an instant WhatsApp button placed on their advertisements.
 - People searching for puppies respond to these ads, unwittingly entering the scammers' trap.
- **The Deceptive Sales Pitch:**
 - Charles Sr. skilfully convinces the victim that he is a reputable dog breeder, employing charisma to encourage the purchase of a puppy from him.
- **Introduction of "Centre Point Logistics":**
 - Once the victim agrees to buy the puppy, Charles Sr. refers them to Centre Point Logistics to handle courier services for puppy delivery.
- **The Transport Crate Scam:**
 - Charles Jr. contacts the victim the next day, claiming a problem: there is no crate available to transport the puppy.
 - He states that Charles Olsen is unavailable and unreachable.
 - The victim is pressured into buying or renting a crate from the courier company at an initial cost of R11,000.00, later reduced to R6,000.00.
 - With manipulation and urgency tactics, the victim is coerced into making the payment.

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- **False Promises and Paperwork Drama:**
 - When Charles Olsen re-establishes contact, he apologises for his absence and promises to resolve the situation.
 - However, Charles Jr. from Centre Point Logistics claims that the puppy is now stuck at Durban Airport and requires papers, including mandatory inoculations.
 - To avoid this paperwork, they demanded an additional R17,000.00 from the victim.
 - **A Complex Web of Deceit:**
 - The scammers manipulate the victim with distressing pictures of crates and puppies, leaving the victim feeling trapped.
 - The victim is coerced into providing additional and significant sums of money, convinced they will eventually receive a refund.
 - **Escalation of the Scam:**
 - In subsequent phases, the scammers persuade the victim to pay for various additional costs, further entangling them in their web of deception.
 - These include:
 - CITY & LEGAL CONTROL PERMIT: R13,560.00.
 - CATEGORY A PERMIT - 6 MONTHS: R25,511.00.
 - LEGAL VIABILITY CONTROL PERMIT: R29,000.00.
 - CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION: R25,650.00.
 - LEGAL AUTHORITIES FOR ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE: R30,000.00.
 - PUPPY INSURANCE: R74,000.00.
 - LEGAL COSTS: R109,000.00.
 - As the victim becomes increasingly desperate to resolve the situation and retrieve their supposed puppy, the scammers persistently demand exorbitant fees.
 - The scammers' relentless pursuit of funds only adds to the victim's emotional and financial distress, trapping them further in this heartless scam.
 - **Introducing the Fake Lawyer:**
 - Charles Sr. introduces a fabricated lawyer who is supposedly involved in recovering the money from Centre Point Logistics.
 - This fake lawyer threatens legal action against the scammers.
 - **Relentless Pursuit of Funds:**
 - Depending on how convinced the victim is, the scammers continue to extract more money from them.
 - This is the point at which our client sought our assistance.
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BACK ACCOUNTS UTILIZED DURING SCAM

PURCHASE OF PUPPY

Account name: Charles Olsen
Bank: Tyme Bank
Account number: 51079575939
Branch code: 678-910
Reference: Charmaine
Amount to be paid: R5 900,00

CENTERPOINT LOGISTICS

-To transport the puppy-

Capitec Bank: 1256989582
Notification number: 728715
Amount to be paid: R5-900,00
Tracking nr: CPL054848018383-ASG
Interstate permit nr: 2023-5248-HBT

CHANGE OF CRATE (RENT)

Account: Centerpoint Logistics
Bank: Standard Bank
Acc Nr: 10199034328
Ref: 54379
Amount: R10 099,00

VACCINATION

Account: Centerpoint Logistics
Bank: Standard Bank
Acc nr.: 10199034328
Ref: 54379
Amount: R9 085,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D879A74
R25 000,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D879B79
R4 000,00

CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION LEGAL AUTHORITIES FOR ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE

Richard Hunt (Director)
Acc: SA Animal Authorities
Bank: Nedbank
Acc nr: 1263137253
Reference: 54379
R55 650,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D890627
R25 000,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D890C66
R650,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459

CENTERPOINT LOGISTICS

Transport the puppy
Account: Martin Murray
Contact: 078 760 8224
Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank Ref: 160D855926
Amount: R9 085,00

CITY AND LEGAL CONTROL PERMIT

Account: Centerpoint Logistics
Bank: Standard Bank
Acc nr: 10199034328
Ref: 54379
Amount: R13 560,00

CENTERPOINT LOGISTICS

Transport of puppy

MARTIN MURRAY(078 760 8224)
Acc: Centerpoint Logistics
ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref: 160D855926
Trans nr: 8083786BC3-4
Amount: R13 560,00

CATEGORY A PERMIT 6MTHS

Puppy in Durban
Acc: Centerpoint Logistics
Bank: First Rand Bank
Account nr: 63056029804

Bank ref 160D890A3B
R25 000,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D890FBA
R5 000,00

CENTERPOINT LOGISTICS Transport of puppy MARTIN MURRAY 078 760 8224

INSURANCE

Acc: Centerpoint Logistics
Bank: Standard Bank
Acc. nr: 10176866114
Reference: Insurance
Amount: R74 600,00

Acc.: Global Insurance
Bank: Bidvest (Savings)
Acc. nr: 28528094301
Reference: 54379
Amount: R74 600

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D8E2B29
R14 600,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D904C70

Reference: Category A
Amount: R25 511,00

Acc: Centerpoint Logistics
Bank: FNB
Acc nr: 63056029804
Ref: Category A
Amount: R25 511,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D86F251
R511,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D86EE4D
R25 000,00

CENTERPOINT LOGISTICS

Transport of puppy

MARTIN MURRAY(078 760 8224)

VIABILITY AND LEGAL CONTROL PERMIT

Acc: Bezuidenhout M
Bank: Standard Bank
Acc nr: 10200539270
Ref: 54379
Amount: R29 000,00

R8 000,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D935852
R2 500,00

PAUL HENRY (069 799 3878) - Attorney (Charles Olsen) FEES FOR ANTI TERRORISM AND MONEY LAUNDERING CERTIFICATES

Account holder: Mr S Tshalala

Bank: Standard Bank
Account number: 10200545238

Reference: Fees C Blnaunt
Amount: R46 000,00

Payment: ABSA Bank 4050059459
Bank ref 160D9A805A
R46 000,00

FAKE DOCUMENTATION USED DURING SCAM:

PARKLANDS HOME SA
SALES CONTRACT FOR KYLO AND LIYA

Date: Wednesday 10th July 2023

To Whom It May Concern: **THIS AGREEMENT IS BETWEEN:**

Name: Hoff Russel
ID N^o: 85132584888
Phone Number: 860 336 8084
Address: 14 Jan (Kraal) Straat, Swartkops, Gungahlin, 8083
CONTACT Email: puppihome@gmail.com

Beneficiary Name:	Ernest
Address:	110 Drakenberg St, Sunlandark, Verretigings, 1929
Email:	hadelynvanventer@13@gmail.com
Telephone:	076 353 1321

This is to certify that Mr. Ernest (Buyer) has made a payment of R3,500 which is deposit for Kylo and Liya, a Male and female Rottweiler puppies with delivery. Delivery is scheduled for 13/07/2023. A balance of R3,600 will be paid upon delivery when buyer confirms they are healthy.

- Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that:
 - Seller is the legal and true owner of the puppy and that Seller has full right and authority to sell the puppy.
 - The puppy is being sold free and clear of any lien, security interest, charge or other Encumbrance.
 - The puppy is in good health and free of communicable diseases at the time of this sale. Buyer has 7 days from the delivery date to have the puppy examined by a licensed veterinarian, at Buyer's sole cost. If the puppy fails the examination, Buyer may return the puppy, with a written statement from the veterinarian, for a full refund. Failure by Buyer to have the puppy examined within the 7 day period will nullify this warranty. If Buyer chooses to keep the puppy, the replacement will be given and all medical costs and treatment are sole responsibility of the replacement.
 - To ensure that Buyer does not euthanize the puppy or take it to an animal shelter, Seller will take the puppy back at any time during the puppy's lifetime. Seller will not issue a refund or provide another puppy to Buyer unless the puppy's return was a result of any misrepresentation on the part of Seller with respect to the puppy's health.
- Buyer represents to Seller that:
 - The puppy will reside with Buyer as companion pet to Buyer and Buyer's family.
 - Buyer will keep the puppy in an enclosed area of adequate size, and will not allow the puppy to roam at will. Buyer will not keep the puppy chained or tethered or permanently housed in the puppy in a kennel.
 - Buyer will provide the puppy with nutritious food and necessary veterinary care, including deworming, heart worm prevention and regular vaccinations (including rabies).
 - Buyer is not acting as agent for any other person or business in the purchase of the puppy.
 - Buyer will not sell, give, or release the puppy to a pet shop, retail store, puppy dealer, animal care facility, research facility, or an agent for any such business or facility.
 - In the event Buyer sells the Puppy to a new owner, Buyer shall ensure that the new owner agrees in writing to comply with the terms of this Agreement.

3. Liability and Release
If any action or failure to act on the part of seller shall result in any claim, suit, loss, damage injury, death, or liability, Seller agrees to defend, prosecute, and hold Buyer harmless and to pay all of Buyer's costs and expenses, including reasonable legal fees, any amount paid in settlement and any award or judgment with respect thereto. Buyer releases Seller from any and all liability, costs or damages incurred by the puppy after placement with Buyer, including but not limited to damage to or destruction of property, and claims to any person.

4. Limitation of Action
Any action or claim brought by Buyer against Seller for breach of this Agreement or for loss due to negligence must be brought within one (1) year of the date such claim or loss occurs.

5. Replacement Policy
If the Puppy does not pass the required examinations, develops any genetic or hereditary disease within one year of Buyer purchase date, it will be eligible for replacement.

6. Governing Law
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of SA/UK

7. Entire Agreement
This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties. Seller and Buyer have made no other agreements, promises, representations or warranties, express or implied, unless specifically stated in this Agreement.

8. Refund Policy
We have a 30 day return policy on pets that were purchased with a contract. Within 30 days you can return the pet for any reason with a full refund. Past 30 days it's on a case by case basis and at the discretion of a manager.

Notification

If the Buyer and the company have agreed on the terms of the proposal, the beneficiary is to print and sign out against the space below for Beneficiary and return a scan copy of the signed contract also placed with payment.

BUYER DETAILS
NOTE: PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH PAY AND CLEAR (IMMEDIATE)

Bank Name: STANDARD BANK
Account Name: PARKLANDS HOME
Account Number: 101 9899 079 05
Branch Code: 051001
Branch: 01300

Reference: FROM ERNEST

IF BACK TO US WITH PROOF OF PAYMENT AND A SIGNED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT SO WE CAN PROCEED WITH DELIVERY

Buyer: *[Signature]*
Seller: *[Signature]*

THIS AGREEMENT IS BETWEEN:

Company Name: GLOBAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD
Insurance Company: GLOBAL INSURANCE COMPANY
Company License Number: NW147848HN
Company Address: 172 Harrison Dr, Glen Hills, Durban North, 4051

And

Beneficiary's Names: **Charmaine Bignaud**
Beneficiary's Address: **3080 Cederberg, Drakenstein Crescent, Equestria, Pretoria 0184**
Telephone & E-mail Address: **097 017 1817 & cbignau1@gmail.com**

Considering the situation that Martin Murray Put you through regarding your puppy (Sally), our company will like to offer you this proposal contract for the refunds for all expenses you incurred and compensation for the inconvenience and delay and stress caused on the puppy and your Family.

According to the law governing pet transportation, our company is to take charge for all the refunds and compensation funds in regards to the cost of the puppy of which failure to comply, you have got the right to sue our company to court.

As of your refunds, all statistics have been analyzed and you will be refunded the sum of R203,460.00 being money for the total expenses and payments made to the KUSA & Pets Inspectorate, Centerpoint Logistics and Pet/Animal Control Department in regards to the Transportation, Flight reactivation, DNA Blood Test, Vaccine, License, Feeding/Accommodation and other paper works of the puppy.

According to our company insurance policy as stated on the Life Insurance Coverage Certificate you will be compensated with the sum of R800,000.00 being that for the life of the puppy. Being that your puppy was Malnourished and she had Life Insurance with our company, you stand to be compensated the sum of R800,000.00 for the delay and stress caused on the puppy and your family.

You being the prospective owner of the puppy has been listed as a beneficiary to the total sum of R203,460.00 being the amount you spent on the whole Process and compensation fee for the delay and inconveniences caused on your life and the refunds of all the total payments made to our company and expenses incurred as stated in above.

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Center Point Paws Logistics
Kanan Street, Gwelo Central, Gwelo, Eastern Cape
PO Box Gwelo 7872 South Africa

To whom it may concern

Center Point Logistics and Global Insurance hereby confirms that the following payment will be made to Charmaine Bignaud as a legal payment.

Dear Charmaine Bignaud

This Agreement will serve as your notification that Centerpoint Logistic will be irrevocably honor and guarantee payment of any Fee(s) Spent By the Beneficiary of the insurance claim will be fully Reimbursed and Refunded and this includes the R82,000.00 Payment and the R208,000.00 payments respectively upfront immediately once compensation have been approved and paid out to the rightful owner.

Account Number: 1366147638
Account Name: C. Bignaud
Bank: Capitec Bank
Branch Code: 470010

This guarantee is for the purpose of our customer complete refunds and compensations.

Branch Manager: *[Signature]*

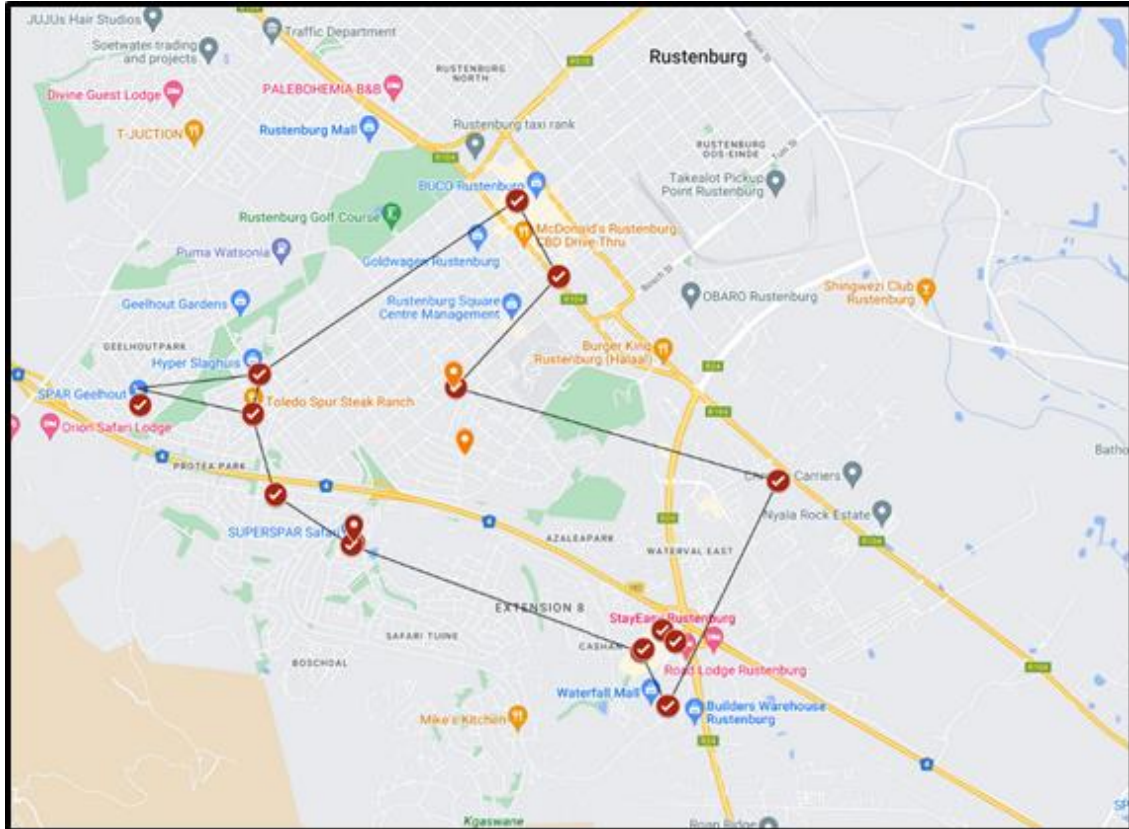
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Centerpoint Paws Logistics
FREIGHT AGENCY
THREE LEGAL FOCAL STAMP
BRANCH MANAGER

Beneficiary Signature

There are many more important documents to be viewed.

Please click on the link below:
<https://mikebh.link/PTWTSE>

**LOCATIONS FROM WHERE COMMUNICATIONS
WERE DONE DURING THE SCAM:**



THE SCAMMERS' IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- Buy a pet in your immediate area, where you can safely view the pet beforehand.
- If necessary, take a friend with you when meeting the breeder.
- Undergo the appropriate home check to make sure you are a suitable owner and for you to view the puppy in its environment and how it interacts with the rest of the litter.
- Rather, adopt a puppy/dog that is already vet-checked, vaccinated, dewormed, sterilised and microchipped.
- Buy from registered breeders who belong to reputable organisations.
 - You can find responsible dog breeders by asking for referrals from your veterinarian or trusted friends,

contacting local breed clubs, or visiting professional dog shows.

- Take the photo of the pet advertised online and Google it to search whether the same picture has been used before or on different websites.
- It is also possible to take the description of the pet and do a search.
- Look at the price – if it is too good to be true, it is not true!
 - Scammers sometimes advertise purebred animals for a much lower amount.
- Read through the posts on the Facebook page: Puppy Scams in South Africa and avoid falling for the same scams by the same people.
- Use existing websites like PetScams.com, which warn the public of such bogus sites.
- Do the right thing and report the fake website.
- The scammer may send you a picture of their ID as a show of legitimacy.
 - They are highly likely sending you the ID of someone who has been scammed by them before – using identity theft to perpetuate their scam.
 - *Never send them your ID, as it may be used to scam someone else in the future.*

It is important to understand that the puppy you have fallen in love with, does not exist.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT PROJECTS:

- <https://mikebh.link/7w00Ox>
- <https://mikebh.link/z5UUiM>
- <https://mikebh.link/2hPI5P>

CONTACT MR MIKE BOLHUIS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES, RECOMMENDATIONS, PROTECTION, OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.

**ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED WITH THE
UTMOST PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.**

FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO EVERYBODY.

Regards,

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This retaliation happens on social media and creates doubt about our integrity and ability. Doubt created on social media platforms is both unwarranted and untrue.

We strongly recommend that you make up your minds concerning me and our organisation only after considering all the factual information - to the exclusion of hearsay and assumptions.

Furthermore, you are welcome to address your concerns directly with me should you still be unsatisfied with your conclusions. While the internet provides a lot of valuable information, it is also a platform that distributes a lot of false information. The distribution of false information, fake news, slander and hate speech constitutes a crime that can be prosecuted by law. Your own research discretion and discernment are imperative when choosing what and what not to believe.

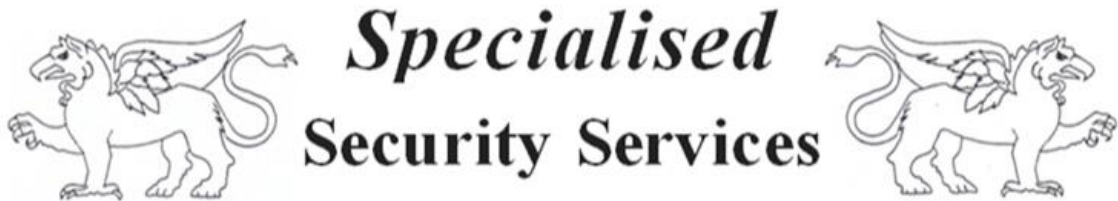
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