



Specialised
Security Services



PROJECT:
SWEETHEART OR
ROMANCE SCAMS
URGENT WARNING
TO THE PUBLIC!

In today's world, where technology has connected us like never before, cybercrimes and scams have become increasingly common. However, we must not let these heartless crimes go unchallenged. The continuous efforts of Mr Mike Bolhuis and his SSS Cyberteam serve as an example of how one can fight against such crimes.

Sweetheart scams typically involve criminals creating fake online profiles on dating sites and social media platforms to form fake romantic relationships with unsuspecting individuals.

These scammers often gain the trust of their victims and then exploit that trust to request money, gifts, or personal information.

Please view our previous projects on the dangers of dating apps:

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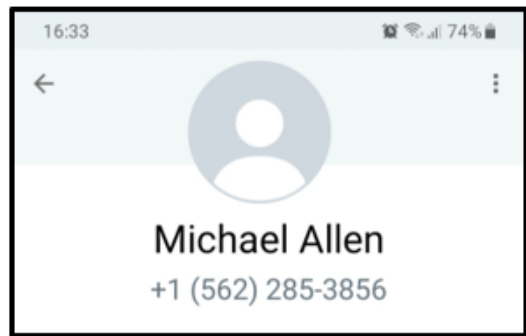
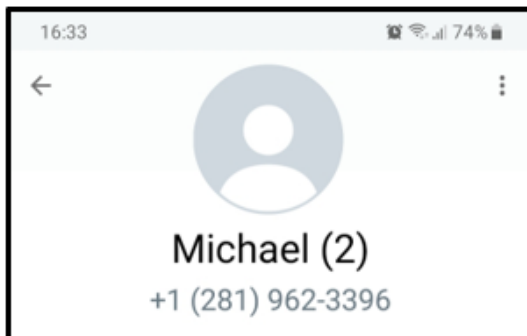
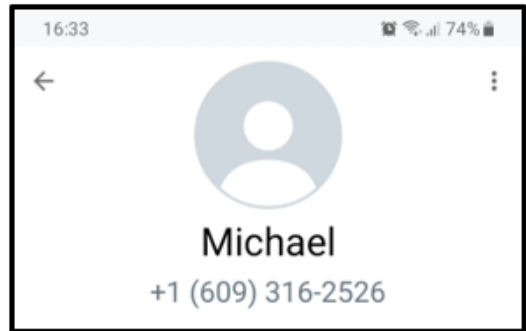
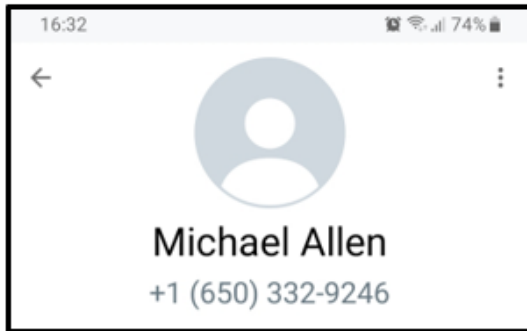
THE CASE:

- Our client, an innocent elderly woman, fell prey to a scammer who posed as Michael Allen, an employee of an oil rig company called Saipem S.P.A.
 - The scammer used a well-crafted letter, complete with a fake address and contact details, to trick the victim into believing that she was involved in a legitimate business transaction.
 - The scammer's intention was to drain her pension and savings, and he resorted to emotional manipulation tactics to achieve his goal.
 - The scammer threatened harm to the victim's loved ones and played on her emotions to create a fictitious scenario, instilling fear and desperation in her.
 - Additionally, he sent messages filled with despair, imploring the victim not to abandon him in his fabricated plight.
 - The victim fell for his ploys, manipulation and threats and lost a significant amount of money.
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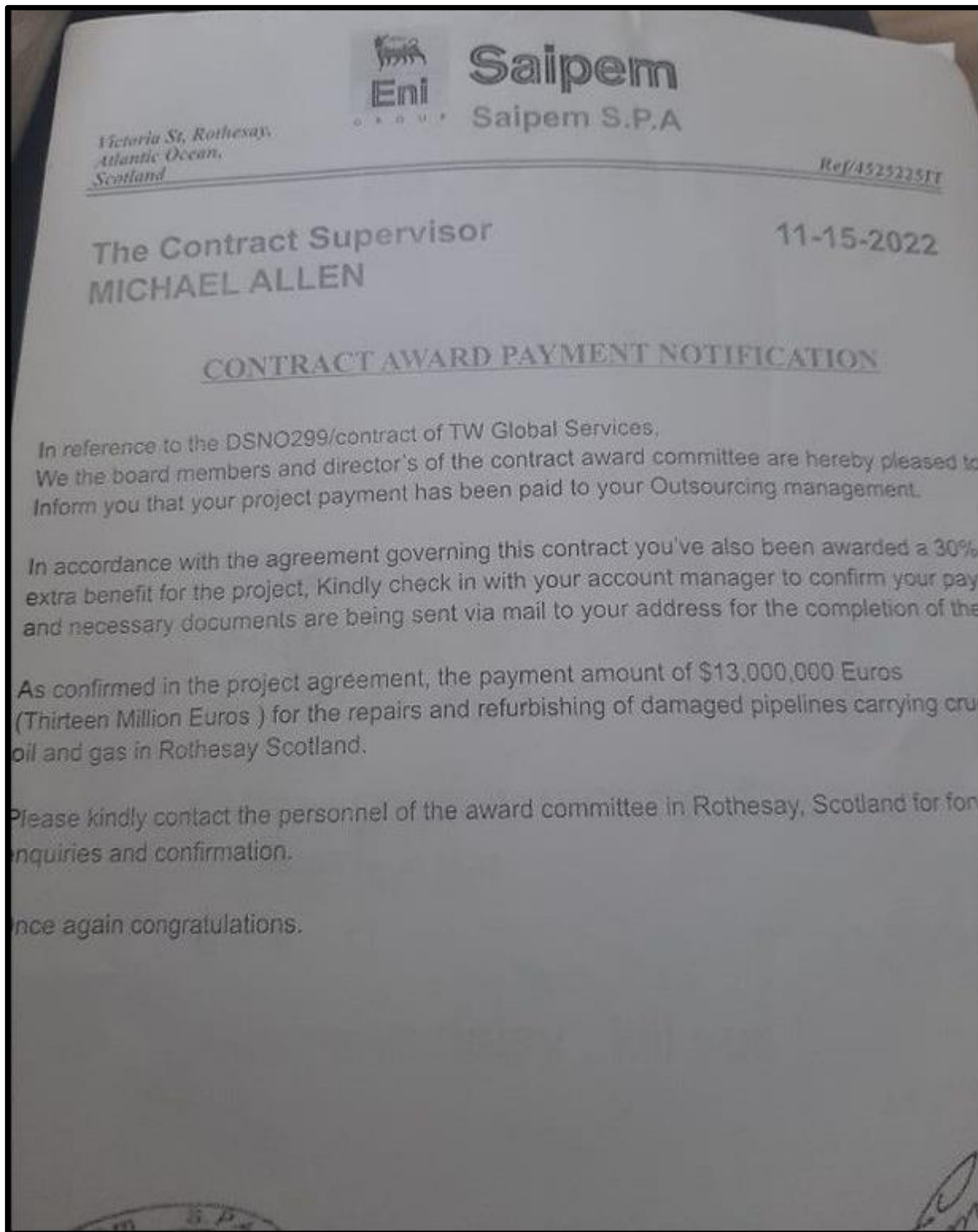
**IDENTITY THEFT:
PHOTOS USED BY SCAMMER**



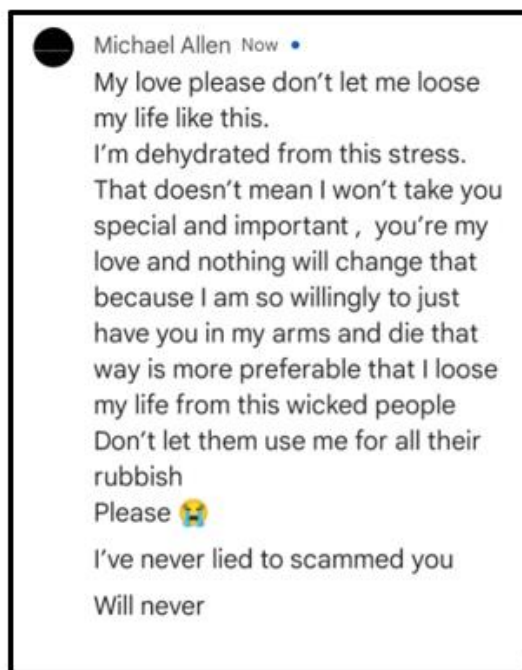
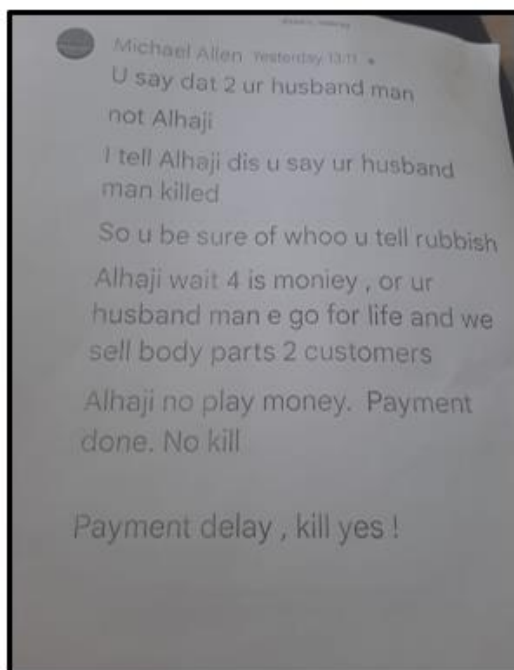
CONTACT NUMBERS USED BY SCAMMER:



**FALSIFIED DOCUMENT TO ENHANCE THE RUSE:
CONTRACT AWARDED TO MICHAEL ALLEN**



DECEITFUL MANIPULATION OF THE VICTIM TO EXTORT MONEY:



HOW TO DO A REVERSE IMAGE SEARCH:

Performing a reverse image search is a simple process, and there are multiple methods you can use depending on your device and preferred search engine.

Here's how to do a reverse image search using popular search engines:

- Google Reverse Image Search (Desktop):
 - Go to <https://images.google.com/> on your web browser.
 - Click the camera icon in the search bar (this opens the reverse image search).
 - You have two options:
 - Paste the image URL: If you have the image's URL, paste it in the search bar.
 - Upload an image: Click "Upload an image" and select the image file from your computer.
 - Google will process the image, and the search results will show you similar images and web pages that include that image.
- Google Reverse Image Search (Mobile):
 - If you are using the Chrome browser on your mobile device, go to the image you want to search.
 - Press and hold the image until a pop-up menu appears.
 - Tap "Search Google for this image."

- Google will process the image, and the search results will be displayed.
- Reverse Image Search using other search engines:
 - Other search engines like Bing and Yandex also offer reverse image search functionality.
- For Bing:
 - Go to <https://www.bing.com/images> and click the camera icon in the search bar to upload an image or paste the image URL.
- For Yandex:
 - Go to <https://yandex.com/images/> and click the camera icon to upload an image or provide the image URL.

These methods will help you perform a reverse image search to find out where else an image appears on the web or to find related photos. It's a valuable tool to check the authenticity of photographs, find the original source, or see if an image has been used in multiple contexts.

WEBSITES TO HELP YOU VET YOUR POTENTIAL NEW SUITOR:

- There are websites and resources dedicated to exposing photos of people that scammers use in sweetheart scams.
- One of the most well-known websites for this purpose is "RomanceScam.com."
 - On this website, you can find a section called "Gallery of Scammers" or "Scammer Photo Gallery," where users submit photos used by scammers in various types of fraud, including romance scams.
- Please note that while these resources can help identify potential scammer profiles, they may not cover every instance, as scammers frequently change their tactics, names, and images to avoid detection.
- Therefore, it's essential to remain vigilant and follow the tips mentioned earlier to protect yourself from falling victim to romance scams.
- If you suspect you are interacting with a scammer, it's crucial to cease communication and report the profile to the platform administrators.

The SSS specialist investigators tirelessly investigated the case and uncovered the web of deceit spun by the scammer. Although the victim's money could not be recovered, our efforts serve as a warning for many future victims.

We must learn from this ordeal and take assertive steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones from such scams in the future.

Here are some crucial takeaways:

Insist on Video Calls:

- One of the most effective ways to verify the identity of someone online is through a video call.
- Do not let scammers make excuses to avoid such calls.
- It is imperative to see the person on the other side before engaging in any financial transactions or emotional investments.

Beware of Emotional Manipulation:

- Scammers often use emotional manipulation tactics to control their victims.
- Do not let anyone make unreasonable demands on your emotions.

Verify Information:

- Always cross-check information provided by someone you meet online, especially when it involves financial matters.
- Verify company details, addresses, and contact information independently.

Educate Yourself and Others:

- Awareness is our best defence against cybercrime.
- Share stories like this one with friends and family to educate them about the dangers of online scams.

Report Suspicious Activity:

- If you encounter anything suspicious, report it to the relevant authorities or organisations that can investigate and take action.
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SSS and other law enforcement agencies and cybersecurity experts in South Africa have been working to raise awareness about such scams and provide tips on identifying and avoiding them.

We encourage people to be cautious when interacting with individuals online, especially those they have not met in person, and to be wary of any requests for money or financial assistance from strangers.

It is essential to note that the situations and the manner in which these scams function are continuously evolving.

It is crucial for victims of romance scams to understand that they are not to blame for what happened. Scammers are skilled at manipulation and deception, and anyone can fall victim to their tactics.

If you or someone you know has been targeted by a romance scammer, seeking support from friends, family, or professional counsellors is essential.

Additionally, reporting the scam to the relevant authorities can help prevent further victimisation and potentially assist in catching the perpetrators.

**VIEW OUR OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE
FOR MANY SIMILAR WARNINGS REGARDING THESE
ATROCIOUS SCAMS AND THE TRAUMATIC EFFECTS
IT HAS ON THE VICTIMS.**

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

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

***You may forward this document and
share it with as many people as possible.***

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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.

STANDARD RULES APPLY: Upon appointment, we require a formal mandate with detailed instructions. Please take note that should you not make use of our services – you may not under any circumstance use my name or the name of my organisation as a means to achieve whatever end.

POPI ACT 4 of 2013 South Africa: Mike Bolhuis' "Specialised Security Services" falls under Section 6 of the act. Read more here: <https://mikebolhuis.co.za/popi-act-4-of-2013-section-6-mike-bolhuis/>

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