

SUCCESS PROJECT: ANT-RANCH INVESTMENT SCAM POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT

Specialised Security Services (SSS) confirms our Cyberteam diligently investigated a recent investment scam in collaboration with the South African Police Service (SAPS).

This fraudulent scheme, known as the ANT-RANCH scam, preyed upon unsuspecting individuals seeking investment opportunities.

Please read our initial exposure of this scam for more context: <u>https://mikebh.link/8ITwo3</u>

 Operated by the Ant Ranch Breeding Management Company in 2023, the ANT-RANCH investment lured victims into believing they were purchasing shares in animals like geese, snakes, donkeys, and pigs on American farms.

- However, this was merely a guise to deceive investors, as they never received any returns on their investments.
- The scam's modus operandi involved enticing investors with the promise of daily dividends based on the size and price of the animal they purportedly purchased.
- Communication with the perpetrators was limited to WhatsApp messages, and deposits were made into six different bank accounts, adding a layer of complexity to the scheme.
- Unfortunately, many investors fell victim to the allure of quick profits, reinvesting their returns or neglecting to withdraw their funds as the scheme appeared to thrive.
- However, on 10 October 2023, the ANT-RANCH system abruptly shut down, leaving investors unable to access their accounts. Subsequent attempts to reach the perpetrators through WhatsApp proved futile, as the numbers had been disconnected.
- In response to this fraudulent activity, the SAPS Commercial Crime Investigation Unit in East London swiftly intervened, obtaining a preservation order to freeze one of the accounts associated with the scam.
- Despite progress in the investigation, seven known complainants remain, with authorities suspecting that additional victims may yet come forward.
- Colonel Priscilla Naidu, spokesperson for the SAPS, has urged victims of the ANT-RANCH scam to step forward and report their losses before 21 February to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of funds to the state.
- Victims can contact Detective Sergeant Ayanda Ntobongwana from the East London Commercial Crime Investigation Unit for assistance and support.

CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL TO AVOID FORFEITING A POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT BEFORE 21 FEBRUARY 2024:

East London Commercial Crime Investigation Unit Detective Sergeant Ayanda Ntobongwana Contact numbers: (043) 708 7178/(043) 708 7174 Whatsapp: +27 72 393 9353.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

- <u>https://www.algoafm.co.za/local/saps-call-on-investors-of-ant-ranch-scam-to-come-forward</u>
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/share/p/ss6XU3VxBuCW3Xqj/?mibextid=oFD</u> <u>knk</u>

The public must remain vigilant and exercise caution when approaching investment opportunities that seem too good to be true. By staying informed and working collaboratively with law enforcement agencies like the SAPS, we can combat financial fraud and protect our communities from falling victim to similar scams in the future.

> Let us heed this warning and unite in the fight against financial exploitation.

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 <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dys4JLOFTXCBgXBdXeEvzU</u>
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CONTACT MR MIKE BOLHUIS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES, PROTECTION, OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.

ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENTIALITY AND EVERY IDENTITY WILL BE PROTECTED.

You may forward this document.

Regards,

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