

# Spanish Lawyer Inheritance Scam

There is an old scam that has recently resurfaced in letter form; with other recipients receiving an E Mail; from a person purporting to be a Spanish Lawyer representing a deceased person's estate. He identifies people with the same family name as his late client and requests their cooperation in acting as next of kin. He claims that this is necessary to prevent assets totalling several millions from being confiscated by the bank. Although the name of the Spanish Lawyer frequently changes in the scam letters some details are common specifically that the deceased person was an Engineer working for Austrian de Zinc S.A.Spain. He requests that once the funds are released a nominal amount 10-20% per cent is to be given to Charity Organisations and the remainder split between the recipient and himself.

The Scam is that at some point in communicating with the Lawyer, the potential benefactor will be asked for a deposit to release these funds. It's at this juncture the Scam is complete with no monies forthcoming.

We are aware of elderly female in Bayston Hill receiving such correspondence and an internet search has identified it was in circulation in 2010.

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