

PRESS NOTE

ARRESTED 5 CYBER FRAUDSTERS OF AFRICAN ORIGIN FOR COMMITTING ONLINE RELATIONSHIP FRAUDS BY LURING THE VICTIMS.

Cr.No. 600/2020 U/s 417,419,420 IPC & Sec. 66C & 66D of IT Act of Cyber Crime PS, Rachakonda.

In November-2020 the victim person came in contact by accepting friends request with one unknown female 'Sophia Alex' through facebook request both started chatting via WhatsApp/Voice calls, meanwhile 'Sophia Alex' narrated a story that she was born and brought up from Australia and now in London of UK and having a daughter. Also she told that she is coming to visit Hyderabad in a few days, all of sudden she told that she arrived at Mumbai-India, after some time complainant received a call from an unknown lady who introduced herself as a Customs officer-Mumbai, said that Mrs. Sophia Alex has brought 75,000/- Pounds cash, Gold Chains and Mobile Phones in her luggage and asked to transfer amounts towards Yellow Taxes and other charges. Believing it to be genuine victim transferred a total of ₹.4,83,000/- in multiple transactions. Later he realised and approached the Cyber Crimes PS Rachakonda and requested for necessary action.

Basing on the contents of the complainants report, a case vide Cr.No 600/2020, U/s 417, 419,420 IPC, and Section 66-C and 66-D of IT Act was registered on 28.11.2020 and taken up the investigation.

During the course of investigation basing on the technical and electronic evidence collected the hide outs of the fraudsters have been identified at New Delhi, A team lead by R.Venkatesh, Inspector of Police, CH.Praveenkumar-RSI and staff of Cyber Crime PS, raided those premises and arrested the five fraudsters of African origin namely 1)Akpalu Godstime, 2)Adjel Gift Osas, 3)P. Ehigiator Daniel, 4)Nkeki Confidence David, and 5)P.Kromah Oyibo N.and brought them on transit remand and being produced for judicial custody.

Seized articles-

- 1)5 mobile phones
- 2)Five Passports
- 3)Wifi broadband Router and other incriminating materials.

Details of the accused:-

A-1

Akpalu Godstime S/o Ghaakpalu, Age: 26 years, Native of: Republic of Ghana, with Passport No: G1738550.

He is born and brought up from NIGERIA but he arrived to IGI Airport at New Delhi with REPUBLIC OF GHANA passport on 14th March-2019 on @ e-VISA/Tourist VISA and later on he renewed it as BUSINESS VISA. He is the mastermind behind this case, contacted the victim under disguise as a lady 'Ms.Sophia Alex' He creates

several Facebook profiles with fake details and sends friend requests to his targeted persons. He downloads different European based Male, Female pictures from facebook and uses them in his fake facebook profiles and cheat. He destroys his used Phone and SIM card soon after the amount transferred from victims to his accounts. He controls the remaining and as per his plans they play their roles cheat the innocent and loot Lakhs of Rupees.

A-2

Adjel Gift Osas S/o Adjel, Age: 27 years, With a Liberian Passport No:PP0038710 He is actually born and brought up in NIGERIA arrived IGI Airport at New Delhi with a "REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA" passport on 11th January-2020 on @ e-VISA/Tourist VISA and same is found to be expired as of now. He is friend of A1-Godstime and he along with A4, A5 took a rented flat and gave shelter to the remaining accused. He managed to get (WIFI) broadband connection with fake documents to commit many cyber crimes.

A-3

Nkeki Confidence David S/o Nkeki Confidence, Age: 27 years, Native of Federal Republic of Nigeria with Passport No: A10826408I: He is born and brought up from AGBOR of NIGERIA he arrived IGI Airport at New Delhi with "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA" passport on 16th September-2019 on BUSINESS VISA. He procures SIM cards on fake IDs and providing the same to A1-Godstime and assisted in committing many cyber crimes.

A-4

P.Kromah Oyibo N S/o Kromah, Aged: 24 years, with Passport No: PP0017114: He too is born and brought up from NIGERIA but he arrived IGI Airport at New Delhi with "REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA" passport on 12th January-2020 on @ e-VISA/Tourist VISA and same is found to be expired. Previously he visited Angola of Central African country. He is good at Indian accent and contacts the victims and acts as Customs officer and convince the victim by sending packed luggage photos to victims make them believe to be genuine, and cheat the innocent and make them transfer the amounts into different Accounts in the name of Customs Tax/Yellow charges etc, and committing many cyber crimes.

A-5

Ehigiator Daniel S/o Ehigiator, Age: 29 years, Native of : Federal Republic of Nigeria,with Passport No:A10636250: He is born and brought up from NIGERIA he arrived to IGI Airport at New Delhi on 21st July-2019 on a "MEDICAL VISA", He is a patient of Arthritis and he procures the different bank accounts of unknown through mediators on commission basis and collecting the fraudulent amounts as per the guidance of A1-Akpalu Godstime.

A1-Akpalu Godstime is controlling the remaining accused and as per his plan he assigns roles to his roommates(A2 to A5) to cheat the innocent to loot Lakhs of Rupees.

➤ It is found that their involvement in 3 more cases at Cyber Crime PS of Hyderabad (FIR Nos 310/2019, 735/2019 and 1428/2020) besides some more cases yet to be identified.

➤ Fraudsters are using Dingtone app (to display their targeted country code) to cheat the innocent.

➤ Fraudsters spending lavishly with cheated amount. They celebrates parties frequently in their rented flats which they designed as cabaret/nightclub.

➤ Fraudsters are cheating the innocent on the name of valuable gifts/Parcels soon after developing friendship through facebook.

Advisory:-

Netizens are requested

- Not to believe the unknown messages or friend requests on facebook.
- Not to believe any gifts from unknown in the name of friendships on facebook.
- Not to download any application without knowing its purpose and genuineness.
- Not to transfer money to unknown person's accounts even for checking.
- Your accounts may be hacked by the fraudsters through the applications which you download without knowledge and thereby get cheated.

The arrested persons are being sent to Judicial custody today and will obtain police custody for further investigation.

Under the Direct Supervision and Leadership of Sri. MAHESH M BHAGWAT IPS, Commissioner of Police, RACHAKONDA, with the guidance of Sri P. Yadagiri DCP Crimes and Sri. D.Srinivas Addl DCP Crimes, Sri S. Harinath Asst Commissioner of Police Cybercrimes the case was investigated and detected by R.Venkatesh Inspector of police Cyber Crimes Rachakonda.



