

## SAFPS MEDIA RELEASE

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# SAFPS warns against Advance Fee Scam

The Southern African Fraud Prevention Service (SAFPS), would like to warn consumers of an Advance Fee scam where the perpetrator is falsely presenting themselves as a representative of the SAFPS.

“The SAFPS is concerned about this and is urging the public to exercise caution and to be vigilant. This is another example of the risk based environment facing South African consumers and how easy it can be for consumers to potentially become victims if they are not actively looking for red flags, “ says Manie van Schalkwyk, CEO of the SAFPS.

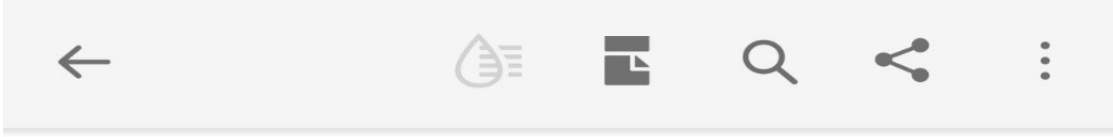
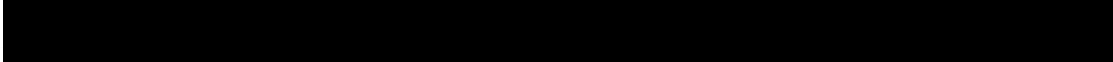
An advance-fee scam is a form of fraudulent scam and is one of the most common types of tricks that tries to lull consumers into a false sense of confidence. The scam typically involves promising the potential victim a significant share of a large sum of money in return for a small up-front payment. The fraudster *assures* the victim that the payment will be used to obtain the larger sum which never materialises.

### **Modus operandi**

The modus operandi of this fraudster is as follows:

- Solicitation occurs via WhatsApp;
- The fraudster makes promises of compensation should if you have previously been a victim of fraud;
- The fraudster will request you to make a payment of R950 to receive a much higher amount in the form of compensation for being a previous victim of fraud;
- The fraudster makes illegal (unauthorised) use of the SAFPS name and brand;
- The fraudster will provide his/her victim with a falsified proof of payment from Capitec supposedly showing prospective victims that others have been compensated;
- The fraudster produces a falsified letter from the SAFPS

“Please note that the SAFPS does not operate in the above manner and will never employ these tactics. Should you receive a letter, a call, a SMS, an email or a WhatsApp message soliciting payment in the name of the SAFPS, please do not comply with the requests and demands as this is a completely fake initiative designed to cause you to lose money to fraudsters. Alert the SAFPS of this contact immediately,” says Van Schalkwyk



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SAFPS (SOUTHERN AFRICAN FRAUD PREVENTION SERVICES) Incorporated is more than happy to submit our proposal and bid for the money you lost the past few weeks. We have attached a document that details the specifics of our proposal, which we feel you will find favorable regarding what you need.

Our company is dedicated to the production of the highest quality of helping people who were scammed and giving the best service possible to our victims, so SAFPS is willingly to give you back what's you lost with some interest that belongs to you\* as you will be getting R8500.00 from SAFPS that money is just for sending the condolences to what you lost and can be referred as share fee point 8% of what's SAFPS will give to you " and others an activation fee which every victim from the list need to submit and that R950.00 will also return back with that R8500.00 you will get ,meaning the total amount that you will get is R9450.00 because that R950.00 will also return back to you ,because we are a private company as well non profit organization because all our clients gains more than us.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for giving us the opportunity to show what we can do for you. We hope to meet with you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
[MR B KWEYAMA]

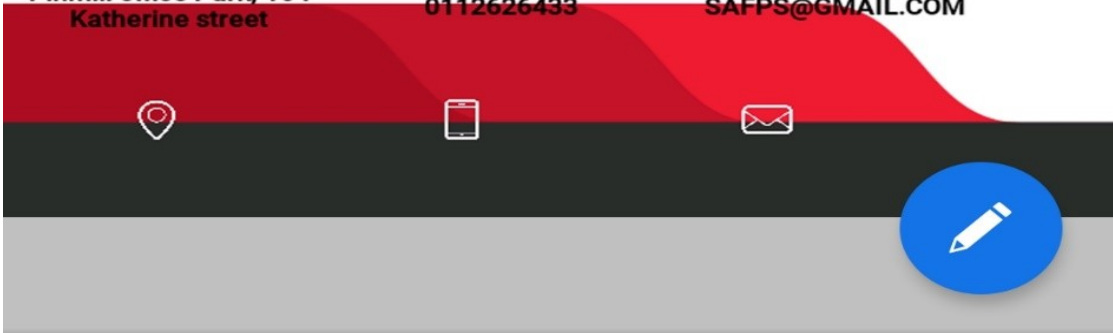
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