



BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Bailiwick Law Enforcement is warning about a rental scam.

We have received reports about people from people looking to rent a property in the Royal Terrace complex, one victim has lost £2,300, the other became suspicious and reported it prior to sending any money.

It appears that rental properties within the Royal Terrace Complex are being advertised on social media such as Facebook, contact is done via Messenger and SMS Text, the scammer will state that they have a link to Jersey and possibly a property company there, the scammer will say that they will come over to Guernsey to show the prospective rentee around the property, the prospective rentee will then receive an invoice with UK bank account details and a request to pay the deposit and one month's rent in advance.

Bailiwick Law Enforcement Financial Criminal Team and Trading Standards advise people looking to rent a property to be on their guard when entering into a rental agreement for a property which is advertised on social media and not connected to a local reputable letting agent and also not to pay any deposits unless they have met the owner of the property if it is a private let or a verified representative in person.

If you suspect that you are the victim of a scam contact the Police on 725111, Trading Standards on 234567 or report via Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)