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The states of Jersey Police would like to make you aware of a scam that resulted in a local resident losing a large amount of money, it is understood that the scammer made initial contact with the victim through a friend request on Facebook which appeared to be endorsed by an existing friend of the victim. What the victim was not aware of at that time was that the existing friends Facebook account had been hacked and it was the scammer who was recommending himself to the victim. Once the friendship on Facebook had been established, the scammer told the victim that he had purchased some lottery tickets for them and as a result of that, the victim had won a large amount of money. The scammer would then ask for an amount of money to be sent to him to cover the tax, this would then be followed by another request for money to cover shipping charges and so on, the requests for money would continue with a different reason for more money being used each time.

The reason why we have taken this opportunity to speak direct with the deaf community in the island is that the victim in this case was deaf and the person who's face book account was hacked was also deaf, we as the States of Jersey Police don't think at this time that the scammers are deliberately targeting members of the deaf community but we thought it important to alert you to this scam just in case that they are looking to target people from your community.

At this time we are looking at the fact that the two victims involved in this case were deaf was a coincidence as it appears that the first persons account that was hacked was deaf and he had deaf friends, therefore it appears that the scammer has then tried to befriend people through the first victims friend list which would of course contained deaf people.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to be very cautious with any friend request you receive on Facebook and as a general rule you should delete any friend request from anyone you don't personally know. Please also bear in mind that if an offer looks to be good to be true then it probably is.

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