Alerts

Warning: WhatsApp messages misusing the name of Oliver Goldman of Wallace LLP

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What is the scam?

The SRA has been notified that WhatsApp messages have been sent purporting to be from a genuine solicitor (see below) in relation to the release of an individual from custody. The SRA understands the recipient of the messages was advised to make a payment to a third party account.

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Is there a genuine firm or person?

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What should I do?

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA

to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.