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ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES INTERNET ALERT

HONOLULU-Attorney General Mark Bennett announced today that the public should be suspicious of any internet solicitation that asks to have access to a personal checking and/or savings account as part of a job offer. The Department of the Attorney General has been informed that internet web sites that post job offers may be the latest variant to an old scam. The job offer web site directs the public to the website of a foreign corporation that is supposedly looking to hire people with accounting experience in the United States. The corporation asks the job applicant to provide information on his or her personal bank account so that the firm will be able to transfer funds to that account. The job offer indicates that the prospective employee will be allowed to keep 20% of all funds that are transferred into the job seeker's bank account.

Such claims are a spinoff of other scams that have been perpetrated for several years through the mail. The danger presented by such scams is that unauthorized withdrawals can be made from the account once the information on the bank account is disclosed. Therefore, Attorney General Bennett asks that extreme caution be used before giving anyone information about your personal bank accounts, especially, where there seems to be an attractive inducement to giving that information to a stranger.

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