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## FIU ALERT

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) is warning the public and the business community to be alert to ongoing financial scams that attempt to solicit funds from unsuspecting victims

The FIU has today received several reports of an old trend of financial scam that seem to have resurfaced in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

**The scam consists of an email purported to be send to you by someone known to you.**

It can be as follow:

*“I hope you don't take offense in my sudden approach. I took a trip this weekend to Madrid Spain (or some other place), and (was attacked and robbed / lost my wallet or any other reason to make you believe that they have lost all their belongings). My belongings including my cash, credit card and cell phones were all stolen. I've made contact with my bank but the best they can do is to mail me a new card which will take 4 working days to arrive here, am currently concluding my documentation at the embassy so I can fly out. I need you to lend me some funds to settle some bills.*

*Please let me know if you can assist me in anyway so I can forward you the details to effect a transfer”.*

The perpetrator may have obtained the name of someone you know from your email.

We will advise that you do not take part in these fraudulent transactions. However if you are concern that this person may be in real distress; try to contact them or their next of kin to verify the situation.

Do not send any of your funds until you have verified the validity of the request.