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Big Scam Exposed: Trusted Brands Alliance Financial Services



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This morning I received a letter in the mail with a check for \$3,120.00. The letter stated that I had won \$75,400.00. The company's sponsors were said to be Publisher's Clearing House, Readers Digest,



and Online Games. The check was definitely real, and the letter looked convincing. Here is how I found out this letter was a scam:

First, you should always be suspicious when you get a letter like this and be vigilant about doing your homework. I immediately went to the BBB website and typed in the company's name-Trusted Brands Alliance Financial Services. The address listed is P.O. Box 9000 St. Johns, US Virgin Island 00804. This address is also on the letter. The BBB had them listed as a non-member with no

complaints to date. You should be aware that the file on this company was only opened in February of 07. That is only 4 months ago. So I cleared my search and did another one on the company that issued

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the check: American International South Insurance Company. Their address is listed as P.O. Box 1802, Alpharetta, GA 30222. They are not a member of the BBB and no complaints have been filed since the opening in August of 06. One red flag should be the P.O. Boxes!

Second, you should always check the letter itself over with a fine toothcomb. The first thing I noticed was that the paper was printed upside down. I know this because the person used a fancy paper with ivy leaves on it and at the top left hand corner is written Gartner Studios and it is upside down. Meaning it should be on the bottom right hand corner in order to be read properly. A Company that processes sweepstakes wouldn't be using a sheet of paper you could buy at Staples. Next, the letter tells you to call a phone number so your claims agent can tell you what to do next. When you call the number it repeats the number back to you and then beeps. I guess for you to leave a message. A Company that is legit could afford a better answering message.

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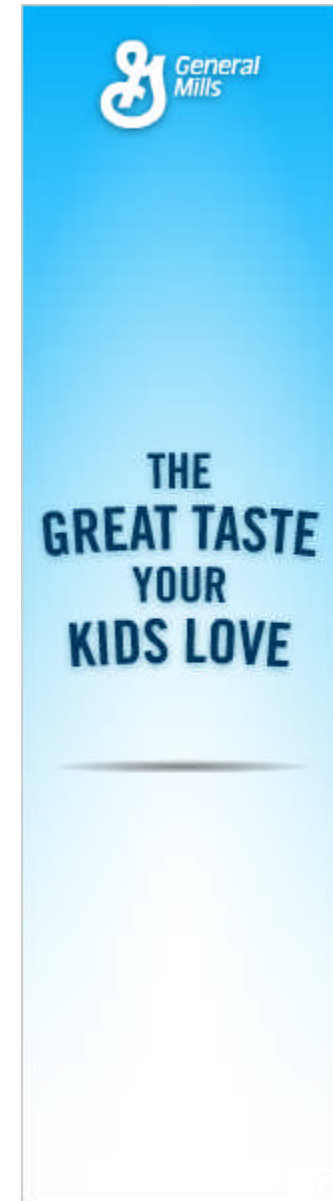
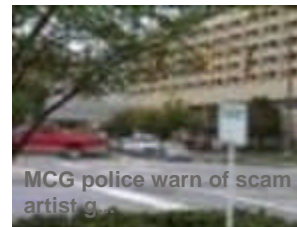
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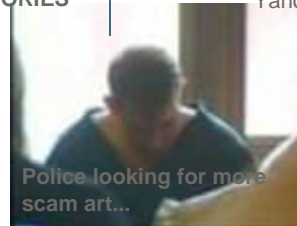
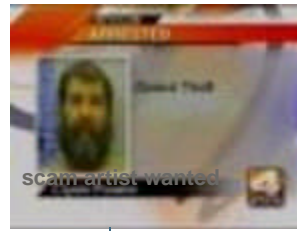
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Tabby (Guest) 08/17/2010

I received this letter and check for \$3,870.00, the other day and knew it was a phony. Why give me money to pay your fee, just to give me more money? Just give me the money and walk away. SMH! Guess What? I'm going to blast them on Facebook, and tell everybody to spread the word like wildfire. They picked the wrong on for this scam.

maryann (Guest) 07/28/2010

I just got off the phone with these guys, 7/2010 he is giving me the number for the IRS and the number does say IRS and then he brings up the patriot act and how I should get a government bond for 3500. What a scam. The problem is that they are using names that people could get fooled by. Thanks for heads up!

Alicia Bodine 06/08/2009

If you deposit the check you will find out later that the check will come back and you will owe the money. That is how they get you because it takes the banks awhile to find out that there are no funds associated with the account the check is written from.



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Just opened the mail and received a check for \$4,975.00. The check is real but I never entered any lottery so I called the number and some guy who sounds caribbean tells me to deposit it in my checking account and then call him back so they can send me a check for \$125,000.00. When I asked him who he was he hung up. I called back and it was a recording. It's too bad there are people in this world who try to take advantage of other people. Don't Be Fooled!!!

HANK (Guest) 02/17/2009

YEAH ,I GOT A CHECK TO AND THEY WANTED ME TO DEPOSIT IT AND BUY STUFF AT DIFFERENT STORES BUT WHAT GAVE IT AWAY WAS THEY WANTED ME TO DO A WIRE TRANSFER AT WESTERN UNION AND MONEY GRAM BUT THEY DIDN'T TELL ME WHERE TO TRANSFER IT TO ! HA! BOY ARE THEY DUMB CROOKS !

Your name (Guest) 11/06/2008

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Randy C (Guest) 09/30/2008

You guys were only promised 75,0000! I was promised 125,000.00 as long as they recieved a check for 2,875.00 for taxes of course. Funny they did not want us to tell anyone about the winning. What a joke I hope these guys go to jail. the alleged company name was Alliance Financial Services from toronto Canada

sharon loftis (Guest) 05/13/2008

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