



## Supreme Court of Florida

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### **Florida Supreme Court warns public about email “Florida legal document” scams**

TALLAHASSEE – An ongoing international email scam aimed at bilking people out of money has resurfaced again using fraudulent Florida court documents. They often appear to come from the Florida Supreme Court.

It is part of an ongoing series of similar scams stretching back several years. They appear to come from locations in Florida like Shalimar but may target people elsewhere in the United States or other nations. Many of the intended victims are unfamiliar with Florida law.

The current scam has targeted people in Europe, including Spain and Sweden, and claims connections with other nations like Hungary and South Africa. All the documents are falsified to suggest they came from the Florida Supreme Court.

Some contained legal terminology not used in Florida, such as calling attorneys “barristers.” They may use other legal words more common in Europe and may cite nonexistent state or federal statutes.

Florida’s state courts do not send out binding official legal notices by email. Anyone receiving emails that reference a Florida court document should never pay money without checking further.

People who want to inquire about potential scam emails can do so by forwarding copies of the email and its attachments to the Florida Supreme Court at [supremecourt@flcourts.org](mailto:supremecourt@flcourts.org). The Court's Marshal's Office and other appropriate law enforcement agencies can investigate scams that falsely use the name of the Florida Supreme Court or forge signatures of its judges.

A similar version of the current scam surfaced in early 2019 and was the subject of a [public warning](#) at the time. An earlier [public warning](#) about other scams were released in 2017, and yet another [public warning](#) was issued in 2014.

These previous email and telephone scams have targeted Spanish speakers with threats of deportation, professionals over licensing issues, and members of the general public for supposedly missing jury duty. One scam a few years ago demanded a court "fine" for "illegal software use."

Anyone receiving such scam documents should report them to local law enforcement. Copies of redacted examples of the recent scams are attached to this press release.

# SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA



## PROBATE LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION

We hereby acknowledge receipt of the authentic identification document of the Next of Kin, [REDACTED] bequest in the person of [REDACTED].

By this testament, the management of **BANCO ALCALA** in Spain is hereby mandated to release the sum of **€780,000.00** (Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand Euros) only including the estimated accrued interest due, payable to the above named beneficiary.

This testament is hereby confirmed as a mandate in line with enabling law, SECTION 36(1) OF THE INHERITANCE ACT, CAP 128, which provisions are herein reprinted and attached to this letter for general information which stipulates that upon issue of this testament, the beneficiary of the said bequest is eligible to apply for claim of the stipulated estate inheritance.

**SCAM DOCUMENT**

Signed and sealed before me today November 13th, 2020.

  
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RICHARD W. BURGH  
Probate Registrar



This is the document referred to as Exhibit A  
Before me

  
.....  
HONORABLE JUSTICE ARTHUR PINNELL  
PRESIDING JUDGE



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

IN THE JUDICIAL DIVISION  
HOLDEN AT FLORIDA

**AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM**

I, I [REDACTED] of Law Office of [REDACTED] Shalimar, FL 32579, USA. Wills, Estate & Trusts advocate at the Florida Judicial Division do hereby take Oath and Swear as follows:

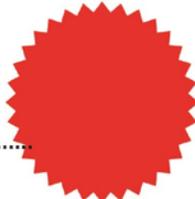
1. That [REDACTED] a citizen of Hungary is the true beneficiary to receive the fund deposited by Late [REDACTED] referred herein as customer/depositor with BANCO ALCALA.
2. That [REDACTED], have completed the requirements of the Inheritance Law as stated in the Act Of 1963 of the United States of America.
3. That [REDACTED], is hereby authorized with this Affidavit to receive the fund deposited by Late [REDACTED] with BANCO ALCALA, Madrid-Spain.
4. I therefore certify that the above mentioned particulars be notarized in this Supreme Court against fund and final clearance.
5. That the stipulated deposit with total valuation status of €780,000.00 (Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand Euros) only be transferred to [REDACTED]. All necessary steps have been taken to enable him by the bank to enable successful release of the inheritance deposit.
6. That this declaration of Inheritance is needed for record purpose.

This Affidavit is issued to the beneficiary by this court in compliance with the financial/holding obligation.

I swear to this affidavit for record purpose, and that this solemn declaration is made consciously believing the same to be true and correct in pursuant to the provision of the oath Act of 1963.

DEED FEES.....\$250.00  
 STAMP DUTY FEE.....\$215.00  
 NOTARIZATION FEE.....\$750.00

PAID



*Otto Cedric*  
 Otto Cedric  


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*John Wood*  
 Barr. John Wood  
 (Deponent/Declarant)

BEFORE ME  
  
 COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

ISSUED AT FLORIDA under the seal of the Court and the Hand of the Presiding Judge,

This 13th Day November, 2020.



# FLORIDA SUPREME COURT SCAM DOCUMENT

Our Ref: FSC//56/8/FL/X20

Date: December 4th, 2020

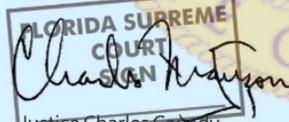
## POWER OF ATTORNEY

This honorable court today being December 4th, 2020 hereby grant [REDACTED] of Blomängslig Halmstad, Sweden.

With this power of attorney the beneficiary [REDACTED] of Blomängslig Halmstad Sweden is given the right to lay claim and take possession of [REDACTED] inheritance in absence of her, which her late father deposited with Joaquin Delivery Express in 2016.

On presentation of this power of attorney, all consigned agencies holding possession of [REDACTED] possession (whether move-able or non move-able assets) is expected to without delay release the same to [REDACTED] of Blomängslig Halmstad, Sweden in full compliance with the terms and conditions of service.

This power of attorney is issued today in accordance with the instructions given by Barrister Nick Smith (legal representative and solicitor [REDACTED]) to for the transfer of beneficiary's right.

  
Justice Charles Canady  
Chief Justice



  
Commissioner for Oath

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