FBI tracks down online date scammer in Cape Town

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The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in collaboration with the Hawks' serious commercial crime investigations unit, arrested an alleged online date scammer at his house in Parklands recently.

The 48-year-old man, Christiano Ogbeifun, appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on 29 July.

According to Hawks spokesperson Captain Philani Nkwalase, laptops and cellphones which can be connected to the crimes were confiscated at his home on Friday 26 July.

"He faces charges of fraud and money laundering and the case was postponed to Monday 5 August for bail information," says Nkwalase.

In addition to possible local victims in Cape Town, the suspect allegedly scammed foreign people out of millions of Rand. It is alleged that the suspect lured mostly victims based in the United States of America (USA). After building a certain level of trust with the victims they were tricked into paying the suspect for apparent business-related challenges in the guise that the money was going to be paid back, according to Nkwalase.

After USA victims reported the crimes to the FBI, the agency contacted the Hawks requesting assistance, according to Nkwalase. The Hawks and the FBI linked the suspect to over R4.1 million transferred to an SA based company owned by the suspect.

Kerkkonferensie in Bahamas 'n belewenis

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Die Wes-Kaapse afvaardiging na die konferensie in Nassau, Bahamas, is van links: pastore Tony de Ruiter van Cloetesville, Stellenbosch, Andrew Meyers van Macassar, Rionel Adams van Eersterivier, Hendrina Carolissen van Eersterivier, Trevor Herbert van Kuilsrivier, Susan de Villiers van Eersterivier, Cedric Jansen van Bishop Lavis en Joseph Lewies van Elsiesrivier.

Om as 'n enkelma van Eersterivier met 'n minimum inkomste die sesde Global Fellowship-kerkkonferensie in die Bahamas in die Wes-Indiese Eilande te kan bywoon, is moontlik gemaak omdat sy in God se beloftes aan haar glo.

Pastoor Susan de Villiers van die Apostoliese Geloofsendingkerk was een van agt pastore in die Wes-Kaap wat die weeklange konferensie bygewoon het.

"God se beloftes is ja en amen. As Hy dit sê, sal Hy dit waarmaak en sy beloftes is vir ons almal. Niemand kan dit vervloek wat God geseën het nie," het De Villiers gesê.

Die agt pastore wat die konferensie bygewoon het, was Joseph Lewies van die AGS Norwood in Elsiesrivier, Cedric Jansen van Bishop Lavis, Andrew Meyers van Macassar, Trevor Herbert van Kuilsrivier, Tony de Ruiter van Cloetesville, Stellenbosch, Rionel Adams, Hendrina Carolissen en Susan de Villiers van Eersterivier en Helen Lewis, vrou van Joseph Lewies van Elsiesrivier.

De Villiers glo ten spyte van baie teenkanting, uitdagings en geldtekort, is dit moontlik vir elkeen om hul drome te bewaarheid.

"As jou droom jou nie bangmaak nie, is dit nie groot genoeg nie. Droom groot of gaan huis toe. Ons vier nou Vrouemaand en my boodskap aan vroue is: glo in jouself, jy is baie sterker as wat jy dink en jy kan baie meer bereik as jou fokus en prioriteite in plek is. Jy kan bo jou omstandighede uitstyg en jy hoef nie deel van die statistieke van vrouemishandeling te wees nie. Wees jý die verskil wat jy graag rondom jou wil sien en alle vroue moet 'n geseënde maand hê," het sy gesê.

Dit was haar tweede internasional konferensie wat sy bygewoon het. Haar eerste een was verlede jaar in Greensborough in Noord-Carolina.

"Die vlug vanaf Kaapstad na Doah was 10 ure en daarna het ons 14 ure na New York en dan nog drie ure na Nassau in die Bahamas, gevlieg. Jy kan net dink hoe uitputtend was daai vlugte, maar toe ons ons voetjies in die blou water sit, was daai vlugvoosheid iets van die verlede," skerts sy.

Hulle is deur biskop Neil C Ellis, leier van Global United Fellowship, ontvang.

"Die konferensie was 'n ongelooflike ervaring, maar vir my was die hoogtepunte om na die sprekers te luister. DeVon Franklin, Hollywood-akteur en vervaardiger van die geestelike fliek *Beautifully Broken*, het 'n *talkshow* gehad tydens een van die aanddienste. Sy tema was "Male to Man" en was geweldig inspirerend. Hy het nie doekies omgedraai nie en hoewel die gesprek baie emosioneel was, was dit ook bevrydend gewees," het De Villiers gesê.

"My ander hoogtepunt was die Vrydagoggend toe Priscilla Shirer, aktrise in *War Room* en die fliek *Breakthrough* die spreker was. Sy is wraggies nie net 'n *intercessor* soos in *War Room* nie, maar beslis ook een in die regte lewe. 'n Kragtige spreker!" het sy gesê.

Kunstenaars soos die Marvin Sapp, Cortez Vaughn en vele ander het die konferensiegangers met net die beste musiek in aanbidding gelei. Biskop Neil C Ellis het al die pastore genooi na die spesiale vertoning van die fliek *Breakthrough*.

"Global United Fellowship word uitsluitlik bestuur deur skenkings en borge. Jaarliks bring die Fellowship duisende kerkleiers van oral oor die wêreld byeen om as 'n eenheid voor God saam te aanbid en goeie netwerke op te bou, om die Koninkryk van God uit te brei.

"Ek is besonder dankbaar vir biskop Douglas Bell, leier en oorsiener van Suid-Afrika en Afrika vir GUD, wat hierdie kans vir my help moontlik gemaak het. Ek is tans ook die persoonlike assistent van hom in SA en Afrika. Ek is baie opgewonde oor die nuwe taak en sien met groot verwagting daarna uit om volgende jaar se byeenkoms in Ohio, Cincinnati, by te woon," het De Villiers gesê.

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NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

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PROPOSED REZONING, SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HAASENDAL ESTATE ON ERVEN 23582, 23583, 23584, 23579 & 23580 (REGISTERED AS ERF 23324), IN KUILS RIVER, WESTERN CAPE.

Project Description: The proponent, Amphoria (Pty) Ltd, proposes to develop the Haasendal site which is set to include numerous residential precincts, a commercial node along Saxdowns Road as well as the development of a school. The Kuils River Golf Course – which belongs to the City of Cape Town– was previously included as part of the Haasendal Estate, however the applicant has subsequently decided to no longer pursue this component due to feasibility constraints. The total site area included as part of this application totals 151.53ha. The application proposes the consolidation of Erven 23582, 23583, 23584, 23579 and 23580 to form a single entity of 71, 0595ha, as well as the rezoning to sub divisional area. Furthermore the consolidated erf will then be subdivided to permit the Haasendal Estate to be developed in phases. The Haasendal Estate stretches toward the north and the south of the Bottelary River and will include access control at each individual residential precinct. As a result of the scale of the proposed development, this EIA assessment will look to address all environmental impacts associated with the development of the greater Haasendal Estate and all developable pockets will subsequently be designed inside these perimeters.

Locality: The proposed development is located off Saxdowns Road and adjacent to the existing Kuils River Golf Course in Kuils River, Western Cape.

Application for Environmental Authorisation for the following activities:

EIA activities are: GN No. R. 983 of 04 December 2014 (as amended): Activities 12; 19; 27; 28.
GN No. R. 985 of 04 December 2014 (as amended): Activities 4 and 12.

Invitation for Public Participation Registration (7th of August 2019 - 10 September 2019): To register as an Interested and Affected Party and to be notified of any developments in the proposed construction, please contact: Guillaume Nel Environmental Consultants, attention: Mr Renier Kapp, PO Box 2632, Paarl, 7620, Tel: 021-870 1874, Fax: 021-870 1873, e-mail: renier@gnec.co.za Please make use of the GNEC Reference No. 20401 and DEA&DP Reference No. **16/3/3/6/7/1/A8/74/3216/19** in all correspondence. A copy of the First Draft Basic Assessment Report will be available at the Brackenfell Public Library in Paradys Street from the 7th of August 2019 until the 10th of September 2019. For inquiries, please contact the library at (021) 980 1261. The document will also be available on the GNEC website at www.gnec.co.za

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Sandwiches handed to learners: On Tuesday 30 July Badisa in collaboration with De Kuilen High School's sandwich committee held a slightly delayed Mandela Day by making jam, peanut butter, cheese- and liver spread sandwiches for the Badisa Kuilsrivier playgroups and selected ECD pre-school programmes. Approximately 300 children received sandwiches. The responsible teachers were Fatima Duncan and Lynn Phillips, the chairperson of the De Kuilen High School sandwich committee and the responsible school social worker, Karin Bursey.