NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS
Scams Team

The Sinister Path of Scam Mail

following the slime trail of the scam snail

1 **A criminal scam company** sets up a scheme to lure a consumer into parting with their money.

2 The criminal scam company get a mailing list that have **your name and details** on it.

3 Sometimes the criminal scam company makes a deal with **a third party provider** who agrees to get the post into the postal system.

4 Sometimes the third party mail provider uses **legitmate mail providers** to have the mail delivered to you.

5 The letters confirm you are **a winner** and you are enticed into sending a fee or to buy over-priced goods to claim your ficticious win.

6 **The money you send** is not necessarily delivered directly back to the criminal –it could be sent to a third party who process the mail.

7 Often replies to scam mail are delivered to holding locations where **millions of scam mail envelopes** (commonly containing money) are processed.

8 The money is then **collected and delivered to the criminal scam company or a money service provider** (often located abroad) who will sort and process the money for the criminal.

9 At this point, there are regular **complex money transfers** often resulting in money laundering.

10 **Now the criminals have your money and your personal details.**

11 As a result, the criminal scam company will take more money from you or even add you to a **"suckers list"** and sell your details to other criminals.

12 It is **virtually impossible** to be taken off a suckers list once you are on one.

Remember

When we question our mail, we can shorten the trail of this slimy and sinister scam snail.

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