

Message from the Chair of the Association of Police and Court Interpreters

A significant number of attempts to defraud translators has been reported to us by members who have been contacted by individuals posing as various US-based agencies, offering lengthy translation projects which the translator embarks on.

When the work is submitted (always vast translations sometimes up to 2 weeks' work), the 'agency' claims to require £120.

Contact is usually made via a Gmail account, the targeted languages are varied but frequently Arabic, the initial email is always flattering regarding the translator's CV, and it is always claimed contact was obtained from CIOL. On one occasion reported to me ITI was quoted too.

Thank you for taking this seriously.

To my knowledge, 3 of our interpreters have been targeted directly, and many more have been uncovered through sharing of information on various platforms.

All the best!

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Chairman APCI

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