



Vehicle Leasing Fraud Alert

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ALERT CONTENT

The NFIB has identified that overseas crime groups are targeting UK based car leasing companies to fraudulently obtain high performance motor vehicles.

The NFIB has ascertained that high-end quality motor vehicles are rented from legitimate car leasing companies using fraudulent identification. The criminals have no intention of returning the motor vehicles. The vehicles are shipped abroad where the index plates are changed and bodywork re-painted. Leasing the vehicle affords the criminal group time to move the motor vehicle out of the UK without raising suspicion.

A proportion of the vehicles are taken out of the UK to places such as Cyprus, Spain and Poland. According to the fraudster, most of the vehicles end up in the hands of organised crime groups who are involved with boiler rooms and high-end money laundering in the UK.

PROTECTION / PREVENTION ADVICE

- Consider other methods of checking customer authenticity.
- Consider due diligence and know your customer options.
- Ensure vehicles are equipped with appropriate tracking devices.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

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