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Occupation: Senior Business Intelligence Engineer

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I am a 40 year old senior business intelligence engineer who resides in Bothell, WA. I obtained general durable power of attorney over my mother, Namie Wren, after she became the victim of lottery/sweepstakes fraud. Power of attorney means that I have fiduciary authority and responsibility over my mother's finances. My mother is a 79 years old widow and currently unemployed. Prior to my father's death in 2009, my mother was a homemaker. Her only source of income at this time is her Social Security benefits and an annuity from the proceeds of my father's estate.

In December of 2012, I discovered that my mother had received a solicitation through the U.S. Mail that she had won a multi-million dollar Jamaican lottery. The solicitation included instructions that she was supposed to contact PAUL JACKSON regarding payment of taxes and fees associated her winnings that were supposed to be remitted to:

Name: ODEAN THOMAS
Country: Jamaica WI

On July 10, 2013, my mother sent an initial wire transfer of $30,000.00 to ODEAN THOMAS from her Wells Fargo account to National Commercial Bank (Jamaica) located in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Following the initial payment, my mother sent ODEAN THOMAS an additional $85,000.00 on September 27, 2013 from her Bank of America account to National Commercial Bank (Jamaica) located in Kingston, Jamaica to pay for numerous taxes, fees and expenses associated with her winnings.

| **Date** | **Reference #** | **Location** | **Amount** | **Total w/fees** |
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| 7/10/2013 | *** | Wells Fargo | $30,000.00 | $30,045.00 (initial wire) |
| 9/27/2013 | *** | Bank of America | $85,000.00 | $85,045.00 (second wire) |

My mother told me she sent the bank wires to ODEAN THOMAS because he worked for the Jamaican Internal Revenue Service (IRS). All of the monies my mother wired to ODEAN THOMAS came from bank accounts that contained money from my deceased father's estate. My mother also sold her home and was briefly homeless in order to pay for the taxes and fees that she was told she owed in relation to her winnings. In addition to the wires, my mother admitted that she also sent $30,000.00 to $60,000.00 in U.S. cash currency to “agents” who claimed to help her receive her winnings. I suspect some of the cash my mother sent to Jamaica included money from other unsuspecting victims, who were instructed to send the money to her to forward on to Jamaica. Specifically, I have seen one check in the amount of $15,000.00 that was sent to my mother from “**** ” of Billings, Montana. The check had insufficient funds and was never cashed to my knowledge.

My mother has been contacted by both telephone and email from numerous individuals; all of whom claimed to be assisting her with the lottery/sweepstakes winnings. Through a search of my mother’s email account, which I also have access to; I discovered email communications between her and an individual named JERMAINE THOMAS who used the Gmail account ********** to communicate with her regarding her winnings.

In addition to email communication, the scammers have contacted my mother by telephone. In order to protect my mother, I have changed her home phone number several times to get the scammers to leave her alone. At one point, the scammers were having a difficult time contacting her so a person named “Frank”, who my mother identified as the lottery’s accountant, sent her a mobile phone. From March 20 – 26, 2014, “Frank” left approximately 19 voice messages on my mother’s home phone asking her to contact him. I know this because I was able to listen to the messages and copy the recordings. In at least one voice message, the caller referred to himself as Jermaine Thomas and/or Odean Thomas in an apparent attempt to get her to pick up the phone. In another message, the caller stated that Jermaine Thomas would like to talk to her. I sent all the recorded voice messages to Detective Sergeant Mark Williams of the MOCA Lottery Scam Task Force (LSTF) via email. To my knowledge, my mother has not received any calls directly from ODEAN THOMAS since March 20, 2014; though she still receives many calls from other individuals on the mobile phone that was provided to her.

Through numerous conversations with my mother, and after checking my mother’s “Caller ID”, I discovered multiple names and telephone numbers of individuals who contacted my mother regarding the lottery/sweepstakes. However, I only know some of their names, and have spelled them phonetically and listed them below:

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| Odean Thomas | ********** |
| Jermaine Thomas | ********** |
| Frank (last name unknown) | **********; “Anonymous” |
| Paul Jackson | **********; ********** |
| Richard Morris | |
| Peter Myers | |
| George (last name unknown) | |

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In addition to people calling my mother about her lottery/sweepstakes winnings, she told me she has also received threatening phone calls. She told me that during the week of March 22, 2014, she received a call from one of the scammers who told her to "stay in her home for her own safety" and warned "not answer the door." That week, a cab driver that she did not summon showed-up at my mother's residence late at night to pick her up. A pizza delivery driver also showed-up at her residence with a pizza that she did not order. My Mother told me she didn't answer the door on either occasion, and both individuals eventually left without incident. In addition, my mother told me that she also received a phone call saying that I need to "back off", after I spoke to one of the scammers on the phone; which I believed to be a threat.

After I discovered my mother was a victim, I contacted the Lynnwood Police Department in Lynnwood, WA and talked to Detective Scott Dilworth about the fraud. I also contacted Jamaican authorities, including Detective Sergeant Williams, who I emailed copies of the recorded voice messages. After initially contacting Detective Sergeant Williams, I learned that ODEAN THOMAS had been arrested. After informing my mother of ODEAN THOMAS'S arrest, she said she didn't believe me and insisted that there was some mistake. She said THOMAS and JACKSON were government officials who were helping her. To my knowledge my mother has never met anyone related to her lottery/sweepstakes winnings, and does not know anyone personally who has contacted her by telephone or email in relation to her winnings.

This lottery/sweepstakes fraud perpetrated against my mother has ruined my mother's finances and created tension between us. Currently, I am assisting her with filing for bankruptcy protection as a result of credit card debt that she accumulated due to the financial instability caused by the lottery/sweepstakes fraud. In addition, our personal relationship has been damaged because the scammers have led her to believe that she cannot trust me or other family members with regards to her best interests.

I have signed and dated the Wells Fargo and Bank of America wire transfer forms, Durable Power of Attorney document and check my mother received from another victim. Postal Inspector **** **** also signed and dated the receipts and documents. I provided these receipts and documents to Inspector **** to utilize in the prosecution of any and all parties responsible for this scheme.

I reported this information to Jamaican law enforcement and have been cooperating with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to further their investigation. I am willing to assist and/or testify in Jamaican court if necessary to further the prosecution of the individuals involved in this scheme.

At 4:00 PM PST, on May 12, 2014, at Bothell, WA, I gave this statement to Postal Inspector **** ****, and it was read over by me. I signed same to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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This statement consisting of ____page(s), each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated in it anything I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

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Recorded by me this ____day of May, 2014, at ______________________________ ________________________________________________. This Declaration was read over by the maker who indicated that he understood the meaning of it. This statement was read over by him, and he signed the declaration and the statement as being true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE:_________________________________ Date:_________________
U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR

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U.S. POSTAL INSPECTOR

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