

TSD INFO BULLETIN

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SCAMMERS FAKE PROFILES

In a desperate attempt to launder their ghost IDs and to give them an Internet footprint, scammers are now populating the Web with blogs and social network profiles where such IDs are mentioned.

NOTE: SCAMMERS ARE ALSO CREATING FALSE PROFILES ON PROZ.COM AND TRANSLATORS CAFÉ.

1. **Blog: Trusted Translators**
<http://trustedtranslators.blogspot.fr/> (DELETED)

This blog (created by some unknown “Translator” on February 2014) lists some dozens of translators and links to online profiles, to make them look legitimate. To make their listing more “credible”, **SOME translator profiles listed are genuine, but the MAJORITY just belongs to ghost “translators” created by scammers!**

2. **Facebook: Qualified Translator**
<https://www.facebook.com/qualified.translator>

This Facebook page is used as a relay for the FAKE IDs posted on the “Trusted Translators” blog. Again, to add “credibility”, some profiles belong to genuine translators.

3. **Fake profiles on Translation / Professional portals**

The following is **JUST ONE EXAMPLE**: scammers created a ghost ID

Julia Antonio

julia-antonio13@hotmail.com

juliaantonio210@gmail.com

standard.translator2@gmail.com (account used by scammer to send “her” emails)

to circulate a CV stolen from a Portuguese translator living in Germany. **The address shown on the fake CV (Via Ostilia 46, 00184 Rome, Italy) is, in fact, an underground parking garage!**

They have also created these **FAKE ONLINE PROFILES**:

Translators Café: <http://www.translatorscafe.com/cafe/member229323.htm> (DELETED)

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/julia-antonio/9a/737/54b> (DELETED)

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