

TSD INFO BULLETIN

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GETTING THE FACTS RIGHT

I was contacted by an Agency, and they told me that they would not work with me, if my name was on the list...

With this comment, a translator who has had her CV stolen by scammers – and her OWN name used by them to contact clients – has brought to our attention a very simple and deplorable fact: **Some people from translation companies are misreading our Directory, thus hindering the LEGITIMATE interests of REAL translators.**

TRANSLATORS: If a client or prospective client shows any doubts about you (because your name is listed as a VICTIM / 3rd COLUMN OF OUR DIRECTORY), please send them this Bulletin.

1. LEARN TO READ OUR DIRECTORY



2. THE WHOLE SCAM IS BASED ON ONE THING, AND ONE THING ONLY

One or more email addresses CREATED and CONTROLLED by the scammers.

That's why scammers **NEVER** provide a real street address (unless they copy one from a legitimate translator or from any online source), and, when shown on their FAKE / STOLEN CVs, all phone numbers are NOT REAL (modified with truncated digits or with impossible or wrong country or area codes). Scammers DO NOT want you to call them on the phone or read your mail; **they want you to contact them by email ONLY (where they can impersonate whoever they want).**

3. VIDEO CALL: THE ULTIMATE WEAPON AGAINST SCAMMERS

TRANSLATORS: Include an updated photo on your CV and keep your CV ONLY on safe/reputed websites. Best place to keep your CV: your own website and blog or available for download from your own profile on online storage sites, like *Dropbox*. On public portals, like ProZ.com, Translators Café, and others, publish ONLY a **very basic PDF version of your CV**: name, email, working languages and main specializations, Skype ID and a link to download your CV (or, as a minimum, a note that your full CV is "available on request")! **Don't forget to include your photo on your basic CV, and, if your CV has been scammed, include a note with the name and emails used by the scammers to impersonate you!**

CLIENTS: Request a video chat (with Skype, ooVoo, videolink2.me*, etc.) with your prospective translator.

* Free online video calls in browser. No registration needed. To start chatting, just send a link to the other party.

4. READ MORE ABOUT THE SCAMMERS' TACTICS

Our website is a good source for valuable information:

The scam explained: www.translator-scammers.com/translator-scammers-info.htm#scam
 Protect yourself: www.translator-scammers.com/translator-scammers-info.htm#protect