

Taking on the scammers

We'd received an immaculate CV from **Charles James** – Charles if you're out there someone is ripping off your CV – claiming to be a FR>EN translator and using the email Charles.James.12DAVIS@hotmail.com (1)

So we thought we'd follow the rabbit down the hole so to speak and actually give the scammer a job.

We set up a fake email on behalf of a fictitious translation company and gave the scammer a small job with a fake PO that had the small print that stated that the translator guaranteed that he was who he said he was – with payment terms of 30 days.

After agreement on rates "Charles" duly returned the small job duly **Google translated**.

We then upped the stakes by giving him a larger job of 32k words. **Charles requested upfront pay** which we refused citing the fact that we'd been scammed before (ha ha).

After much to-ing and fro-ing we agreed that Charles would send screen prints of the translation to prove that it had been done. 2 weeks later the images of the translation were sent and Charles requested payment via PayPal.

The images were of a nonsense translation - *quelle surprise!*

We declined the request for a Paypal payment citing our standard payment terms and said we needed an actual bank account... Finally we got it:

Account holder: kamel M M salama (2)

Account no.: 834 4052547 (3)

Bank name: Palestine Islamic Bank

Bank address: Gaza, Palestine

SWIFT/BIC code: PIBCPS22

I urge you all to take the same tack and waste as much time as possible of this idiot by assigning him jobs and not paying...

Posted by **Maria Janum** on ProZ.com (27FEB2014): <http://bit.ly/1f0LVj1>

(1) Scammer also uses this address: charles.james.13davis@gmail.com

(2) Kamel Abu Salama / sashheart27@gmail.com

(3) This account is known to be used by scammers from, at least, **LanguageMet**, **Translation Secrets**, **MuchDo**, and **Gotranslang Co (Alleta Morris)**.

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