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Overview

This bulletin is issued by the Scottish Business Crime Centre Liaison Unit of the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA). The intention of this bulletin is to promote and support effective business crime information/intelligence sharing between the SCDEA and the Scottish business community. Our aim is to reduce the harm caused by serious organised crime and to make Scotland a hostile environment for serious organised criminals.

The use of false electoral registrations

The Electoral Commission are an independent body set up by the UK Parliament. They have responsibility for ensuring that elections, referendums and electoral registration in the UK are operated effectively. To this end, the Commission work with Electoral Registration Officers (ERO) who have responsibility for maintaining and compiling the electoral register and reporting any suspected offences in contravention of the above mentioned Act.

In July 2011 it became apparent to the ERO body that they were in receipt of a number of suspicious registration applications for names to be included on the electoral registers. Applications have been made using business addresses, it is suspected that the purpose of false electoral registration is to commit fraud.

The Association of Chief Police Officers Scotland has nominated Lothian & Borders Police as the national lead for this matter. The offence being a contravention of Section 13D, The Representation of the People Act, 1983

Should you receive any documentation resembling papers from the Electoral Commission to your business premises which you have not applied for **please contact your local police.**

If you have queries on any other matters please do not hesitate to contact:

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