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CERT-MU Security Alert

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Beware of Fraudulent Property Advertisements Circulating on TikTok

CERT-MU wishes to alert members of the public about fraudulent advertisements circulating on TikTok offering **houses for sale** in Mauritius at **unusually low prices**, including properties advertised at around Rs. 700,000 in Floreal, Grand Baie, Pereybere and Beau Bassin.

Several incidents relating to these fraudulent property advertisements have already been reported through MAUCORS+. In a number of cases, potential buyers were reportedly asked to make an advance payment or deposit of approximately Rs. 20,000 to secure or arrange a property visit, following which they discovered that they had been scammed.

The TikTok accounts reported in connection with these advertisements include:

- Dreepaul Bungalow
- Property Lacaz Mauritius

Some advertisements reportedly use the name **Mr. Keenoo** together with the mobile number **59323114**. Other advertisements listed the WhatsApp numbers **55342845** and **54962804** to have more information about the properties or to make deposits.

Members of the public are strongly advised to exercise caution when responding to property advertisements on social media platforms.

How to protect yourself?

- Do not make any advance payment or deposit merely to secure a property viewing.
- Be cautious of properties advertised at prices that appear **significantly below prevailing market prices**.

- Verify the identity of the seller, agent or property owner independently before making any payment.
- Request proper documentation relating to the ownership and sale of the property.
- Do not rely solely on photographs, videos, WhatsApp conversations or social media profiles as proof that a property or seller is genuine.
- Avoid transferring money to unfamiliar individuals or accounts before independently verifying the transaction.
- Be particularly cautious when pressured to make an urgent deposit because of claims that there are several interested buyers.

If you have already made a payment

Members of the public who believe they may have fallen victim to this scheme should immediately contact their bank and report the matter to the Cybercrime Unit on 212 4017 or to the police station of their locality.

Members of the public are also encouraged to report suspicious online advertisements, accounts and cyber-related incidents through MAUCORS+.

CERT-MU urges the public to remain vigilant and to verify property offers thoroughly before making any financial commitment.

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