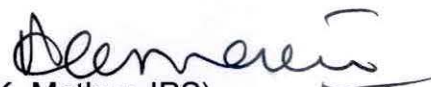


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BE AWARE OF PRIZE WINNING SMS, E-MAILS, WARNS POLICE

Many mobile phone users have received short message service (SMS) in their phones or e-mails in their mailbox telling them they have won fabulous money prize. Some typical SMS reads, "Your telephone No. has just been awarded \$2,000,000 US from Petrol Development 2011". The SMS then directs the receivers of the SMS to check details from certain website address. Users are then lured to make deposit of money in some bank often in more than one instalments under the pretext of meeting the expenditure related to some administrative charges and air travel. Such SMS and e-mails are aimed at cheating gullible people. Public are advised not to believe in such money swindling SMS or e-mail and they should not deposit any money. They should not provide their banking details to the senders of SMS or e-mail otherwise the scammer will continue to harass by asking for more money.



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