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PRESS RELEASE

PROTECTION AGAINST EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

September 6, 2024 – The Grenada National Cyber Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT-Gnd) is advising the public to be aware of employment scams targeting Grenadians. **Employment scams** are scams where cyber-criminals pretend to be hiring companies or job agencies to steal your money or get your personal information.

CSIRT-Gnd is therefore advising the public to:

- 1. **Research before you apply**. Ensure that you know exactly who is hiring before signing up. If a local company is acting as the recruiting agency, ensure that you know who they are recruiting for and verify that they are legitimate.
- 2. Guard your personal information. Do not share your personal information without first verifying who will be getting it. This includes ID cards, passport information, photographs, medical information, police record, date of birth, financial information, and any other information which can be used to identify you. Remember, these can be used by criminals to commit identity fraud or identity theft.

Additionally, it is important to note that legitimate companies will not ask you for money upfront or ask you to return money due to overpayment using money courier services such as Western Union and MoneyGram.

Anyone needing additional information, assistance or general online safety advice can reach out to the National Cyber Security Incident Response Team on WhatsApp and Telegram at (473) 423-2478; via email at csirtgnd@gov.gd; or on Facebook, Instagram and X at @csirtgnd.