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**OFFICE OF THE MAINE ATTORNEY GENERAL
CONSUMER ALERT**

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**CONSUMER ALERT:
BEWARE OF FAKE PROPERTY RENTALS ON THE INTERNET
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Attorney General Janet T. Mills warns Maine people to avoid a scam that has appeared on the internet classifieds site Craig's List. Recently, a Maine homeowner discovered his house, as well as photographs of the property, listed for rent on Craig's List without his knowledge. The ad listed a Nigerian email address for responses and payment for the fictitious rental.

One shopper was ready to rent the home by sending her money to Nigeria. Fortunately, the shopper contacted the Maine homeowner and discovered the scam before sending any funds to the scam artist.

The Attorney General reminds Maine consumers to never send money in response to an internet sale or rental offer without first confirming that the ad is legitimate or from a known and trusted business.