



## U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE **CRIME ALERT**

### **New Chief Postal Inspector? New Chief Postal Inspector Scam!**

Chief Postal Inspector Guy Cottrell was appointed barely one month ago, but fraudsters who relied on fake endorsements by former Chief Postal Inspector William R. Gilligan obviously stay tuned to the [Postal Inspection Service Web site](#), which named a new agency head in August.

The latest version of an old scam is a phony e-mail sent from "postal\_inspector@post.com" claiming that your parcel from "UPS Courier Service" containing a "card" good for \$1.5 million was stopped for security reasons "in line with the Anti-Terrorist Campaign." You'll need a "Duly Sworn Affidavit from Spanish High Court" to claim the package and must send "US\$130" to Mr. Michael Kitzinger (or other contact) to cover costs. The e-mail ends with "Sincerely, GUY COTTRELL, Chief Postal Inspector."

Former Chief Postal Inspector Gilligan's name appeared in previous editions of the scam—and in variations, which sometimes invoke imaginary ATM cards. Postal Inspectors confirm that the e-mails are completely bogus, and those who send in money will never see the millions promised in return.

If you have information on this or similar scams, [report it online](#) at [postalinspectors.uspis.gov](mailto:postalinspectors.uspis.gov) or call 1-877-876-2455, option 3.