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## COMMUNITY INFO: Beware of Advanced Fee Online Loan Scams

**June 20, 2011** – The Cambridge Police Department Criminal Investigations Section is currently looking into an Advanced Fee loan scam online company and is warning the public to beware.

A company claiming to be based in Cambridge is offering loans to individuals worldwide. The company requests an advanced fee to be wired to them via Money Gram/Western Union to secure the loan. Once this money is wired, the company will then request additional funds. The company will provide documents that appear authentic, and maintains a web presence under the name of Mitchell & Rose Financial.

This company is claiming to be based out of 4 Cambridge Center in Cambridge. The business does not exist at this address, nor do they have a license to conduct this type of business in Massachusetts. The Criminal Investigations Section has previously tracked similar companies to the Ontario region of Canada and has been working with Canadian authorities to track and apprehend the individuals involved.

The company is also known to be using the following names:

Bellview Financial - [bellviewfinancial.net](http://bellviewfinancial.net)  
Coleman Lending - [colemanlending.com](http://colemanlending.com)  
Hartford Flemming - [hartfordflemming.com](http://hartfordflemming.com)  
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Parker Watson Financial - [parkerwatson.com](http://parkerwatson.com)  
Sanders & Austin Financial - [sandersaustin.org](http://sandersaustin.org)  
Southern United Financial - [southernunited.net](http://southernunited.net)  
Wagner Grant Financial - [wagnergrantfinancial.com](http://wagnergrantfinancial.com)  
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Those looking to rent property in Cambridge are encouraged to protect themselves by taking the following precautions:

- Research the company before doing business with them both online and with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the Massachusetts Division of Banks.
- Never wire money to an individual for a loan.

Those with questions or information about these types of scams are asked to contact Detective Brian O'Connor of the Cambridge Police Criminal Investigations Section, Financial & Computer Crimes, at 617-349-9307.

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