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We have been alerted to a scam occurring on the East Coast of the US that mentions Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM) and Unity World HQ (UWH). Here's the description of the scam that UWM and UWH are referenced in:

Scammers are creating ads [e.g. on Craigslist] promising housing for an online rent application and deposit payment. In some of the scams, they are referencing UWM and/or UWH as the housing sponsor and creating fictitious ministers, while referencing or copying and pasting information from the Unity.org website. Scammers ask for detailed information in a rent application and ask the lessee to send an electronic deposit [to the scammer, of course]. The scam appears to be originating in South America.

What we have done so far:

- We have contacted all applicable authorities from the areas that these are appearing to notify them of the scam.
- We have asked Craigslist to remove any posting that has any reference to UWM or UWH or our website and have alerted them to the scam.
- We are working with the Sheriff's office to get a contact in the FBI Crime Complaint Center to file this with them.
- Not much else we can do for overseas internet scams – they are using untraceable cell phones for communication.

If you happen to see or receive anything related to this scam, please notify David Vest, Chief Financial Officer, Unity World Headquarters, at VestDR@unityonline.org. Thank you!