

Mike Burr Thomas – The Story So Far

Episode 1

<https://youtu.be/gllolGfDBww>

The scammer works his way down the usual list of questions that most scammers ask when meeting a new potential victim.

Episode 2

https://youtu.be/Jmf_7pD295U

This episode was entirely audio call.

The really funny call where he struggled to find a city in Scotland with both an airport and a railway station. You could hear him searching while he was calling. He came up with a Geopark, then the “Is-lay of Mull” and then Glasgow.

The reason he can’t make a video call on the oil rig is, obviously, because it will cause an explosion!

He was there for an 18 month contract, but he’s been on the rig for 2 years (he has no idea what the difference between 2 year and 18 months is).

His bank account is frozen and he needs to go to a branch of his bank and do a biometric scan to reactivate it.

Denise starts to realise she has to ask every question, or say everything, at least twice if not 3 or 4 times!

He offers to give Denise the details of his bank account. But how are they going to pay for his helicopter to get off the rig?

Episode 3

<https://youtu.be/a8srXzYmO1M>

Mike love bombs Denise then gives her the log-in details for his fake bank account. (I have reported that to its registrar, with loads and loads of evidence, but it is still active.)

Denise offers to go to her bank to pay for his helicopter, but needs an invoice from the helicopter agent. Mike tries to convince her that an invoice isn’t necessary, but Denise stands her ground and wants to know he’s using a reputable agency.

Episode 4

https://youtu.be/_Qg2aaDo0yg

Denise receives an invoice with the details of a money mule – Anita A. There was a “tax” of 7.5% - wrong for the UK. So Denise refuses to pay the tax and says she will pay £4800.

Mike tries to groom Denise so that when she goes to the bank she doesn't tell them why she is sending money. But she insists on taking her iPad so she can show the invoice to the bank so she doesn't make a mistake when she pays.

He wants her to tell the bank the payment is for "services that have been rendered" to her.

Episode 5

<https://youtu.be/FJJAKFZh1uc>

Denise goes to the bank to pay the invoice.

The bank wouldn't let her pay – saying that no-one needs to pay to get off an oil rig. Denise's daughter in law Lola wants to talk to Mike.

Mike said he doesn't know how to lie!!

Then he speaks to Lola, who is nice to him, asking questions about how he knows Denise.

Lola and Denise went to Godalming but the bank there wouldn't let her send the money either, so Lola suggested that they use MoneyGram instead.

They sent the money, but I got confused and accidentally sent the money in Mike's name, not the money mule's name.

This is the fake MoneyGram claim line set up by the channel Scamming Scammers. When Mike realised the money had been sent to him, Denise and Lola agreed to go back to MG to cancel the transaction.

Episode 6

https://youtu.be/s0IJWymj_Z8

In this episode, Mike comes up with a complicated story about why they should send the money £900 at a time, rather than all at once. Lola isn't happy and says she will only send £1000 and send the rest later.

Lola shows her true character. She wants to speak to the person whose details were on the invoice, Anita A. She also insists that Mike set up a WhatsApp account.

She phones the number Mike gives her and gets the "representative" of the helicopter company.

The very reluctant rep, with an English accent, claims he is in Toronto in Canada, but can't decide what his own name is – giving her two different names – Bruce Thomas and Jason Clark. Lola decides he is sexy and she fancies him.

Both Lola and Denise are sent the details of a new money mule/company representative.

Episode 7

<https://youtu.be/jPO9nW2skD4>

The agent calls Lola again. Lola insists on getting the phone number of the new representative, the owner of the account whose details we have been given, so she can speak to them before she sends the money.

Mike suggests that Denise should write a cheque, but Denise doesn't know where her cheque book is. So then he suggests she go to her bank to withdraw the money in cash.

Finally Mike agrees to send Lola the number for the money mule.

Episode 8

<https://youtu.be/-lAwvq8krk>

Lola gets to talk to the money mule. She wants to be sure he is a legitimate representative of the company as he is using a personal a/c not a business one, and it is a UK account. It's the same number and the same person who claimed to be the rep in Toronto.

Denise has sent £2k to this mule – Light Obule but she has been given a receipt by MoneyGram that has a telephone number on for the mule to call to get the code.

(This is a fake slip, generated by the owner of the YT Channel Scamming The Scammers – and the phone number sends the mule to a fake claim line – an answering service that sends the scammer round in loops.)

<https://www.youtube.com/@scammingthescammers>

The mule has phoned the real MoneyGram who have told him that the sender should give him the code. In real life this is true, in Scamland it doesn't work like that and so Denise gets into an argument with Mike, telling him that Mr Obule has to phone the number on the slip.

Episode 9

<https://youtu.be/mbG82ImDuS8>

The mule phones the fake MG claim line 8 times. I sent Mike a dodgy tracking link, which he clicked on so we know he was in Lagos.

We decided to see if we could get the mule to go on a safari – which means making your scammer or the mule travel more than 200 miles. So Denise told Mike that MoneyGram wouldn't allow her to get her money back for a second time. The best they could offer her was to send it to another recipient.

As Mr Obule seemed unable to get the claim number, Denise sent the money to Lola's cousin in Newcastle on Tyne in the north east of England.

Denise then repeatedly explained to Mike that Lola's cousin Christian had collected the money and would hand it to Mr Obule in person and wouldn't post it or use an app on his phone to send it.

Episode 10

<https://youtu.be/Y5-0MM6y00E>

Denise insists that Mr Obule has to go to Newcastle and repeatedly tells Mike that Lola's cousin will not post the money.

When Mr Obule refuses to travel, Denise tells Christian that he can keep the money, so Lola decides to go to Newcastle to visit her cousin.

Mike says he will be leaving the rig in two weeks' time, so Denise tells him she won't waste £5k for an early flight as he will be leaving in 2 weeks anyway.

Episode 11

<https://youtu.be/ezpGxOmbgI0>

Mike thinks he will retire next weekend. Or the weekend after. Or his contract might have ended. The more lies he tells, the more confused this scammer becomes. He asks Denise about music, claiming he loves music by Wagner – then tells her he isn't an opera fan!

Episode 12

<https://youtu.be/ugqi6afzqAE>

Mike needs to contact "the retirement team" – surprise, they are part of the UN.

Mike has found another agency to book his helicopter and sends another fake invoice. This one has a business bank account and a business registered at Company's House in the UK. I reported both.

Episode 13

<https://youtu.be/Sx8CUyfqJ8c>

Lola goes to the bank and sends £1k out of the £7,800. She got distracted by a shop selling Gucci bags, shoes and summer clothes.

Mike tries to persuade Denise to send a cheque, but she will have to get a new chequebook from the bank first. She reminds Mike that her account is limited and she can't send more than a small amount of money.

Mike tries again to get Denise to send him a photo.

Episode 14

https://youtu.be/bx1Z_lbmHYw

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