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Dear Sir/Madam,

Crime Alert: Internet Love Scam

There has been a recent emergence of internet love scams where Internet users are propositioned by perpetrators who are believed to be foreigners whom would befriend them online at dating or social networking sites. The victims would be enticed to perform sexual acts in front of their webcams. The perpetrators would record the acts without the victims' knowledge and subsequently threaten to circulate compromising photos and videos of the victims in order to extort money from them.

2 Police encourage Internet users to adopt the following measures to avoid becoming a victim to such crime:

- a. Exercise caution when dealing with unknown persons "befriended" through the Internet;
- b. Never put yourself in a vulnerable position or give personal details about yourself when interacting with other internet users;
- c. Do not remit or transfer money to unknown persons; and
- d. Inform the Police immediately if anyone attempts to extort money from you.

3 If you have any information relating to these scams, please call the **Police hotline** at **1800 – 255 0000** or '999' if urgent Police assistance is required.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Chong'.

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