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Thread: [Got scammed first time trying to rent an apartment.](#)

Purgatory - October 17, 2024, 11:34 am

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Syndicate - October 17, 2024, 11:39 am

Damn dude, that's a bit rough. But \$50 application fees are the standard here in Canada I believe. It's an unfortunate loss :/

Prawnster - October 17, 2024, 11:51 am

That sucks mate, taking advantage of people like that :(

I'll have some work for ya soon so we can get you more cash aye!

Charlie Sheen - October 17, 2024, 12:14 pm

Yeah these sort of scams have become very common. I know a lot of rental companies are having to setup signs everywhere on their properties letting people looking at the property know the correct path of renting a property, and warning them about scams.

Fkn - October 17, 2024, 12:18 pm

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Sucks to hear. How did you pay her the 50\$?

SIM-3257834 - October 17, 2024, 12:48 pm

I have to see the apartment in person before I send any application fee over, why spend money to just apply to find out you hate the place. Plus I tend to get all application fees waved for my employment position, too bad I can't get the same for the damn pet rent + deposit.

Py_Dev - October 17, 2024, 12:53 pm

\$450 FOR A DUPLEX. That is a red flag man. Idk where you live but I pay \$1580 a month for a two bedroom condo.

Nettspend - October 17, 2024, 1:38 pm

Damn bro sorry for your loss. I didn't know people even did that

Purgatory - October 17, 2024, 2:15 pm

(Oct 17, 2024 12:18 PM)Fkn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Sucks to hear. How did you pay her the 50\$? We saved it up from doordashing and sent it via a bank transfer with zelle

Jamika - October 17, 2024, 2:37 pm

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Pimping - October 17, 2024, 2:42 pm

Oh man that sucks never trust Facebook marketplace with things like this so many scams on there

illuminati? - October 17, 2024, 3:11 pm

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Bruh that sucks, I'm sorry to hear that.

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That is correct, some places are \$100.

DramaKing - October 17, 2024, 4:05 pm

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DramaKing - October 17, 2024, 5:16 pm

(Oct 17, 2024 04:07 PM)Purgatory Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I sent it to her via zelle it was on my banking app. Go to your bank and ask if anything can be done. Also make a police report. Banks in the US have to maintain records of financial transactions and provide those records to law enforcement when subpoenaed. Under the Patriot Act, banks also have to verify the identity of their customers.

Chrome - October 17, 2024, 5:25 pm

Probably don't use FB marketplace for property rental, stick with real estates.

F4tDoinkz - October 17, 2024, 6:22 pm

Well where I live rent is 1200 minimum so that would be an instant red flag. Application fees are common though. Every of marketplace.

Jake Johnson - October 17, 2024, 6:32 pm

Damn, that really sucks! Unfortunately I think there are a lot of rental scams like that on Facebook marketplace.

Syndicate - October 17, 2024, 10:10 pm

I agree with some of the posts here, you definitely should have checked out the place first. But now you know that. If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is

The Pact - October 17, 2024, 10:35 pm

(Oct 17, 2024 04:07 PM)Purgatory Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I sent it to her via zelle it was on my banking app. Ask your bank if you can reverse the charge quick! Did she just show photos of the apartment or something?

(Oct 17, 2024 05:25 PM)Chromeproducts Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably don't use FB marketplace for property rental, stick with real estates.

Yeah I don't use Facebook Marketplace at all. I keep hearing about scams off there.