



# City of Hollywood, Florida Hollywood Police Department

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## Fake Property Owner Scams Renters



The Hollywood Police Department is requesting the assistance of the community in identifying and locating the above pictured suspect, who defrauded renters out of money and left them no place to live. The suspect, seen in the attached photos, posed as the owner of the multi-family property located at 1919 Mayo Street. The suspect used the name James Williams, and scammed potential renters out of thousands of dollars.

The suspect posted advertisements online through Craigslist, and received funds from three different victims. Further investigation revealed the suspect had no authority to rent the property he listed.

Detectives have reason to believe the suspect has victimized others. If you know who this suspect is, or have been victimized by this suspect, please contact the Hollywood Police Department at 954-764-4357(HELP) or 954-967-4411. Tipsters can e-mail or text to [hollywoodpdtips@hollywoodfl.org](mailto:hollywoodpdtips@hollywoodfl.org). Information can also be given to Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477(TIPS) or [www.browardcrimestoppers.org](http://www.browardcrimestoppers.org).

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