

MEDIA24'S REPORTING OF THE ARRESTS AND CHARGES

	STATEMENT	TRUE / FALSE	CORRECTED	OUTCOME REPORTED
1	"An alleged luxury accommodation scammer, who is suspected of making up to an estimated R34 million during the last two years by defrauding luxury property owners along Cape Town's Atlantic Seaboard, as well as unsuspecting tourists, has been arrested on charges of fraud for a second time."	FALSE	NO	NO
2	"Second arrest for Cape Town luxury accommodation 'scammer' suspected of pocketing millions."	FALSE	NO	NO
3	"A British pier fan who is accused of defrauding the owners of luxury mansions on, among others, Cape Town's Atlantic coast out of millions of rands."	FALSE	NO	NO
4	"A Briton who has allegedly been renting out guesthouses that do not belong to him has finally been arrested where he is hiding in the Upper Cape in one of the rich men's houses he occupies."	FALSE	NO	NO
5	"He was also arrested on a similar charge in Cape Town on 4 August last year and released shortly afterwards on bail of R30 000.";	FALSE	NO	NO
6	"He was first arrested in about mid-2022 and released on bail. He has now been arrested on more fraud charges as more victims have come to the fore."	FALSE	NO	NO
7	"He is charged with burglary, theft, and malicious damage to property as well as being in the country illegally because his visa has expired.";	FALSE	NO	NO
8	"He then appeared in the Magistrate's Court in Wynberg on charges of fraud, burglary, theft, and malicious damage to property, as well as being in the country illegally because his visa had expired.";	FALSE	NO	NO
9	"A British citizen who was arrested for fraud on 4 August this year and released shortly after on bail of R30 000 was arrested again on Wednesday on similar charges."	FALSE	NO	NO
10	"This is not the only charge of this kind that Russell faces."	FALSE	NO	NO
11	"A British man who allegedly defrauded members of the public and tourists out of thousands of rands and damaged property was released on bail of R30 000 on Tuesday." s	FALSE	NO	NO
12	"After he was released on bail on 23 August, he reportedly continued to rent luxury homes in Cape Town's posh residential areas such as Camps Bay, Llandudno, and Hout Bay, and then sublet them to other people without the rightful owner's knowledge or consent."	FALSE	NO	NO
13	"Darren Russell (52) was arrested by the police at a house in Llandudno on Wednesday after he apparently continued his ploy to rent houses and then sublet them."	FALSE	NO	NO
14	"Darren Russell, a British citizen who came to South Africa on a visitor's visa in 2020, has been arrested on charges of fraud relating to the subletting of luxury properties along Cape Town's Atlantic Seaboard."	FALSE	NO	NO
15	"An eviction order will be heard in the High Court in Cape Town on Monday, and a second eviction order on a date that has not yet been announced. This is for four houses he is believed to occupy—one in Hout Bay and Camps Bay and two in Llandudno."	FALSE	NO	NO
16	"The state claims he rented several luxury homes and then rented out the homes in residential neighbourhoods such as Camps Bay, Llandudno, and Hout Bay to other people without the rightful owner's knowledge or consent."	FALSE	NO	NO
17	"The state claims he defrauded the owner of a luxury house in Llandudno out of around R1.2 million."	FALSE	NO	NO