

GUIDE TO REPORTING FRAUD TO THE BANKS

There is no guarantee that your bank will accept the fraud but you can only try. They will have to say why they have declined your request then you can go to the Financial Ombudsman.

Before your call

- Have the bank sort code, who you paid, account number (refer to your invoice)
- Contract as this has address etc on the last page

Ask only for the Fraud department – my bank number was for customer helpline!!!!

Try to get across the following:-

That there are 100's of us & counting, that Writers Beware LR Price blog (*ask them to Google it*) highlighted the fraud. Prior to this we were individuals believing we might get our book published.

I quoted "Whilst it is outside the given period the fraud was there, but not apparent to me until now". (*doubt you will get much support if you've known there was a fraud for a while & only reported it now*)

State that Natwest, Santander, Barclays, Lloyds, Trading Standards, Met Police, the Press and BBC are all involved. Reported to Action Fraud.

Why Fraud - "I know that LRP is a complete fabrication and that RS/ West is operating under a false name, non existing offices, telephone line rental, no departments filled with employees and built on deceit and misrepresentation".

That LR Price was a sham and RS/W was a convicted paedophile on the sex register for life. Why on earth would I as a new author EVER sign a contract knowing that. My book was for children & adults to read (*this does not break any confidence in the group as my husband found him on Google and traced him to West*). That contract was signed and Companies House registered under a false name and now they resigned.

I stated "I only found out recently re Writers Beware LR Price blog and realised I was a victim of the same fraud as 100's of others and then contacted my bank once I read the fraud help page" Many more are coming forward weekly.

Due diligence seems vital to a bank's fraud questioning. I explained I checked LRP website, reviews at the time, had received a contract, marketing leaflets and emails explaining why there was long delays. That I was advised by RS/W on the invoice to pay into a directors account or LRP as any other payment would mean 2.9% extra to pay. I now know all that to be fake and this is a large scale scam to extort money by fraudulent means to 100's of people.

Below are details my bank had on their Fraud page and they will only investigate and pay out *if* satisfied of fraud; so I quoted 3 times in my phone call from their website under Authorised Push Payment Scam (old rules before 7th Oct 2024) :-

"that as a customer they had transferred funds to another person for what they believed to be were legitimate purposes, but which were in fact fraudulent".

To end I did say that all the banks need to be aware of the facts that he has been linked with The Cambridgeshire Publishing Group (*from Writers Beware blog*) and with new rules from 7th Oct 2024 many more people will be victims of his serious fraud & the bank will have serious issues .

Good luck