

## Mountains of gold

### An exploratory research on Nigerian 419-fraud

Every year thousands of people worldwide are victimised for hundreds of millions of euros by Nigerian fraud groups. Today, The Netherlands seem to be one of the main countries from which they commit their so called Nigerian 419-fraud, also known as 'advance fee fraud'. The last decades their fraud activities based in The Netherlands have grown from nearly nothing to unprecedented proportions. This book reports on an exploratory research on the Nigerian 419-fraud and its perpetrators, that was carried out in 2008 by Bureau Beke and the Police Academy. The research tries to shed more light on the Nigerian criminal networks and their crime patterns, in order to support law enforcement practice in tackling the 419-fraud. In six separate chapters the reader is taken along in a search on historical backgrounds of the 419-fraud, the modus operandi of the fraudsters, the flows of the proceeds of the 419-fraud, the perpetrators and the criminal networks, the victims and in conclusion the law enforcement and judicial approach of the problem.

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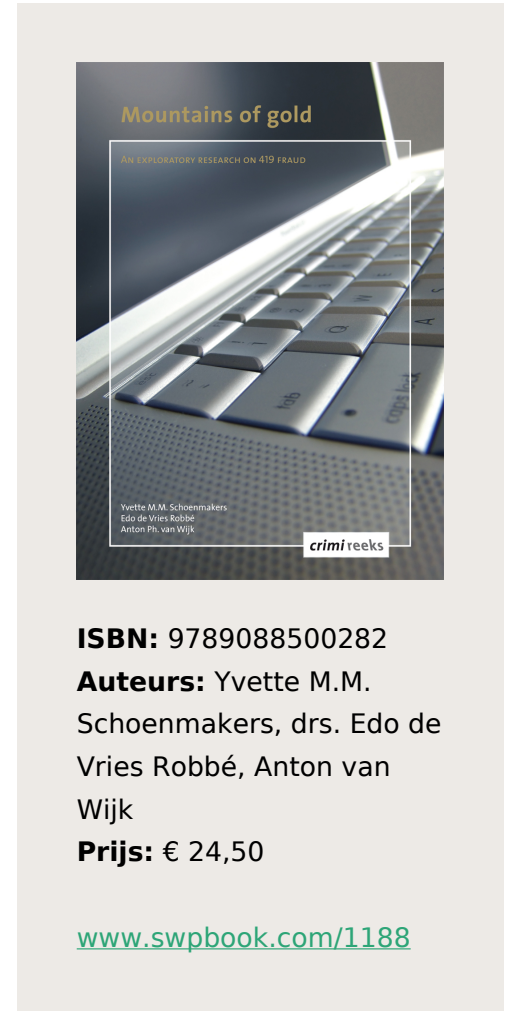
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