

# Broke Texan Makes A Run For It Rather Than Paying His Outstanding Rent.

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Creepor #23  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 15:53:44

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Buckwheat #27  
History Smoked Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 18:21:53

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Especially the poverty stricken criminals who can't afford to live in Bangkok or Pattaya anymore and are hiding out in the Villages

skippybangkok #28  
Platinum Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 17:30:39

Interesting, my wife is renting her old house out, and the tenant ( that ) moved out without paying. Would the police arrest them even to ( i have a tenancy agreement too )

WAERTH #29  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 18:51:05

Mmmmm, I personally run up a rental bill of 4 months because I had some problems because the company paying me was waiting and waiting and waiting (a company in Iran/Iraq), but because I have been in this apartment in Bangkok for over 7 years now and I have been behind one or 2 months previously and I know the buildingowner she told me she would wait until I got the money and not hassle me she knows I will pay. Just 2 weeks ago I finally got the money and I put to the money (ofcourse also paying the 50 baht a day fine, which really hurt). She had a big smile on her face ofcourse.

I think if you have stayed somewhere over a longer time and if they have seen that you behave good and are friendly with the staff/buildingowner you can always arrange things. No problems just be nice to them and tell them in Thai many times ..... I need your help (shut not)..... This is too if you as a foreigner need them to help you.

Waerth

skippybangkok #30  
Platinum Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 19:59:52

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People with long track record, no probs. These people are short termers, and were quite nasty threatening to hurt my mys, which I advised them was a poor decision.

Since they are nasty, am quite happy to spend a 100\$ + just to make their life extremely difficult in the courts / police what ever even if I only get a few k back.

opothal #31  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 20:16:22

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Couthy #32  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 20:40:02

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(With the ticket price at Wembley there should have been a revolution!).

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And they keep your head warm in winter. Hi-Hi-Hi, Couthy

twix38 #33  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-10-30 21:13:46

I am a 45 yo Brit (England), taking a year out to travel and based in Pattaya for now.

It is always wrong to generalise and I know of a lot of good and well behaved English, but I have to agree that many who choose to relocate here below retirement age (and some above) are for many different reasons of a typical type, just as has been described and most open a bar, GO GO, Restaurant or other service based operation.

It is however very unlikely that an educated prosperous guy or couple would choose to do business here when you think about all the built in disadvantages before you start language and culture difficulties, visas, corruption, paperwork and extra requirements to conduct business, dual pricing, locals taking advantage, scams, pollution and traffic problems, the way Thai's conduct business operations and man management, raising a family in sex town - really the list of pro's and cons is very lopsided and not to make too much of a pun, but these pro's and Con artists are all around in Pattaya living with rising crime and muggings and pick pockets.

Foreigners are tolerated only because of \$\$\$ - there is really no other reason most Thai accept us living here other than money. Because of a reason and I WILL be the money or thought bit. All in all, the floor is clear for the skin head, tattooed job to follow the slogan "good guys go to Heaven and bad guys go to Pattaya". Without a complete change of image and a major change, in order to level the business playing field for the small punters (which obviously can and will never happen) it is not surprising that the lower end of the social order look here when looking for an escape on a limited budget or others on the run or after sex with a male/female usually much younger.

With recent enforcement of the company scheme regarding the get around for foreigners to own land and the tightening of visa rules, I can see that this is both good and bad. Thailand maybe making it slowly harder for foreigners, especially the non-desirables, but it may well weed out some of the scum, possibly also the very poor too, unfortunately if new requirements are too onerous.

I have to agree that the way to make a small fortune in Thailand is to start with a big one and most look who try to do business here themselves eventually come unstock and make just enough to scrape by. Why bother fighting a system that is stacked against them from the start, but hidden behind a polite facade and a smile.

I love Thailand and if you enjoy the benefits, but never commit to anything or invest in anything that you can't afford to loose, I think you play the game a lot better than most.

Edited by twix38, 2006-10-30 21:43:37

TelephonePacific #34  
Newbie  
Posted 2006-11-07 12:54:38

This story is all inaccurate. The American paid all his bill but the last month which was disputed because the invoice amount was wrong and the Argyle was attempting to charge the American double trying to take advantage of the owner being out of town and stating that they were not aware of the previous rate... The American showed the documents proving his agreed rate and that is where the hostility started... The American demanded to pay the same agreed figure as he had every month and that is where the stand off began.

Incidentally, the American never fled the hotel... He made a take it or leave it offer to the hotel to pay as he always had and the owners told him they would cause him big problems if he did not pay the inflated amount... So he left and secured an apartment down the street and even notified the Argyle in writing that he was staying in Pattaya and would only pay the agreed amount as he had every month prior.

It was weeks the American was seen by people hired by the hotel to cause him problems that they attempted and failed to subdue him through force in what looked to any that saw it as an attempted robbery... The American did not know who these men with sticks were trying to jump him but the American was seen grabbing big handfuls of 1000 Baht notes from his motor bike before taking off. There were no police anywhere present

There was no job for the American to lose. He was partner in an investment group investing in Thailand... After the coup, most all companies that were set to invest pulled out of Thailand or at the very least put their investments on hold...

That's the story as I witnessed it... Those that are from here know that no hotel in Thailand gives credit... That should have told any reader that read this that it was far from accurate... It was extortion by a hotel that thought they could leverage foreigners after the coup... The American was a strong principled man who would not stand for it and took it to the extreme over principle. In the end the hotel got paid the normal agreed rate and the American was never charged with anything except a fine for the extra days over his Visa stay.

Scott #35  
Star Member  
Posted 2006-11-07 13:17:21

Thanks TelephonePacific for clarification. I was wondering about it, as I've never had a grace period that lasted over a few days on rent, utilities etc. My employer used to pay my rent and bills to the Condo I lived in (as they did for a number of employees). One time they were late and we all got the pleasant surprise of spending Friday, Saturday and Sunday with no water or electricity! After that, I said I would pay and claim reimbursement.

Not the most generous folks here, even if they know they will get the money.

accountant #36  
Newbie  
Posted 2006-11-07 14:10:09

This entire story is crap. I am the accountant for Telpac which paid all the expenses for Tim Gibbons while in Thailand. We paid the last month bill on time which was 42,000 baht... It was not a three month bill it was a one month bill with all the phone charges (24,000.00 Baht) as he had not paid each and every month... Mysteriously, the hotel sale in the room comes up empty when Mr. Gibbons goes to pay the bill the following morning... HiMM!!! And yes, he produced the Western Union receipt as evidence of the 82,000 Baht we had sent the night before.

Tim Gibbons reported the incident to the police and refused to report it to the police because he said that everything makes the news and Thailand is not a place you want people knowing you carry that kind of money in your room or on you regularly... So we called it up as a loss and sent a letter to the management explaining we were terminating the relationship because of serious non letter (internet and phone charges above the agreed rates) and demanded a final invoice including of the previous bill since a week had past since the theft... The total bill would have been about 62,000 (42,000 from the outstanding bill of the previous agreed rate and the 2 weeks for the current bill).... So we asked for the invoice to be emailed to our office and we would wire the money within two days... The coup happened that next day and I took them a little over a week to get the invoice to me after that... They were literally asking over 100k baht... They agreed there was a mistake and it would be looked into and corrected.

Mr Gibbons subsequently rented and paid upfront for a new apartment down the road from Argyle, since he felt uncomfortable in the same place which was obvious with no bank in that someone within the hotel either took the money or allowed someone in to take it...

The owner of the Argyle was in the UK at the time so the staff was unmanaged... Bottom line is we had all documents supporting the emails and the disputed amounts... At first the damancer was the Argyle management agreed that did not match the previously agreed room rate. It was only after they learned Mr. Gibbons had moved to a different Hotel that they decided to make extortion type of threats stating if the company did not pay the inflated amounts that they would cause serious harm to Mr Gibbons and they would make whatever claims needed to cause him serious harm and inconvenience... It is important to note that at all times it was agreed in writing both the company and Tim Gibbons that we agreed to pay the written agreed room charges and not a penny more... They could have billed the credit card on file at anytime for that amount... Any amounts over were disputed.....

It was 4 days later when the final confrontation occurred the event occurred (more than a mile away from the Argyle, so the story about floating on a bill is bull s\*\*t)... He had more than 30,000 Baht in his possession at the time of the attack... He thought he was being robbed since these people were unknown to him but approaching with weapons... No statements identifying themselves just weapons. They did not realize the size of Tim gibbons and his training but they soon realized that it was out of the question to over power him... Mr. Gibbons ran seeking police assistance and was not at any time being police he needed them.

With all of this said it is important to note the hotel agreed that they would get what the previous agreed rate was that we had in writing not a penny more... There were never any charges ever filed in regards to this matter because we simply provided the emails and previous bills to prove the criminal intent of the hotel...

As for the employment status of Mr. Gibbons... He is 63% majority stockholder of the company that was investing in Thailand... He can not lose his job, he employs all of us at Telpac which is more than 3 countries with several hundred employees and many more agents... Google him and Telpac and you can obviously see the hotel person we are talking about...

This was a scam by the caller person and they expected trying to press fraudulent charges. Anyone can check the records at the police to verify this and see he was cleared of any wrong doing without the hotel being paid... And of course there was never a pursuit by the courts for the current bill... So we asked for the invoice to be emailed to our office and we would wire the money within two days... The coup happened that next day and I took them a little over a week to get the invoice to me after that... They were literally asking over 100k baht... They agreed there was a mistake and it would be looked into and corrected.

My advice to anyone reading this... If you have a dispute on charges go immediately to police when in Thailand and dealing with a Thai Business attempting this type of extortion... It is no enforcement against extortion... You just show you do not owe what they say and all is forgotten... But the criminals who wanted to extort you go free... So save yourself the trouble, you need to escalate things immediately to police, it is stupid you should have to waste your time and you do not get through what we had to endure... Just show the cons you are not going to tolerate or even negotiate with them/size)

keepitreal #37  
Newbie  
Posted 2006-11-07 15:49:14

Thanks TelephonePacific and accountant for your comments but let me tell you both something I was there staying at Argyle when Tim Gibbons was there and I was friends with the staff that tried to scam him and your company. It wasn't just you guys they tried to scam either. They were paddy everyone's bill. Tim was just crazy enough to challenge everyone on it and smart enough to trap them with emails. He would only talk to them through emails once they started the games. He knew to keep records that he could prove and I can tell you first hand this was all a farce and all those involved at that hotel should be in jail. It was told he after he was for weeks in that hotel. It was there when Tim was there and know the staff hid his safe. They were partying that night and tried to blame the two girls Tim was with in a different room. They were always making comments about his money and openness with letting anyone share in the fun...

They saw his kindness and generally as a weakness. The minute he got into the confining all over them for it. They immediately started telling things I knew first hand were complete lies. hell, I was there and they were telling me things I witnessed personally I knew first hand were complete lies. Not true... Staff was panicked and were trying to cover their butts. Especially the extra rooms that were parties of the staff and their friends that were mysteriously charged on the Tim's room which is why the bill was not right when the owner audited it ( the owners knew it was wrong but did not figure out the staff's scam until later)... He ( TM) still this day does not even know about that... Tim would beat those little scoundrels down if he would have known this was the people he was tipping out so much and thought were needy... the owners did not know any of this until they already stepped in crap and got the law involved and made the bogus claims and paid them. By then they tried to leave face but it backfired when the emails and western union receipts came out. Suddenly everyone shut up and the situation was swept under the rug...

Tim's only fault was not just showing all the staff to the owner when he returned a week after Tim go this new paid. By that time it looked to Tim like they were all involved in this scam... It was the owners staff who set this all up.

The owners should have admitted the screw up as internal rather than let this go on this far but they feared legal retaliation and bad press... They got it anyway. Oh well, now you all know

Timbo is in the US and comes back in January for any interest...

Chopper #38  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-11-07 17:28:14

keepitreal, why don't you resemble your moniker and do just that

First you were "Telephone Pacific" then you were masquerading as the "accountant" a few hours ago.

What happened to the "accountant"?

Were you struck off?

I am sure a 190d has the ability to check ISPs.....

Douggie Style #39  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-11-07 20:27:40

Taking everything off face value, a sad result, and some parts hard to understand:

Why did Tim Gibbons not help to get a lawyer, call the embassy, get his Thai contacts involved?

Why was it not reported to police? (You claim anonymity was important, but a good lawyer can't help with that too)

Is the company Telephone Pacific also TelephonePacific?

Again, assuming everything is on the level a very troubling result. I am sure there are plenty of people on TV who can assist this guy...probably not publicly but via PM...

Noel #40  
Super Member  
Posted 2006-11-07 20:37:13

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Hmmm, perhaps there is more to "double entry" than meets the eye...?

Thaddeus #41  
Pissy Member  
Posted 2006-11-07 20:51:29

Douggie Style, on 2006-11-07 20:27:40, said:  
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Definitely not TelephonePacific

As suggested earlier by one of the Telpac members.... do a google on Telpac Tim Gibbons .... curious stuff, FJ being worth a look.

Douggie Style #42  
Senior Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 04:29:36

Thaddeus, on 2006-11-07 20:51:29, said:  
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Thanks for the clarification...it is curious stuff...he certainly seems feisty...

Telpac rejects FJ's claims about its status

Posted at 04:59 on 27 November, 2002 UTC

The head of the telecommunications company TELPAC, Tim Gibbons, says he's not worried about repeated claims that his operations in Fiji are illegal.

This follows a comment by the director of communications, Josua Tunaganivika, who has again spoken out against TELPAC.

The company has been offering cheaper overseas calls through digital technology and it plans to build two earth stations to bring down the cost of overseas communication.

Mr Gibbons says TELPAC runs its operations legally and he says Mr Tunaganivika should be encouraging competition as outlined under the Posts and Telecommunications Decree of 1995.

"Each time that he steps outside of his duties we'll slip him down in the face with Fijian law. That's why in this country you can't be too confused with what government says you have to be with what government passes and legislates and we look at what government says in the form of what were they willing to put into writing and what are they willing to enforce into the courts that in our opinion it is when we listen to government, we don't listen to government mouths we listen to governments pens."

Tim Gibbons  
<http://www.nsf.com.sg/news/04/042910>

johnnyk #43  
Super Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 20:16:48

tephuan, on 2006-11-07 14:53:35, said:  
johnnyk  
"And some people wonder why Thailand has tightened up the visa regs."  
Mighty Mouse  
"Ask any Texan... bigger debt accumulations."

johnnyk  
"Bigger debts, too. Just like DWB, all hat and no cattle."  
"Throw 'em out on his Texan ass!"

Couplet  
"The Visa situation should be tightened even more to weed out poverty stricken criminals on the run from reality....."

Wow, the last 3 posts makes a few over-opinionated posts on this thread look like a bunch of @\$\$holes. Remember their TV names, and take them with a grain of salt every one on this forum.

tephuan,  
Here's your grain of salt.  
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udon #44  
Not a PC Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 11:33:45

Here's your grain of salt:  
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Johnnyk:  
Strong stuff MB, can you post links to back that up?

Jai Dee #45  
Star Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 12:33:48

keepitreal and accountant have been suspended... multiple nicknames are not permitted on ThaiVisa.

Both gone to fancy places. RIP

OifRedEyes #46  
Platinum Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 12:49:21

The Mask, on 2006-10-21 17:40:53, said:  
The English are without a doubt the biggest A-holes in Pattaya. 90% of the time is an English guy being totally intransigent and sometimes barely controlled by Thai women.

They are just misunderstood. Nice guys really

OifRedEyes #47  
Platinum Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 12:53:29

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OifRedEyes #48  
Platinum Member  
Posted 2006-11-08 13:04:35

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Their close colleague TelephonePacific went with 'em. (As soon as I found the prick)

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