The third question of Fatwa No. 14212

Q 3: A person had entrusted me with selling his crashed car for

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two thousand or more. I agreed to this and later, a man came to me and I sold him the car for two thousand and eight hundred Riyals (2800). When the owner of the car came to me, I told him that I had sold the car for only two thousand Riyals. I took the remaining eight hundred for myself without telling him. What is the ruling on this knowing that I do not know this person, his name, or his country? Should I donate this sum with the intention of returning his money? May Allah grant you success for the welfare of Islam and Muslims.

A: You were wrong in telling the owner of the car other than the truth, for this is lying and dishonesty. You should offer Tawbah (repentance), seek forgiveness from Allah, and return the rest of the money to the car owner. However, if you can not reach him, you must donate the money to the poor with the intention of paying it to its owner. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and companions!

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