



TNEJC WEEKLY UPDATE

Intelligence, prevention & action for Tennessee's elder justice network

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THE WEEK IN ELDER JUSTICE

Federal fraud coordination grows - and TNEJC unveils a new prevention tool.

DOJ is building stronger cross-program fraud detection. Check Before You Act Tennessee helps people slow down and review warning signs before money or information leaves their hands.

NATIONAL POLICY SPOTLIGHT

DOJ launches the National Fraud Detection Center.

Announced August 24, the prosecutor-led, multi-agency center will combine law-enforcement and analytical capabilities to generate leads and improve visibility across taxpayer-funded programs. Initial members include the FBI, HSI, IRS-CI, FinCEN, Treasury and multiple inspectors general. Why it matters: better cross-program analysis may help investigators see identities, accounts and payment paths affecting older and vulnerable adults sooner. DOJ did not announce an elder-fraud-only mission, Tennessee office or new consumer hotline.

[Read the DOJ announcement](#)

TENNESSEE & PREVENTION UPDATES

TNEJC RECOGNITION



FBI SA Matthew Short honored.

At its August 27 meeting, TNEJC presented SA Short a certificate and challenge coin for work on the Joshua Aaron Holmes fraud case involving vulnerable and older victims. Holmes received 168 months in prison and \$936,215.13 in restitution.

[DOJ case release](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY



See the globe? The post is public.

On Facebook, the globe marks a public post: anyone can see it, including people off Facebook. Be cautious about replying to public prompts that reveal your age, location, family, routines, grief, travel plans or money matters. Scammers can use those details to make later contact feel personal and believable.

[Facebook audience guidance](#)

ENFORCEMENT + CONSUMER WATCH

Follow the money. An August 28 federal indictment alleges that five men helped launder more than \$7.4 million taken from at least 77 victims through imposter scams. Charges are allegations.

[DOJ case](#)

Unexpected package? Do not scan a QR code enclosed in it. Change marketplace passwords, contact the platform directly and review your credit reports.

[FTC package alert](#)

FIELD NOTE | WHAT TO TELL OLDER ADULTS THIS WEEK

1. STOP. End unexpected contact that creates fear, urgency or secrecy.
2. VERIFY. Use a number you locate independently - never the caller's number or link.
3. TELL. Involve someone you trust; preserve messages, receipts and payment details.

NEW | CHECK BEFORE YOU ACT TENNESSEE

A free TNEJC public-education website for pausing, checking warning signs and considering safer next steps before sending money or sharing information.

TN APS 1-888-277-8366 | Elder Fraud Hotline 1-833-FRAUD-11 | IC3.gov



CheckBeforeYouActTN.org