



TNEJC WEEKLY UPDATE

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

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THIS WEEK'S SAFETY MESSAGE

ONLINE ROMANCE + MONEY? PAUSE.

Never invest, borrow or pay to prove your trust in an online relationship.

A NEW FEDERAL CASE SHOWS THE WARNING SIGNS

Investigators say two men used dating apps, false identities, a fake financial adviser, staged video calls and false investment displays. At least 26 women allegedly sent about \$1.3 million. Some were urged to take loans. The men are charged—not convicted—and are presumed innocent.

Do not trust an investment because someone you care about shows you an account screen.

[DOJ case](#) | [KSL story](#) | [FBI tips](#)

THREE SAFE STEPS

STOP. Do not pay under pressure.
VERIFY. Check the person and account yourself.
TELL. Ask someone you trust.

WATCH ACCOUNTS—EVEN WITH FAMILY

A Washington conviction involved more than \$514,000 taken from a grandmother. A separate Georgia case alleges 36 small transfers totaling about \$3,095. Look for unusual withdrawals and report quickly.

[KOMO](#) | [Georgia sheriff](#)

TWO MORE THINGS TO KNOW

Public posts: A Facebook globe means a post is public. Do not answer public questions with personal details that a scammer could reuse. [Facebook help](#)

Policy: FOX 10 reported that Arizona families and advocates plan to ask lawmakers for stronger elder-fraud laws next session. The page did not identify a bill number. [FOX 10](#)

CHECK BEFORE YOU ACT TENNESSEE

TNEJC's free website helps you review warning signs before sending money or sharing information. Scan the code or visit CheckBeforeYouActTN.org.

IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, ASK FOR HELP

There is no shame in being targeted. Acting quickly may help.
Emergency: 911 | TN APS: 1-888-277-8366
Elder Fraud Hotline: 1-833-FRAUD-11 | IC3.gov



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