



TNEJC WEEKLY UPDATE

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

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THE WEEK IN ELDER JUSTICE

ROMANCE BUILDS TRUST. A FAKE INVESTMENT SCREEN CAN STEAL IT.

A new federal case shows how dating-app grooming, fabricated identities and staged financial proof can work together.

NATIONAL CASE SPOTLIGHT

FBI arrests two in alleged \$1.3 million romance-and-investment scheme.

DOJ says Daejon Labrayae Love and Taylor Jamie Chan were charged by criminal complaint after investigators identified 26 women who allegedly sent about \$1.3 million. The filing describes dating-app relationships, false NFL-player and investor identities, a purported adviser, staged calls and messages, fabricated bank or investment displays, and pressure to borrow or send more. Both were arrested August 24 in Boise. Charges are allegations; each defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Coalition takeaway: Never invest because a romantic partner supplies the proof. Verify the person, firm and account through sources you find independently.

[DOJ release](#) | [KSL report](#) | [FBI tips](#)

EXPLOITATION LESSONS

FAMILY TRUST NEEDS SAFEGUARDS

Washington case: 24-month sentence.

KOMO reported April 29 that more than \$514,000 was taken from a grandmother. Cognitive impairment can increase risk, but rights and decision-making remain individual.

[KOMO report](#)

SMALL TRANSFERS CAN SIGNAL HARM

Georgia arrest: 37 alleged felony counts.

Coffee County, Georgia - not Tennessee - says Johnny Wendell Tarrant allegedly moved about \$3,095 in 36 debit-card transactions from an older relative. Review statements and report promptly. He is presumed innocent.

[Sheriff release](#) | [Original story](#)

POLICY + DIGITAL SAFETY

Arizona: FOX 10 reported Aug. 18 that families and advocates plan to seek stronger elder-fraud laws next session; the accessible page did not identify a bill number or provisions. [FOX 10 video page](#)

Facebook globe = public: Anyone may see the post, including people off Facebook. Avoid public replies that reveal age, location, routines, grief, travel or money details. [Audience guidance](#)

FIELD NOTE | CHECK BEFORE YOU ACT

1. STOP. Money request from an online love interest? End the conversation before paying or borrowing.
2. VERIFY. Check identities, licenses and accounts independently. A screen image or video call is not proof.
3. TELL. Bring in someone you trust; preserve messages and payment records.

CHECK BEFORE YOU ACT TENNESSEE

Free TNEJC guidance for reviewing warning signs before money or information leaves your hands.
TN APS 1-888-277-8366 | Elder Fraud Hotline 1-833-FRAUD-11 | IC3.gov



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