

# Annual Report to Congress on Department of Justice Activities to Combat Elder Fraud and Abuse

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Elder fraud and abuse remain urgent problems in our country, particularly because the COVID-19 pandemic ushered in a new wave of exploitative practices targeted at older Americans. Our fourth Annual Report to Congress highlights the Justice Department's efforts to prosecute those who harm older adults; to support the victims; to bolster state and local efforts to pursue elder justice; and to prevent elder fraud and abuse before it occurs.

First, we are working across Department components and with our federal law enforcement partners to detect and disrupt elder fraud and abuse in all their forms and to hold perpetrators accountable. As discussed in this year's report, the Department has brought cases to address abuse and neglect by guardians, conservators, and others. The Department has also sought justice for older Americans in response to a wide range of fraudulent schemes, including grandparent scams, romance fraud, identity theft, and lottery fraud. All told, we have pursued nearly 300 criminal and civil cases against more than 600 defendants in the past year. And we are intensifying our efforts to protect older adults, including by more than tripling the number of U.S. Attorneys' offices participating in our Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, which is dedicated to disrupting, dismantling, and prosecuting foreign-based fraud schemes that target older Americans.

Second, we remain focused on supporting the victims of elder fraud and abuse. For example, over the past year, the Department's Elder Fraud Hotline staff assisted thousands of older victims in filing complaints and accessing social services. In addition, the FBI, the Criminal Division, and our law enforcement partners continue to use a variety of tools to freeze assets and return funds to victims wherever possible. All Americans who believe they may be the victim of elder fraud should contact the Department for assistance.

Third, we recognize that federal enforcement efforts alone cannot fully address the devastating harms that older Americans face. Accordingly, the Department has worked to support and enhance elder justice efforts at the state and local levels. This includes awarding grant funding to state and local organizations that provide services to older Americans; developing training to aid law enforcement in conducting effective forensic interviews of older adults in criminal elder fraud and abuse cases; creating a toolkit to assist judges in making capacity determinations in guardianship cases; and fostering statewide elder justice coalitions.

Finally, we are continuing our work to prevent schemes targeting older Americans before they occur. Promoting public awareness is central to that effort. To that end, the Department conducted hundreds of public outreach events in the last year to empower older adults, their families, and their communities with information that could help protect them from victimization.

This year's report reflects the Department's substantial achievements in pursuing elder justice. We remain committed to advancing the safety and well-being of older Americans in the year ahead.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MERRICK B. GARLAND

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# FOREWORD

BY DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MONACO

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Every day across the United States, dedicated Department of Justice employees work together to protect older Americans by combatting elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and fraud. From line attorneys to investigators, from crime victim specialists to program analysts, the Department's personnel are committed to preventing elder fraud and abuse, investigating and prosecuting perpetrators, and finding new ways to support victims.

While the Department's elder justice efforts are multifaceted, holding perpetrators to account is the cornerstone of this important work and is a testament to the Department's commitment to protecting all Americans. As reflected in this Report, in the last year, the Department brought criminal and civil actions, in cases involving conduct that targeted or disproportionately affected older adults, against defendants who collectively stole approximately \$1.5 billion from over 2.6 million victims. The Department investigated and prosecuted these cases regardless of whether the defendant was a corporation or an individual, or whether the fraud scheme was domestic or foreign in origin.

Over the last year, the Department has continued its efforts to deter and prevent fraudsters and thieves from stealing the hard-earned savings of older adults. Fraud schemes targeting older adults are relentless and pervasive, and the Department is pursuing the perpetrators and facilitators of these schemes. This year, we sought justice on behalf of older Americans by prosecuting those who enriched themselves by taking advantage of older adults' trust, including individuals acting as guardians and financial advisors.

The Department also acted against wrongdoers who abused and neglected older adults, sometimes through violence. For example, this year, the Department filed a civil action against nursing homes that provided grossly substandard care by housing older adults in pest-infested buildings. We also brought hate crime charges against two employees at an in-patient health care facility for punching and kicking residents and then sharing photos and videos of their attacks.

The Department's efforts seek justice for victims, and—to the greatest extent possible—help them recover financially and emotionally. To that end, the Department secured resolutions requiring companies to remit hundreds of millions of dollars to victims. Likewise, the FBI's Recovery Asset Team froze and made available for recovery millions of dollars that otherwise would have been lost to fraudsters. We are equally proud of our efforts to assist victims emotionally, including by helping them through the fear and shame that often accompanies becoming a victim, by assisting them in seeking mental health counseling, and by ensuring their voices are heard at key stages of court proceedings.

The Department is steadfast in its commitment to protect older adults. Much remains to be done, but our work last year sends a clear message: if you scheme to harm older adults, the Department of Justice will use all the tools at its disposal to pursue you and seek justice for victims.



# INTRODUCTION

BY ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL VANITA GUPTA

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As this Report underscores, the Department of Justice is deeply committed to elder justice, including the objectives set out in the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act. During fiscal year 2022, the Department pursued hundreds of criminal and civil enforcement actions against perpetrators of elder fraud and elder abuse, on critical issues ranging from COVID-19 fraud to grossly substandard care in nursing homes. The Department developed tools and resources for elder justice professionals on the front lines and hosted events to help improve professionals' assessment of older adults' decision-making capacity and their investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases. The Department devoted substantial resources to victim assistance and related services at all levels, including by responding to a record number of calls on the National Elder Fraud Hotline. The Department participated in public outreach and training events that reached over 150,000 Americans, and provided training to law enforcement, legal aid attorneys, elder justice professionals, and members of the public on numerous critically important elder-justice topics. The Department also returned millions of dollars to elder-fraud victims through asset forfeitures and other actions.

Through this holistic and multipronged approach, the Department empowers older Americans to protect themselves and ensures that federal, state, and local entities are prepared to intervene when necessary. We are very proud of the work we have done, but we know there is always more to do. Looking forward to the next year, the Department will continue its aggressive enforcement efforts. The Department will continue to build and strengthen collaborative relationships with state and local law enforcement, helping to enhance their capacity in these critical areas and to promote community-policing efforts. We will raise awareness among community partners and help older adults and their families to recognize and prevent abuse through public education campaigns and direct outreach. And we will continue to seek equity and access to justice for older Americans, including by vigorously enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act and ensuring that older adults have access to legal services.

Elder justice is a critical priority for the Department, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that older Americans are protected, supported, and treated with dignity and fairness.



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# PROGRAMMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

## A. Overview

Pursuant to the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, P.L. 115-70, the Department submits this report on its enforcement actions, other activities, and suggested best practices to combat elder fraud and abuse. This section of the report discusses several significant achievements over the past year in developing resources for elder justice professionals. For example, the Department hosted the first-ever symposium focusing on the ways decision-making capacity impacts civil and criminal cases. The Department also released a curriculum to train forensic interviewing skills in criminal cases, held a series of trainings for prosecutors, and released a new tool to assist judges in making guardianship determinations.

This section also highlights programmatic efforts that directly address the needs of victims of elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and fraud. Through the Department's enforcement actions, thousands of victims are being compensated for financial losses that resulted from elder fraud. The National Elder Fraud Hotline also continues to be an important public resource; the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is supporting the expansion of "Triads," a community-policing concept that promotes direct public awareness and crime prevention; and a

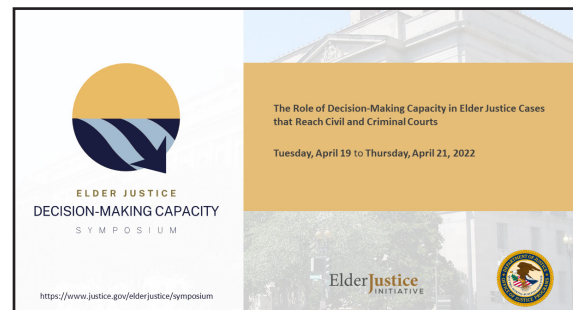
grantee of the Office for Victims of Crime is expanding a program on restraining orders for older underserved populations.

## B. Highlights

### I. Professional Development and Resources

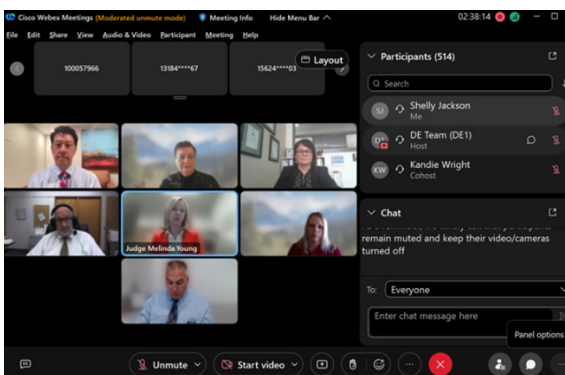
#### *Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium*

Every day, older adults are harmed by mistaken assumptions and inadequate assessments of their decision-making capacity in the criminal and civil justice systems. To highlight this issue, the Elder Justice Initiative hosted the Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium: The Role of Decision-Making Capacity in Elder Justice Cases that Reach Civil and Criminal Courts. More than 1500 professionals from across the country attended this virtual Symposium, which took place on April 19-21, 2022.





Over the course of three days, nationally recognized subject matter experts discussed the aging brain and the science regarding decision-making capacity; described how decision-making capacity is assessed; identified challenges involved in that process, including ethical considerations; and proposed concrete steps for improving the assessment of decision-making capacity.



Panelists also explained how issues related to decision-making capacity can affect criminal and civil elder justice cases. For example, the panelists explored issues of consent and criminal neglect in the criminal context and issues involving guardianships in the civil context. Panelists also underscored the need for multidisciplinary teams and cross-training among elder justice professionals and clinicians.

Relevant materials can be found at the Department's Elder Justice Website's Symposium page.<sup>1</sup> Materials include recordings of all the presentations from the Symposium, a literature review<sup>2</sup> on

aspects of decision-making capacity, and a resource guide.<sup>3</sup> By highlighting the latest science and clinical, legal and judicial best practices, the Symposium sought to increase access to justice while promoting the self-determination of older adults.

*The Elder Justice Initiative would like to acknowledge our federal planning partners: the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the National Institute on Aging (NIA).*

### **SAFE: Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders**



Given the critical importance of effective forensic interviews in criminal elder fraud and abuse cases, the Elder Justice Initiative supported the development<sup>4</sup> of SAFE (Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders), a training program designed to meet the growing need for victim-centered,

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/symposium>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/file/1493666/download>

<sup>3</sup> <https://edit.justice.gov/file/1525271/download>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/file/1518266/download>

trauma-informed interview techniques for use with older adults in criminal contexts. SAFE is grounded in forensic interviewing best practices, with adaptations to account for age-related declines in cognition, underlying neuropathology (e.g., dementia, Alzheimer’s), co-existing individual disability, mental health disorders, language capacity, and cultural background.

The SAFE training materials, which can be found at the SAFE webpage,<sup>5</sup> include instructor manuals and PowerPoint presentations, participant manuals, a description of the qualifications required of trainers, and a brief overview of the training content for attendees. Three versions of the training are available:

- A four-day advanced forensic interviewing certificate curriculum for established forensic interviewers,
- A two-day training to help elder justice professionals interview and communicate with older victims more effectively, and
- A one-day training on elder abuse and effective communication with older adults.

## *National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse*



Tools and Strategies for Prosecuting Elder Abuse Cases:  
Virtual Training Series for Prosecutors

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), in partnership with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), hosted the National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse (NIPEA) beginning on July 13, 2021. The course — titled “Tools and Strategies for Prosecuting Elder Abuse Cases: Virtual Training Series for Prosecutors”<sup>6</sup> — is taught by nationally recognized experts in the field and is designed to challenge prosecutors to reevaluate their approach to elder abuse cases. Participants received training on the dynamics of elder abuse as well as practical skills to successfully prosecute these cases, balancing offender accountability with the impact of criminal prosecution on victims. Using a case method in which participants worked two actual cases – one case involving neglect and another involving financial exploitation – NIPEA explored the complex issues that prosecutors face. The curriculum also examined the benefits of developing a coordinated, victim-centered community response; explained common injuries and relevant medical evidence; provided guidance on the use of medical experts; explored ethical issues that prosecutors confront; and helped prosecutors

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/safe-training>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.ncall.us/2022/07/21/2022\\_vpt/](https://www.ncall.us/2022/07/21/2022_vpt/)

reconceptualize outcomes and the nature of justice in elder abuse cases. The recorded webinars are available to prosecutors on the NCALL website.<sup>7</sup>

## Guardianship

### Judicial Guardianship Evaluation Worksheet and Toolkit

The Elder Justice Initiative worked with the University of Southern California to develop a Judicial Guardianship Evaluation Worksheet, which was released in April 2022. Probate judges are routinely required to make determinations regarding individuals' capacity and, where appropriate, to appoint guardians to protect individuals who cannot make decisions on their own behalf or manage their personal needs to support their welfare. In making capacity determinations, judges rely on multiple sources of information. The Worksheet is aimed at helping judges gather and organize that information.<sup>8</sup>

Developed over two years with input from and testing by judges,<sup>9</sup> the Judicial Guardianship Evaluation Worksheet is an evidence-based, fillable and printable PDF that provides judges with an organizational framework of the relevant factors to consider in adjudicating guardianship cases. The Worksheet also helps judges consider less restrictive alternatives and weigh factors that can forewarn abuse in guardianship prior to appointment.

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Judicial Guardianship Evaluation Worksheet'. The form is titled 'CONFIDENTIAL' and includes fields for Case #, Hearing date, Respondent, Precipitating event, Proposed guardian, and Contacted by. It is divided into several sections: A. Background (Age, Education, Marital/Partnership status, Occupational history, English literacy, Preferred language); B. Cognition (Areas of concern, Diagnosis of dementia, Functional abilities); C. Mental Health (Areas of concern, diagnosis, Rx, Consent); D. Medical Conditions and Physical Functioning (Relevant medical diagnoses, Areas of concern, Functional abilities); E. Basic Activities of Daily Living (Areas of concern, Functional abilities); F. Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (Areas of concern, Functional abilities); G. Judgment, Reasoning, and Executive Functioning (Areas of concern, Functional abilities); H. Social Connectedness (Areas of concern, Functional abilities); and I. Values & Preferences (Acceptable guardian?, Consent, Consistency of preferences, Importance of religious/cultural/spiritual influences, insistence on family care, pets). The footer includes 'Koch School of Medicine of USC' and '© 2022 University of Southern California'.

Many judges who pilot-tested the Worksheet submitted praise. One judge, for example, remarked,;

*“Frankly, it just made me feel more comfortable with my own decisions in those cases, because sometimes later you think, ‘Oh, I should have been considering, I wonder what would’ve happened if,’ and with this one [case using the worksheet] you don’t. You pretty much know you considered everything you were supposed to consider and it’s all right there.”*

The Worksheet and other relevant materials (including a tutorial, probate-court statutes, and more) can be found on the Guardianship page of the Elder Justice Website.<sup>10</sup> To promote awareness of the Worksheet, the National Center for State Courts and the Elder Justice Initiative co-sponsored a

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ncall.us/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/file/1483601/download>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/file/1488701/download>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/help-judges-hearing-guardianship-cases>

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webinar titled “Guardianship Evaluation Judicial Toolkit,” which is also available online.<sup>11</sup>

### Guardianship Educational Website Content and Related Webinar

In July 2021, the Elder Justice Initiative launched the Guardianship webpage.<sup>12</sup> The content includes an overview of guardianships, key concepts and resources, less restrictive options, and abuse and mistreatment by guardians. The website also discusses the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act (UGCOPAA), the most recent model guardianship statute, which the Uniform Law Commission wrote and adopted in 2017.

To further raise awareness of guardianship issues, the Elder Justice Initiative hosted a webinar on September 30, 2021, titled “Innovations in Guardianship: Maximizing Autonomy and Ensuring Accountability.”<sup>13</sup> The webinar, which was intended for professionals and the public, presented case scenarios highlighting key issues in guardianship policy and practice, which the webinar linked to recommendations of the Fourth National Guardianship Summit,<sup>14</sup> held in May 2021.

## II. Assisting Victims

### *Department Actions Results in Tens of Millions of Dollars Being Sent to Victims of Mass Mailing Fraud*

In 2021, the Department entered deferred prosecution agreements (DPAs) with two companies that had sold millions of Americans’ information to perpetrators of elder fraud schemes. The two companies, Epsilon Data Management<sup>15</sup> and KBM Group LLC d/b/a iBehavior,<sup>16</sup> used data analytics and modeling to sell consumer information to companies engaged in fraud. Epsilon, for instance, admitted that its employees knowingly sold consumer lists to clients who used those lists to send mailings claiming the consumer recipient had won a large prize or an individualized psychic service, but needed to pay fees to claim the prize or service. These mass-produced mailings resulted in nothing of value for those who paid fees. KBM Group facilitated similar schemes.

The DPAs required Epsilon and KBM Group to pay \$127.5 million and \$33.5 million, respectively, to compensate individuals whose information was sold to fraudsters. Checks were mailed to consumers starting in May of 2022, and by the end of June 2022, approximately 130,000 consumers

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<sup>11</sup> <https://vimeo.com/722938044>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/guardianship>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/innovations-guardianship-maximizing-autonomy-and-ensuring-accountability>

<sup>14</sup> <http://law.syr.edu/academics/conferences-symposia/the-fourth-national-guardianship-summit-autonomy-and-accountability/>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/marketing-company-agrees-pay-150-million-facilitating-elder-fraud-schemes>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-recognizes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-files-cases-against-marketing>

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had cashed checks worth approximately \$45 million. The Department is continuing efforts to return money to individuals that fraudsters victimized due to Epsilon and KBM's activities. These cases were brought by the Consumer Protection Branch of the Department's Civil Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado.

### ***National Elder Fraud Hotline***

The Department's Office for Victims of Crime launched the National Elder Fraud Hotline<sup>17</sup> on March 3, 2020. The Hotline is staffed by experienced case managers who help callers report suspected fraud to the relevant agencies and offer resources and referrals to other appropriate services as needed. If requested, case managers will also help submit a complaint to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center (FBI's IC3) or the Federal Trade Commission when applicable. Case management staff have prior experience as adult protective services social workers and investigators, ombudsmen, victim advocates specializing in elder abuse and financial crimes and exploitation, clinical supervisors, mental health counselors and case managers, housing coordinators, and health and social services case managers. All staff have experience in the human services field and expertise in telephonic case management, coordination, and referrals.



From its launch through June 30, 2022, the Hotline received 45,717 calls, 22,954 of which reached Hotline staff.<sup>18</sup> During this reporting period, the Hotline received 29,838 calls, 12,049 of which reached Hotline staff,<sup>19</sup> and made another 5,211 outbound calls to return voicemails or follow up with callers. This is more than the prior two reporting periods combined.

During this reporting period, the Department conducted four webinars about the National Elder Fraud Hotline. Those webinars reached over 200 participants, including medical personnel; federal, state, and local law enforcement; U.S. Attorneys; elder law practitioners; and adult protective services personnel. See Appendix B for details.

### ***Re-establishing the National Association of Triads***

In September 2020, the COPS Office funded the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) to re-establish the National Association of Triads. Triads are a national community policing concept in which law enforcement agencies partner with volunteer groups and

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<sup>17</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/stop-elder-fraud/providing-help-restoring-hope>

<sup>18</sup> The total number of calls (45,717) includes those that dropped, were disconnected, or came from people who left voicemails that did not require a callback.

<sup>19</sup> Again, the total number of calls (29,838) includes those that dropped, were disconnected, or came from people who left voicemails that did not require a callback.

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community service organizations to educate older adults on crime and fraud, with the goals of reducing crime against older adults and eliminating the unwarranted fear of crime. Today there are about 680 Triad Councils in 32 states with approximately 17,000 volunteers throughout the United States. The newly revamped National Association of Triads<sup>20</sup> is a clearinghouse of information, best practices, and trends in crimes targeting older adults, and is working with state and local triads on national training. Since the launch of the program in January 2021, the NSA has hosted the webinar titled “Understanding the Challenges that Affect the Older Adult for Law Enforcers”<sup>21</sup> in May 2021 (29 participants) and the webinar titled “Safeguarding Seniors from Scams”<sup>22</sup> in May 2022 (30 participants), and has been producing a quarterly newsletter.<sup>23</sup> To date, the Website has had over 2,100 hits and the newsletter is disseminated to more than 780 recipients. A complete list of Department-funded elder justice grants is available in Appendix C.



### ***Bet Tzedek’s Elder Abuse Restraining Orders Clinic Reaches Underserved Populations***

Under the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) *FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation*<sup>24</sup> program, Bet Tzedek<sup>25</sup> reported over the past year that they have expanded the Elder Abuse Restraining Orders Clinic program to reach rural, low-income areas in Los Angeles County. They have also established the Antelope Valley Elder Resource Network to strengthen holistic services to victims and increase outreach to older adults in rural portions of Los Angeles County. This outreach included a virtual clinic and more in-person events so residents can more easily obtain restraining orders from their local courthouses, thus preventing abuse and exploitation or precluding further victimization in this geographically isolated region. Bet Tzedek is also expanding the Safe & Savvy Seniors program to target low-income Black and Latinx communities and is working with the FBI’s Los Angeles Office of the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force to prevent financial exploitation. Looking forward, Safe & Savvy Seniors hopes to create a working group of community advocates to focus on the latest scams, what to look for, and how to prevent them.

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<sup>20</sup> <https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-triad>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzUctOK7fZM>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKbah3mooII>

<sup>23</sup> Newsletter 12/30/21 <https://www.justice.gov/file/1523191/download>; Newsletter 4/5/22 <https://www.justice.gov/file/1523196/download>; Newsletter 9/30/21 <https://www.justice.gov/file/1523201/download>

<sup>24</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/media/document/OVC-2020-18114.pdf>

<sup>25</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2020-v3-gx-0062>



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# ELDER JUSTICE CASE HIGHLIGHTS

## A. Overview

During the reporting period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, the Department pursued nearly 300 criminal and civil cases involving conduct that targeted or disproportionately affected older adults (see Appendix A for a listing of cases). Approximately 94% of the cases were criminal in nature and 40% involved international schemes. These cases named over 600 defendants who collectively stole approximately \$1.5 billion from over 2.6 million victims. Some of the cases included in this report are criminal charges, which are merely allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. In addition to the cases detailed in Appendix A, the Department is actively pursuing other matters not included in this report due to their procedural status (e.g., they are filed under seal). Case examples within various key categories are described below.

## B. Case Highlights

### I. Schemes and Frauds Involving Strangers

#### *Government/Business Imposter Fraud*

*U.S. v. Anuj Mahendrabhai Patel* (Central District of California)<sup>26</sup>

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California announced on March 2, 2022, the sentencing of Anuj

Mahendrabhai Patel in connection with an international fraud scheme under which he and others conned victims, including older adults, out of more than half a million dollars by pretending to be federal agents and threatening the victims with arrest on bogus warrants. Patel was sentenced to 108 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay over \$490,000 in restitution.

From April 2019 to March 2020, Patel conspired with others to convince victims to send money, believing it was at the behest of government officials. Co-conspirators, some of whom are believed to be in India, telephoned victims and pretended to be law enforcement officers or other government employees. Using several false pretenses – including phony badge numbers and spoofed government telephone numbers – the co-conspirators convinced the victims that their identities or assets were in jeopardy.

Fraudsters told the victims that to clear the warrants the victims needed to withdraw their savings and send cash by mail. They were ordered to send the parcels through shipping companies that allowed parcel recipients to pick up the parcel so long as the recipients had identification matching the names listed on the parcel as the addressees. Patel used tracking numbers to monitor the victims' parcels and communicated with couriers who used fraudulent identification documents matching the names listed on the parcels.

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<sup>26</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/lake-elsinore-man-sentenced-9-years-federal-prison-bagman-role-scheme-defraud-elderly>



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Co-conspirators included Elmer Miranda Barrios and William Margarito Barrios, who were the couriers of the aforementioned parcels. William Barrios pled guilty in January 2021 to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, and he was sentenced to a time-served sentence of five months in federal prison. He was ordered released to immigration authorities for deportation. Elmer Barrios pled guilty in December 2021 to a conspiracy count, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

*U.S. v. Arushobike Mitra, et al.* (District of New Jersey)<sup>27</sup>

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey obtained guilty pleas from two Indian nationals for their roles in illegally obtaining \$1.2 million in wire transfers from victims across the country. Arushobike Mitra and Garbita Mitra were part of an international fraud scheme based out of India, pursuant to which conspirators used automated robocalls to contact victims across the country and coerced them into sending large sums of cash through physical shipments or wire transfers.

Victims were told they were speaking with government officials from agencies such as the Social Security Administration, FBI, or DEA, and were threatened with severe legal or financial consequences if they did not comply. Fraudsters also told victims that they were speaking with someone from a technical support company and coerced

them into granting the caller remote access to their personal computers. The caller would then access the victim's bank accounts and make it appear to the victim that the caller had inadvertently added money to the victim's bank account, when in fact the caller had simply transferred money from another one of the victim's own accounts. The caller would then instruct the victim to "return" the money by way of mail or wire transfer.

*U.S. v. All Cryptocurrency, Virtual Currency, Funds, Monies, and Other Things of Value* (Western District of North Carolina)<sup>28</sup>

Through a civil forfeiture action, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina was able to return hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of cryptocurrency that was stolen from an older adult victimized by a government imposter scam.

Fraudsters likely operating overseas contacted the victim, an Asheville resident, in August 2021 via phone. The fraudsters, who claimed to be with the "Office of the Inspector General," told the victim that his personal information had been used to facilitate a drug trafficking and money laundering scheme, and, as a result, all the victim's assets would be frozen.

One imposter, who identified himself as Agent James Hoffman, told the victim that he was required to deposit funds into a secure government account until the government verified he was not involved in criminal

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<sup>27</sup> <https://oig.ssa.gov/news-releases/2022-06-29-two-indian-nationals-admit-receiving-over-1-2-million-in-global-robocall-scam-that-defrauded-elderly-victims/>

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/us-attorney-dena-j-king-announces-successful-forfeiture-and-return-stolen>

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activity. The imposters further demanded all the victim's personal identifying information and details regarding his financial accounts. After obtaining the information, the imposters directed the victim to use hundreds of thousands of dollars of his retirement funds to purchase cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrency worth approximately \$574,766 was transferred from the victim's account to the account controlled by the imposters.

### ***Grandparent Scam***

*U.S. v. Josiah DeJesus, et al.* (Middle District of Pennsylvania)<sup>29</sup>

In January 2022, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania indicted five individuals, Josiah DeJesus, Jashua Noboa-Nival, Yeury Peguero-Rosario, Ramon Peguero-Rosario, and Nelson Rivas-Bello, for their involvement in a "grandparent" mail fraud scheme that preyed on older victims and fraudulently induced them to send thousands of dollars through the mail under false pretenses.

The defendants' co-conspirators made fraudulent phone calls, posing either as the victims' grandchildren or as a public defender representing the victims' grandchildren, stating that the grandchildren had been arrested and were in immediate need of money. At the fraudsters' behest, victims then sent thousands of dollars, which the defendants later retrieved.

*U.S. v. Jean-Richard Audate* (District of Rhode Island)<sup>30</sup>

On February 28, 2022, a grand jury indicted Jean-Richard Audate on fraud and aggravated identity theft charges based on his alleged involvement in the retrieval of cash packages mailed by victims of grandparent scams.

The indictment alleges that Audate and others conspired to defraud older adult victims by calling victims and posing as their grandchildren, other family members, or an attorney representing a family member. The fraudsters would convince victims that their family member had been arrested or incarcerated in another state or was in financial and legal distress, and that cash payments were urgently needed to pay legal fees or related costs.

*U.S. v. Timothy Ingram, et al.* (Southern District of California)<sup>31</sup>

In a case brought by the Consumer Protection Branch and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against eight defendants for their alleged roles in a federal racketeering conspiracy. The indictment alleged that the defendants were members and associates of a criminal enterprise that swindled more than \$2 million from more than 70 victims across the nation, including older Americans, by making them falsely believe that a grandchild or other

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<sup>29</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdpa/pr/five-new-york-city-men-charged-connection-grandparent-mail-fraud-scheme>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/grand-jury-indicts-new-york-resident-alleged-grandparent-scam>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/multiple-defendants-grandparent-scam-network-indicted-racketeering-conspiracy>

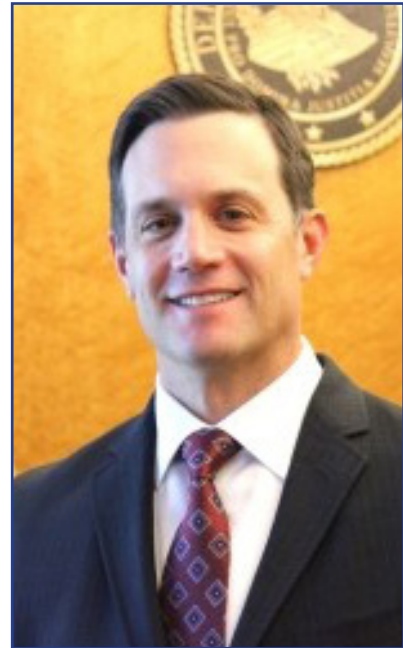
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close relative was in trouble and needed their help. The victims each paid thousands to tens of thousands of dollars to the criminal organization in this scheme via various means, including in-person pickup, mail, and wire transfer.

Six defendants have been arrested – Timothy Ingram aka Bleezy, Anajah Gifford, Joaquin Lopez, Jack Owuor, Tracy Ginton, and Lyda Harris. Two additional defendants – Tracy Adrine Knowles and Adonis Alexis Butler Wong – have also been charged.

**“The Southern District of California is committed to investigating elder fraud and bringing to justice those who target the seniors in our district. As part of this effort, our office is actively involved in the San Diego Elder Justice Task Force, one of the nation’s first multi-agency law enforcement collaborations devoted solely to protecting senior citizens. The Elder Justice Task Force leverages the resources of virtually all local law enforcement agencies, the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the District Attorney’s Office, and the FBI, to share information and resources, and this maximizes successful prosecutions. But prevention is just as important as prosecution. We continually reach out to community groups and stakeholders to raise awareness of red flags and increase reporting of suspicious behavior.”**

**Randy Grossman, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California**



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### ***COVID-Related Fraud***

*U.S. v. Trevon Evans* (Southern District of Mississippi)<sup>32</sup>

In a case prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi, a defendant was sentenced to 30 months in prison for a COVID fraud scheme that used unlawfully obtained identities of older adults.

Following an arrest for an unrelated charge, defendant Trevon Evans was found to be in possession of multiple identification cards with different names. Further investigation found that Evans had taken advantage of neighbors by convincing them to give him their personal identifying information so that he could help them to obtain benefits related to the COVID pandemic. Evans then used that information to apply for unemployment insurance under the Economic Security Act in the victims' names and had the benefits sent to him at his residence. Evans used the proceeds of his scheme at casinos along the Gulf Coast.

### ***Identity Theft***

*U.S. v. Lloyd Linwood Comer, et al.* (District of Maryland)<sup>33</sup>

In September 2021, a federal grand jury in Maryland returned an indictment charging Lloyd Linwood Comer and Doreen Gilmore

with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and bank fraud, bank fraud, false statement in a passport application, and aggravated identity theft.

The indictment alleges that from January 2019 to 2021 Comer and Gilmore conspired with others to finance the purchase of vehicles by using the stolen identities of real persons, fraudulent checks, and misappropriated bank account numbers. Specifically, the indictment alleges that the defendants fraudulently obtained the vehicles by inserting false loan application information with misappropriated names, dates of birth, social security numbers, and fraudulent proof of identity submitted to lenders. The indictment also alleges that Comer and Gilmore submitted a mortgage application in the name of a 76-year-old woman for the purchase of a residence in Brandywine, Maryland, in the amount of \$541,500.

*U.S. v. Omar Shaquille Bailey, et al.* (Southern District of Florida)<sup>34</sup>

A jury convicted Omar Shaquille Bailey and Ronaldo Garfield Green for their roles in a scheme to defraud the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) of over \$1.8 million. A third co-defendant, Jamare Mason, pled guilty to his role in the conspiracy on the second day of trial. Two other co-defendants, Kadeem Gordon and Mario Ricketts, had pled guilty prior to trial.

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<sup>32</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdms/pr/kiln-man-sentenced-30-months-prison-covid-related-wire-fraud>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-individuals-charged-identity-theft-after-using-stolen-identities-deceased-and-elderly>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/fort-lauderdale-jury-convicts-two-defendants-stealing-veteran-and-social-security>

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Members of the conspiracy obtained the personal information (including names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers) of disabled veterans and Social Security beneficiaries. The conspirators used this information to fraudulently open bank accounts and prepaid debit cards in the victims' names. They also forged documents in the victims' names that directed the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration to deposit benefit payments into those fraudulent accounts instead of the victims' legitimate bank accounts.

From 2012 to 2017, members of the conspiracy attempted to redirect over \$1.8 million in benefits from more than a hundred disabled veterans and Social Security beneficiaries. Although several of these attempts were blocked, the defendants' scheme resulted in the actual loss of nearly \$1 million, money that was diverted from disabled veterans and Social Security beneficiaries. In each instance, the federal government reimbursed these victims for the full amount of their stolen benefits.

### ***Investment Fraud***

*U.S. v. Raymond Erker, et al.* (Northern District of Ohio)<sup>35</sup>

Following a seven-day trial in Cleveland, Ohio, a federal jury convicted Raymond A. Erker, a former investment advisor, of stealing more than \$9.3 million from older clients in a Ponzi scheme. Also charged in

this matter were co-defendants Kevin Krantz and Tara M. Brunst. Both Krantz and Brunst previously pled guilty to their roles in the scheme.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, from January 2013 through July 2018, Erker, Krantz, and Brunst conspired to steal \$9,366,976.37 from at least 54 investors. As part of the scheme, Erker sold investments that he misrepresented as annuities and senior secured notes with no risk of loss and with a guaranteed rate of return. Court documents also state that Erker and the co-conspirators, without the approval or consent of investors, diverted funds to other entities that they controlled and their personal bank accounts. To avoid detection, Erker and his co-defendants set up office fronts in Delaware and Nevada, contracted with call centers and created false websites and account statements that purported to show investor account balances. In August 2022, Erker was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

*U.S. v. David Alcorn, et al.* (Eastern District of Virginia)<sup>36</sup>

In Norfolk, Virginia, a federal jury convicted an Arizona man and a California man on charges of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering, in connection with a nationwide investment scheme involving fraudulent wireless spectrum and dental franchise investments that lasted from approximately 2011 through 2017.

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/former-westlake-investment-advisor-convicted-stealing-more-93-million-clients-ponzi>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/jury-convicts-arizona-and-california-men-20-million-dollar-investment-fraud>

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David Alcorn, Aghee William Smith II, and their co-conspirators — including Kent Maerki and his wife Norma Jean Coffin, Daryl Bank, Tony Sellers, Tom Barnett, Billy Seabolt, Raeann Gibson, and Roger Hudspeth — deceived hundreds of unsuspecting investors, most of whom were at or near retirement age, by convincing them to invest in or send money to companies owned and controlled by Alcorn, Bank, and Maerki. Alcorn and others then misappropriated significant portions of the investment funds to pay for their criminal enterprise and lavish lifestyles, as well as to pay exorbitant commissions to Smith and other salesmen.

#### ***Advance Fee Fraud***

*U.S. v. Oluwaseyi Akinyemi* (District of Maryland)<sup>37</sup>

In a case brought by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland, Oluwaseyi Akinyemi was charged with mail fraud, attempted mail fraud, and mail and wire fraud conspiracy, in connection with an advance fee fraud scheme using social media to target older adults and causing losses of \$474,145.07.

From July 2018 to April 2019, Akinyemi was a member of a group of Nigerian nationals who engaged in a social media-based advance fee fraud scheme targeting older adults. The conspirators allegedly perpetrated a financial scheme in which they created fictitious

social media accounts to encourage older adult victims to send cash to cover “taxes” or “fees” to receive substantial financial awards. In some instances, the group created fraudulent social media accounts for victims’ friends, making the victims believe they were communicating with individuals they knew and trusted. Once the victims displayed interest, the group members created new accounts or personas (“the Closers”) to carry out the fraud scheme. At times, the Closers fraudulently posed as real or fictitious government agencies offering the victims financial awards in exchange for associated taxes and fees.

#### ***Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud***

*U.S. v. Sean Novis, et al.* (Eastern District of New York)<sup>38</sup>

In a case brought by the Consumer Protection Branch, Sean Novis and Gary Denkberg were convicted by a federal jury in Central Islip, New York, of conspiring to commit mail fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, fraudulent use of fictitious names and aiding and abetting other mail fraud schemes. Novis and Denkberg were charged with operating mass mailing fraud schemes that tricked thousands of victims, many of whom were older, into providing the defendants with money by falsely promising prizes, in clear violation of U.S. Postal Service cease-and-desist agreements and consent orders that they had agreed to in 2012.

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<sup>37</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/nigerian-national-facing-federal-charges-role-social-media-elder-scam-losses-more-474000>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-jury-convicts-two-new-york-men-operating-mass-mailing-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly>

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Evidence presented at trial showed that, from January 2003 to September 2016, Novis and Denkberg mailed millions of prize notices that falsely represented that the victims had been specifically chosen to receive a large cash prize and would receive said prize if they paid a fee. Victims who paid the requested fee, however, did not receive the promised cash prize.

*U.S. v. Shawn Phillips, et al.* (Eastern District of New York)<sup>39</sup>

Three individuals were charged with running a fraudulent mass-mailing scheme that tricked consumers, many of whom were older adults, into paying fees for falsely promised cash prizes. The indictment charges Shawn Phillips, Jeffrey Novis, and Phillip Priolo with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud, and multiple counts of mail fraud and wire fraud. The matters is being handled by the Consumer Protection Branch.

The indictment alleges that, from June 2013 to November 2016, Shawn Phillips ran a mail fraud scheme that mailed hundreds of thousands of prize notices that falsely claimed that victims were specially chosen to receive a large cash prize and would receive the prize if they paid a fee, ranging from approximately \$20 to \$40. Victims who paid the requested fee, however, did not receive the promised cash prize. Novis opened a bank account in 2016 for the purpose of depositing said funds and transmitting them to Phillips. Victims allegedly paid more than \$10.8 million in response to these fraudulent prize notices.

Jeffrey Novis and Phillip Priolo also allegedly owned and controlled a similar mail-fraud scheme that mailed hundreds of thousands of the same type of fraudulent prize notices from March 2015 through December 2016. The indictment alleges that during that time, victims paid more than \$2.2 million in response to these fraudulent prize notices.



**“Crimes against older Americans are despicable. The Consumer Protection Branch is committed to protecting seniors from fraud. Collaborating with our partners throughout the United States and across the globe, we will continue to investigate, disrupt, and prosecute fraudsters and those who knowingly aid them. We also will use every means available to restore victims’ lost savings and peace of mind.”**

**Gustav W. Eyler  
Director  
Consumer Protection Branch**

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<sup>39</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-charged-mailing-fraudulent-prize-notices>

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*U.S. v. Donna L. Summerlin* (Middle District of Pennsylvania)<sup>40</sup>

On May 19, 2022, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced the sentencing of Donna L. Summerlin to 48 months in prison for conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering. Summerlin was convicted by a jury in June 2021. According to the evidence, Summerlin accepted over \$1.2 million from over 100 victims of cross-border advance-fee schemes.

In these schemes, victims were contacted through Facebook and told that they were winners of a “deaf lottery” or that they had been selected for special and exclusive government grants or other programs. In order to claim their supposed prize, grant, or other financial reward, victims were directed to prepay expenses such as taxes and customs fees. Victims were persuaded to do so with the false promise of a much larger payoff. These payments were sent to Summerlin who worked as a “money mule” or intermediary for these fraudsters for approximately four years, from 2012 to 2016.

After receiving these funds, Summerlin rapidly withdrew them from the more than 40 bank accounts she used for these activities. Typically, she wired a portion of the funds to co-conspirators in Nigeria and Great Britain. She also made large cash withdrawals, which were used to send funds to co-conspirators.

Evidence at trial showed that Summerlin retained funds received from fraud victims for personal use as well. In addition to the prison sentence, Summerlin was ordered to serve a term of supervised release of two years following her release from prison and to pay \$723,436.57 in restitution to victims of the fraud scheme.

### ***Romance Fraud***

*U.S. v. Kingsley Ita, et al.* (Eastern District of Texas)<sup>41</sup>

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Texas announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging 23 individuals in a fraud scheme with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

According to the indictment, beginning around January 2017, the defendants used a multitude of fraudulent schemes to obtain money from their victims, including online romance scams, business email compromise and investor fraud, and unemployment insurance fraud. The indictment further alleges that the defendants not only coordinated how to extract money from their victims, but how to disguise, disburse, and launder that money once they successfully defrauded their victims.

Allegedly, the defendants obtained at least \$17 million from at least 100 individual victims, companies, and government entities

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<sup>40</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdpa/pr/indiana-woman-sentenced-48-months-imprisonment-conspiracy-commit-mail-fraud-wire-fraud>

<sup>41</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/edtx-indicts-two-dozen-defendants-international-multi-scheme-fraud-conspiracy>



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from across the world. The defendants are alleged to have specifically targeted older adults and used various schemes such as online dating sites to lure their victims. This indictment complements indictments unsealed in the Northern District of Texas, which charged 11 defendants (including one also charged in the Eastern District of Texas) with a variety of financial crimes as well.

*U.S. v. David Animashaun, et al.* (Northern District of Texas)<sup>42</sup>

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Texas announced that a federal grand jury indicted 11 defendants for defrauding older adults in romance schemes. The defendants are charged with a variety of financial crimes, including conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. Most of the defendants charged in this investigation have ties to a transnational organized crime syndicate originating in Nigeria.

According to court documents, these defendants allegedly used online dating websites where they assumed fake names and personas to communicate with potential victims, many of whom were widowed or divorced. After building a rapport, the fraudsters relayed stories about why they needed money – e.g., taxes to release an inheritance, essential overseas travel, crippling debt – and then siphoned money from victims’ accounts, tens of thousands of dollars at a time.

*U.S. v. Adedunmola Gbadegesin, et al.*  
(Eastern District of Kentucky)<sup>43</sup>

Nigerian national Adedunmola Gbadegesin was extradited to the United States in April 2022 on charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering stemming from the financial exploitation of older adult victims in the United States. Olatunbosun Oluwakayode Ajayi and Otunuya Ineh Eqwem Livingstone were also charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The indictment alleges that Gbadegesin and his co-conspirators collaborated to create fake online dating profiles to engage in online chats, emails, and telephone calls with unwitting victims who were located in the United States. As part of the conspiracy, the co-conspirators would convince victims to send money to the nonexistent romantic partners or give them access to their financial accounts so the co-conspirators could initiate money transfers themselves for personal profit.

It is also alleged that Gbadegesin hired other co-conspirators in the United States to receive funds from victims and to launder those funds so the funds could be returned to Gbadegesin in Nigeria. The United States-based money launderers were identified as Ineh Eqwem, Ajayi, and Ismaila Fafunmi. Fafunmi pled guilty and was sentenced to 51 months in prison in August 2021. Ineh Eqwem and Ajayi have also pled guilty for their roles in the money laundering scheme; they were sentenced to 24 months and 12 months, respectively.

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<sup>42</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/11-romance-scammers-charged-money-laundering-wire-fraud-conspiracies>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edky/pr/nigerian-national-extradited-defrauding-elderly-victims-and-money-laundering>

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*U.S. v. Innocent Ugwu* (District of Kansas)<sup>44</sup>

U.S. Army service member Innocent N. Ugwu, 24, of Fort Riley, Kansas, was indicted by a federal grand jury in May 2022 on charges of five counts of wire fraud, five counts of laundering monetary instruments, and one count of procurement of citizenship or naturalization unlawfully. Ugwu is accused of conspiring with others to defraud at least 25 individuals of approximately \$149,476 using false pretenses and promises, and the omission of material facts to carry out romance, advance fee, and other fraudulent schemes.

*U.S. v. Jeffersonking Anyanwu, et al.* (District of Utah)<sup>45</sup>

In May 2022, Jeffersonking Anyanwu was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison after he pled guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with facilitating a romance scheme involving more than 350 victims. Anyanwu was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$8.4 million in restitution to the victims of his crimes.

Anyanwu was one of eight defendants who were charged in an indictment for facilitating romance scams and laundering the money received from those scams. Anyanwu worked with co-conspirators in the United States and in Nigeria and used social media to create multiple online personas to use in “romance scams.” The fake personas were usually

males around 55-65 years old. The scheme targeted widows, divorcees, and women in troubled marriages. Through multiple ruses such as celebrity impersonation, stationed overseas, and legal trouble, the fraudsters convinced the unsuspecting victims to send them money.

In addition to Anyanwu, five other defendants each have pled guilty and received sentences. Defendant Onoriode Kenneth Adigbolo was sentenced to 36 months’ imprisonment. Defendant Daniel Negedu and Defendant Richard Bassey Ukorebi were each sentenced to 51 months’ imprisonment. Defendant David Maduagu was sentenced to 26 months’ imprisonment. These Defendants have been ordered jointly and severally liable for \$8.4 million in restitution. Defendant Adriana Sotelo was sentenced to 12 months’ home confinement. The case remains pending against two other defendants.

### ***Technical Support Fraud***

*U.S. v. Bruhaspaty Prasad* (Eastern District of Virginia)<sup>46</sup>

A McLean, Virginia, man was sentenced to three years in prison for his role in a conspiracy to defraud more than 1,300 victims out of \$1.6 million. From April 2016 through September 2021, Bruhaspaty Prasad conspired with several other individuals primarily based in India at a call center to carry out a technical support scheme that primarily targeted older adults.

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<sup>44</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ks/pr/us-soldier-indicted-romance-scheme>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/orem-man-sentenced-63-months-prison-and-ordered-pay-84-million-restitution-romance-and>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/mclean-man-sentenced-role-call-center-tech-support-fraud-scam>

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The defendant's co-conspirators contacted the victims through unsolicited telephone calls and pop-up notifications on their computers claiming that the victims needed to remove malware from their computers. In other instances, the call center employees pretended to be associated with large tech companies and falsely led the victims to believe that there were issues with their online accounts. The victims signed contracts for technical support services that were never rendered. Once the victims agreed to pay for services, they were frequently contacted again for additional services and charged additional fees.

Prasad, as the primary United States-based conspirator, created several businesses that purported to offer technical support to clients. During the conspiracy, Prasad opened three businesses, all of which received the fraudulently obtained proceeds of the scheme. As the sole signer on the account, Prasad was also responsible for transferring fraud proceeds to his co-conspirators in India.

*U.S. v. Anthony Munigety, et al.* (Southern District of Texas)<sup>47</sup>

In the Southern District of Texas, Anthony Munigety was arrested on charges of obtaining over \$600,000 from older adult victims throughout the country. Also charged is Ravi Kumar of Noida, India.

According to the allegations, Munigety, Kumar, and others allegedly committed various fraud schemes, including a technical

support scheme in which they posed as support personnel from major companies to deceive victims into believing they were helping them with their computers. They would allegedly trick victims into believing they had been erroneously refunded or overpaid and needed to return the overpayment.

The indictment alleges that the scheme gained remote access to victims' computers. This enabled Munigety, Kumar, and others to move funds between or wire transfer monies out of victims' accounts. Munigety and Kumar are charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering, 13 counts of wire fraud, and six counts of money laundering.

*U.S. v. Angad Singh Chandhok* (District of Rhode Island)<sup>48</sup>

On March 4, 2022, Angad Singh Chandhok was sentenced to six years in federal prison for his role in an international technical support scheme that succeeded in defrauding older Americans out of nearly \$1.5 million over a span of two years.

Chandhok operated a long-running and complex money laundering network in which he created and used shell companies to move millions of dollars stolen from Americans through an online technical support scheme, and later an online travel fee scheme. Chandhok, who had at least five others working at his direction, was in direct contact with high-ranking international members of the scheme.

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<sup>47</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/conroe-man-charged-funneling-money-india>

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/indian-national-sentenced-tech-support-scheme-defrauded-elderly-americans>

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Chandhok was sentenced to 72 months' imprisonment to be followed by three years of federal supervised release. Chandhok is also wanted in his native country of India for fraud, and he was an international fugitive from justice when he engaged in his sophisticated money laundering activities in the United States.

### ***Timeshare Fraud***

*U.S. v. Antillon Zahuita, et al.* (Eastern District of Louisiana)<sup>49</sup>

Two Mexican nationals were sentenced to prison in September 2021 after each pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Antillon Zahuita received 48 months, while Leon Kuri received 60 months. In addition to imprisonment, the defendants were given three years of supervised release, and each defendant was also ordered to be immediately deported upon the expiration of their terms of imprisonment.

As detailed in the original indictment, the defendants, from at least January 2016 to September 2021, conspired to commit wire fraud in connection with a telemarketing scheme that targeted and victimized persons in the United States, Canada, and South America. As part of the scheme, the conspirators made unsolicited phone calls to owners of resort timeshare properties to induce them into paying fees associated with the bogus sale of their property. The

defendants misrepresented the existence of a buyer for their timeshare and solicited money from the victims to facilitate the sale. There were no interested buyers, the closings did not occur, and the timeshares were not resold. Instead, the conspirators simply pocketed the advanced fees. The total estimated loss from the scheme is at least \$20,000,000.

### ***Charity Fraud***

*U.S. v. Travis Peterson* (Northern District of Georgia)<sup>50</sup>

In March 2022, Travis Peterson was sentenced to three years and five months in prison for mail fraud. Between approximately April 2012 and July 2018, Peterson registered nearly a dozen corporate entities in Nevada, Michigan, and Utah. Each of these companies was purportedly a tax-exempt charitable organization that Peterson established to help veterans and their families. None of these companies, however, was an actual charity with tax exempt status. Peterson never owned or operated a single charity that benefitted veterans, but he pocketed more than \$500,000.

Using millions of robocalls, as well as multiple websites and newspaper advertisements, Peterson defrauded thousands of people around the country into believing they were donating vehicles and other property to benefit veterans. Peterson and those working

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<sup>49</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/two-more-mexican-nationals-are-sentenced-after-pleading-guilty-international-timeshare>

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/utah-man-who-operated-fraudulent-veteran-charities-sentenced-federal-prison>

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at his direction falsely informed would-be donors that their donations would be used to benefit veterans and were tax deductible. Peterson contracted with third-party auto auction companies to handle the logistics of acquiring and selling donated vehicles. After the vehicles were sold, the auction companies would remit any proceeds to bank accounts controlled by Peterson. None of these funds went to the benefit of veterans. Peterson instead used them for his own personal expenses, including to purchase an all-terrain vehicle.

### ***Home Construction and Repair Fraud***

*U.S. v. James Robert Black* (Western District of Michigan)<sup>51</sup>

In Grand Rapids, Michigan, James Robert Black (a/k/a “Jim Gribble” and “Victor Valentine”) was sentenced to prison for his role in a scheme to defraud an older adult homeowner out of nearly \$300,000. Black was charged in a conspiracy to commit wire fraud along with co-defendant Tyler Harris. The indictment alleged that Black and Harris defrauded the homeowner through a fraudulent roof repair scheme.

The homeowner hired Black, who went by the name “Jim Gribble,” to do a roof repair. After that, the defendants pressured the homeowner to pay almost \$300,000 for a series of false problems associated with the project, including dangerous working

conditions, employee injuries, threatened lawsuits, and criminal tax issues.

Harris pled guilty and was sentenced on December 3, 2020. Black was a fugitive and could not be located until August 11, 2021, when federal investigators tracked him to Florida and arrested him there. Black pled guilty to the conspiracy charge on November 12, 2021. On March 23, 2022, Black was sentenced to prison for a term of 60 months and ordered to pay \$238,000 in restitution.

*U.S. v. Robert Jones* (Southern District of West Virginia)<sup>52</sup>

A Putnam County man, Robert Jones, was sentenced to four years in prison for committing two counts of aggravated identity theft as part of his scheme to defraud a local bank and two older residents in the Southern District of West Virginia. Robert Jones was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his prison sentence and to pay \$25,000 in restitution as a result of his offenses.

According to court documents and statements made in court, Jones admitted that an older adult woman from Clendenin hired him to do mold remediation and other handyman services at a Clendenin property that belonged to another older adult. Jones admitted that he obtained blank checks belonging to the homeowner and forged the signature of the woman who hired him. Jones

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<sup>51</sup> [https://www.justice.gov/Usao-wdmi/pr/2022\\_0324\\_Black](https://www.justice.gov/Usao-wdmi/pr/2022_0324_Black)

<sup>52</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdww/pr/putnam-county-man-sentenced-defrauding-elderly-citizens-and-local-bank>

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forged checks in amounts payable of \$7,000 and \$8,500 to himself. Jones then deposited these falsified checks at a local bank into his personal checking account.

#### ***Servicemember/Veteran-Targeted Fraud***

*U.S. v. Joseph Hipp* (District of South Carolina)

In a case brought by the Consumer Protection Branch and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina, defendant Joseph Hipp pled guilty for his role in a Ponzi scheme that resulted in losses of over \$300 million.

Hipp and his co-conspirators solicited pensioners experiencing financial distress, most of whom were military veterans, by offering upfront lump-sum payments in exchange for an assignment of their rights to monthly pension and disability benefits. Although the assignments were characterized as "sales," they were in fact usurious loans with annual interest rates as high as 240%.

Hipp and his co-conspirators then solicited thousands of older adults to purchase "structured cash flows," which were the pensioners' monthly pension payments. They made false promises of significant return rates. When the Ponzi scheme ultimately collapsed, co-conspirators had caused hundreds of millions in losses and placed more than 13,000 veterans into exploitative loans.

*U.S. v. Raymond Huffman* (District of South Carolina)<sup>53</sup>

Raymond Huffman pled guilty to stealing funds from 10 military veterans. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers a fiduciary program designed to protect veterans. Huffman was appointed to be a fiduciary to receive payments on behalf of veterans who, as a result of wars, injury, disease, or infirmities of advanced age, could not manage their VA benefits. Instead, Huffman stole money from these veterans.

Evidence obtained in the investigation revealed that Huffman misused funds intended for at least 10 of his VA clients through his company, Huffman Fiduciary Services. The victims included the estate of a veteran who had passed away in 2018. In all, Huffman stole at least \$304,413.75, and also received fees in excess of \$10,000.

#### ***Fraud Involving Money Mules***

*U.S. v. Farouq Fasasi, et al.* (District of Connecticut)<sup>54</sup>

A federal jury in Bridgeport found three men guilty of offenses related to their participation in lottery and romance scams that defrauded primarily older victims across the country of millions of dollars. Farouq Fasasi, Rodney Thomas Jr., and Ralph Pierre were all convicted of conspiracy, fraud and money laundering offenses.

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<sup>53</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sc/pr/varnville-man-pleads-guilty-stealing-more-300000-military-veterans>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/three-men-guilty-scheme-defraud-elderly-and-vulnerable-victims-more-5-million>

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Between approximately August 2015 and March 2020, Fasasi, Thomas and others used lottery scams, romance scams, and other fraudulent means to induce older adult victims to provide them with money, gifts, and personal details. Victims sent cash, money orders, or checks through the mail to various addresses in Connecticut, and also wired or deposited money into bank accounts in Connecticut controlled by conspiracy members and their associates. The investigation revealed that these scams defrauded more than 200 victims across the United States of more than \$5 million.

The jury found Fasasi and Thomas guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, and one count of mail fraud. Fasasi was also found guilty of three counts of money laundering. Pierre was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and one count of money laundering. Three other individuals have been charged and convicted of offenses stemming from their participation in this scheme.

*U.S. v. Blade Bai, et al.* (Central District of California)<sup>55</sup>

On September 28, 2021, a federal grand jury indicted four California-based defendants—United States citizen Blade Bai and Chinese citizens Bowen Hu, Tairan Shi, and Yan Fu—for conspiring to launder proceeds of wire fraud that were stored on gift cards issued by

retailer Target. The case was brought by the Consumer Protection Branch and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California.

According to the indictment, defendants Bai, Hu, and Shi obtained over 5,000 gift cards from a group known as the “Magic Lamp.” They caused the gift cards to be distributed to “runners” like defendant Fu who used the funds on the cards at Target stores to purchase consumer electronics, gift cards, and other items. Through the purchases, returns and other transactions, the defendants and their co-conspirators sought to conceal that the gift cards had been funded with fraudulent proceeds.

The indictment further alleges that perpetrators induced victims to send proceeds to defendants’ associates, and defendants then conspired to launder the proceeds. The indictment alleges that victims of the schemes are spread throughout the United States, including California, Texas, Illinois, and Georgia.

*U.S. v. Sean Kerwin Bindranauth* (Southern District of Florida)<sup>56</sup>

A Key West man was sentenced in March 2022 to 180 months’ imprisonment for laundering approximately \$1 million of victim funds that were illegally obtained from romance and investment fraud scams that targeted older victims. A jury found Sean Kerwin Bindranauth guilty of one count

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<sup>55</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-defendants-indicted-laundering-target-gift-cards-purchased-fraud-victims>

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/key-west-man-sentenced-180-months-federal-prison-laundering-victim-funds-nigeria>

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of conspiring to commit money laundering, six counts of substantive money laundering, and one count of conducting an unlicensed money transmitting business.

According to court documents, Bindranauth's conspirators contacted the victims (who were generally older women) via social media, developed online relationships with the victims, and convinced them to send money to Bindranauth via wire transfer, personal

checks, or cash. Once Bindranauth received the money, he sent it from the United States to Nigeria by using international money transfer companies, initiating direct bank transfers, purchasing gift cards and relaying the gift card information, and other means. Over a dozen older adults and other victims were tricked into sending Bindranauth and his co-conspirators approximately \$1 million.

**“This office has focused on outreach to vulnerable populations and the prosecution of domestic money mules and middle managers. With the assistance of our law enforcement partners, older adult advocates, and consumer protection groups in the Eastern District of Missouri, we’ve been able to develop new cases, produce a public service announcement with an 81-year-old money mule,<sup>57</sup> and to connect victims with resources such as Meals on Wheels, community support organizations, and AARP’s online fraud support program. We believe that to cut off the head of the snake that is wreaking havoc on our older adult community, we have to starve it of victims through education and eliminate the domestic criminals who facilitate financial fraud against this at-risk population.”**

**Sayler A. Fleming, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri**



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<sup>57</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vthPmLORVrM>



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### ***Unauthorized Debits***

*U.S. v. Michael Zeto* (District of Nevada)<sup>58</sup>

In a case brought by the Consumer Protection Branch, a federal grand jury in Las Vegas returned an indictment charging a Nevada man with using fraudulent checks to steal money from victims' bank accounts. Michael Zeto was charged in a 20-count indictment with wire fraud, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft.

According to court documents, Zeto partnered with foreign telemarketers who provided Zeto with the names, bank account numbers, and other personal information for American consumers, many of whom were older Americans, who supposedly had purchased products. These consumers often had not, in fact, agreed to purchase the products and had not authorized anyone to debit their bank accounts.

Zeto allegedly knew that at least one of his telemarketing partners was engaged in fraud, that many of the supposed sales sent by his telemarketing partners were not real sales, and that consumers had not authorized debits from their bank accounts. Despite knowing that sales were fraudulent, the indictment alleges that Zeto still utilized this fraudulently obtained information and created fraudulent checks payable to companies he controlled and arranged to open accounts with banks and payment processors in the United States

to deposit the fraudulent checks — thereby taking and attempting to take millions of dollars from victims' accounts.

### **II. Schemes and Frauds Involving Ongoing Relationships**

#### ***Fraud Committed by a Relative***

*U.S. v. Giorgio Fiorenza* (District of Massachusetts)<sup>59</sup>

Giorgio “George” Fiorenza was sentenced to three years in prison and three years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$20,508 in connection with a scheme to defraud an older relative of her interest in a three-family home (and a separate scheme to defraud the Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance). Fiorenza pled guilty to two counts of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft.

Between August and September 2017, Fiorenza defrauded an older adult relative into signing a deed conveying her interest in a property she owned with Fiorenza's spouse and forged the victim's name on another document necessary to convey title to the property. Fiorenza then took out a \$750,000 loan in his spouse's name and secured by the property, and subsequently caused the lender to foreclose on the property, resulting in the displacement of the victim from the only home she had ever known.

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<sup>58</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/nevada-man-indicted-multi-million-dollar-fraudulent-check-scheme>

<sup>59</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/reading-man-sentenced-wire-fraud-and-identity-theft>

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***Fraud Committed by a Guardian or Conservator***

*U.S. v. Jeffrey Siegmeister* (Middle District of Florida)<sup>60</sup>

Jeffrey Siegmeister was the elected State Attorney for the Third Judicial Circuit of Florida from 2013 through 2019. In 2021, while serving as the guardian of a man identified by the initials “L.T.,” Siegmeister was indicted for engaging in a scheme to defraud the person subject to guardianship and his estate by, among other things, transferring the victim’s assets for his own benefit, filing materially false documents with the court to conceal those transfers, and creating a Last Will and Testament for the victim which designated Siegmeister’s relative as the sole beneficiary of the victim’s estate.

On February 23, 2022, Siegmeister pled guilty to four felonies: bribery, extortion and conspiracy to commit extortion, wire fraud, and filing a false tax return. Siegmeister admitted to inflating the expenditures incurred by L.T. in a filing to the probate court and to diverting more than \$500,000 in assets from L.T.’s estate to pay Siegmeister’s own personal expenses in 2015 and 2016. Siegmeister also admitted that he had failed to report the diverted funds on his tax returns.

*U.S. v. Debra Gean Roeber* (District of Montana)<sup>61</sup>

In April 2022, Debra Gean Roeber pled guilty to wire fraud and money laundering in Missoula, Montana. Roeber abused her power as conservator over a blind older adult under her care, misappropriating more than \$600,000 to purchase personal items such as lake property, vehicles, a pontoon boat, and other items.

From about January 2017 until June 2020, Roeber acted as the guardian and conservator for the victim, identified as Jane Doe, who was unable to care for herself or her financial needs without assistance. Roeber stole \$661,549 from Jane Doe and used the money for her personal expenditures, none of which were authorized. Roeber admitted she took advantage of Jane Doe “a lot,” including by lying to the victim about her finances. Jane Doe, who is now deceased, lived her final days believing this fraud left her destitute and unable to care for her simple needs.

***Fraud Committed by Using a Power of Attorney***

*U.S. v. Mark Alan Thomas* (Southern District of Ohio)<sup>62</sup>

A federal grand jury charged a former Belmont County attorney with crimes related

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<sup>60</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/former-state-attorney-pleads-guilty-bribery-and-extortion-part-conspiracy-defense>

<sup>61</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/butte-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-more-600000-elderly-blind-victim-under-her>

<sup>62</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-belmont-county-attorney-charged-stealing-more-half-million-dollars-elderly>

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to abusing a power of attorney authorization to steal more than half a million dollars from an older woman with dementia.

From 2012 through August 2019, Thomas defrauded a client while authorized with the client's power of attorney. It is alleged that Thomas took the victim's money without her knowledge or permission to use for his own benefit. The indictment details that

Thomas improperly used the victim's power of attorney and his status as a lawyer – even after his law license was revoked in 2015 – to convince various entities, including banks and life insurance companies, to transfer the victim's money for his use. In total, the charging document alleges Thomas stole more than \$500,000 of the victim's funds while claiming to act in her best interests through the power of attorney.



**“Montana’s senior population is growing rapidly, making the state’s proportion of residents 65 and older among the highest in the country. Many of our seniors live alone and in the rural areas of the state, which leaves them particularly vulnerable to fraud, abuse, and neglect. We in the District of Montana are steadfast in our commitment to protecting seniors from fraudsters and scammers who try to cheat or exploit them. We will continue to collaborate with law enforcement, health care providers, and community groups to reduce elder abuse through education, outreach, prevention, investigations, and prosecutions. Our senior citizens are the fabric of our communities and we are unwavering in our commitment to hold accountable those who seek to harm them.”**

**Jesse Laslovich, U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana**

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### ***Fraud Committed by In-Home Service Providers***

*U.S. v. Lindsey Allison Kerns* (Western District of North Carolina)<sup>63</sup>

Lindsey Allison Kerns of North Carolina was sentenced to 45 months in prison for stealing more than \$1 million from two older adults in her care. In addition to the prison term imposed, Kerns was ordered to serve three years under court supervision and to pay \$1,088,554.99 as restitution.

From December 2018 to April 2020, Kerns owned and operated Home Care Coordinators, LLC, a business that provided home health care. Kerns arranged to provide home health care services to clients, identified in court documents as S.A. and P.R., who were 86 and 90 years old, respectively. P.R. suffered from dementia and was not capable of handling his affairs. S.A. was authorized through a power of attorney to manage and control P.R.'s finances.

Kerns defrauded the victims in a number of ways, including by overbilling them for services that were inflated or never provided; double billing them for other services such as cleaning and moving that were either not provided or were provided by caregivers during hours already billed; and by billing at a higher rate than what Kerns and the victims had agreed upon. Kerns directed S.A. to pay \$1,465,546.99 for home health care and other services Kerns allegedly rendered to the victims. The actual fair market value of the services Kerns provided to the victims

was \$376,992. Kerns thereby overcharged S.A. and P.R. \$1,088,554.99 for services that were never provided.

*U.S. v. Ana Phimmason* (Southern District of California)<sup>64</sup>

A former office manager for a healthcare provider pled guilty in a San Diego federal court to one count of wire fraud. As part of her plea agreement, Ana Phimmason admitted that from April 2016 until April 2018, she stole \$352,594.47 from a local company that provides in-home care services for mostly older individuals, as well as from several of its clients.

Phimmason held a trusted position that allowed her access to client accounts. Between April 2016 and August 2016, Phimmason embezzled \$25,958.60 by stealing checks that were issued by, or belonged to, her employer, and deposited them into her own bank account. Then, between December 2016 and April 2018, Phimmason exploited her access to clients' credit card information by billing them using PayPal, Venmo, Square and Apple Pay and diverting the money to her own accounts instead of using the funds to pay her employer for the in-home care services. To make the fraudulent charges appear legitimate, Phimmason falsely told the victims that the healthcare provider changed its existing payment processing company to PayPal.

As part of her guilty plea, Phimmason agreed to pay \$352,586.22 in restitution to her former employer and a number of individual victims.

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<sup>63</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/home-health-care-provider-sentenced-prison-stealing-more-1-million-two-elderly-clients>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdca/pr/office-manager-admits-she-embezzled-more-350000-home-healthcare-agency-and-its-elderly>

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***Fraud Committed by an Employee of a Financial Institution***

*U.S. v. Karen Farrell Tigler* (Eastern District of Louisiana)<sup>65</sup>

Karen Farrell Tigler pled guilty in May 2022 to bank fraud and making and subscribing false tax returns. From January 2013 to November 2016, Tigler was employed as a multi-service banker with the Hancock Whitney Bank.

From February 2015 to October 2016, Tigler used her position with the bank to embezzle approximately \$349,556 from the account of a client who was in her mid-80s, using 100 counter checks to debit funds. Tigler forged the signatures of the client and various others on the counter checks to conceal her embezzlement scheme. When confronted by a relative of the client, Tigler falsely implicated another individual in an effort to conceal her embezzlement scheme. Tigler also failed to report hundreds of thousands of dollars on her tax returns for the years of 2015 and 2016.

***Fraud Committed by a Representative Payee***

*U.S. v. Donald Glenn Conner* (Northern District of Iowa)<sup>66</sup>

Donald Glenn Conner, aka Donald Luevanos, was sentenced to ten months in federal prison after a September 16, 2021, guilty plea to one count of representative

payee fraud after stealing over \$15,000 in social security benefits from a severely disabled woman. He was ordered to make \$15,499 in restitution. He must also serve a two-year term of supervised release after the prison term.

Conner admitted that, in March 2018, the Social Security Administration (SSA) approved his application to become the representative payee for a severely disabled older relative. A representative payee is a person whom the SSA entrusts to manage Social Security funds for those who cannot do so due to mental, physical, or other limitations. A doctor had diagnosed Conner's relative with a severe mental impairment, and she also had multiple other physical health issues. In May 2019, Conner admitted his victim to a local nursing home on the false pretense that she was on Medicaid when she was not. Conner then used his victim's social security funds for his own purposes, including at a casino, a grocery store, and for videogames, subscription services, and other bills.

*U.S. v. Rosemary Ogbenna* (District of Columbia)<sup>67</sup>

A District of Columbia woman was charged with carrying out a scheme to steal more than \$400,000 in government benefit funds provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the care and benefit of government beneficiaries.

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<sup>65</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/former-bank-teller-pleads-guilty-federal-fraud-charges>

<sup>66</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndia/pr/fort-dodge-man-sentenced-federal-prison-misappropriating-social-security-benefits>

<sup>67</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/dc-woman-indicted-scheme-steal-more-400000-government-benefit-funds>

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As alleged in the indictment, Ogbenna carried out a scheme from at least March 19, 2009, through on or about February 23, 2020, in which she obtained and maintained control over SSA benefit funds for older, mentally ill, disabled, and veteran tenants of her rooming house business by becoming the Representative Payee of their SSA benefit funds. Although a Representative Payee has a duty to use SSA benefits solely on behalf of the beneficiary, the indictment alleges that Ogbenna used a portion of those funds for her own personal use and benefit. In addition, the indictment alleges that Ogbenna also gained control over tenants' monthly VA benefits and used a portion of those VA benefit funds for her personal use and benefit without authority. The indictment further alleged that Ogbenna made false statements to agents investigating the fraud scheme and obstructed the investigation by providing altered documents.

*U.S. v. Tracey McNeill* (Eastern District of North Carolina)<sup>68</sup>

A Raeford, North Carolina, woman was sentenced to 12 months and a day imprisonment and ordered to pay \$90,003 in restitution for committing wire fraud involving an older veteran in her care.

Between February 2015 and February 2017, Tracey McNeill fraudulently obtained U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

benefits by executing a power of attorney over a disabled veteran, identified as W.R. The investigation revealed that McNeill arranged for the victim, who had dementia, to move into her home in February 2015, and then directed the VA and OPM to deposit W.R.'s benefits into McNeill's bank account between April 2015 and December 2016.

In total, OPM deposited \$61,318, and the VA deposited \$11,151 into her account. Further, McNeill completed beneficiary forms listing herself as the beneficiary of the victim's retirement and life insurance benefits. OPM disbursed W.R.'s life insurance proceeds in the amount of \$17,533 to McNeill. The victim passed away on December 6, 2016.

***Fraud Committed by a Financial Investment Counselor***

*U.S. v. Jeffrey M. Carley* (Southern District of Iowa)<sup>69</sup>

Jeffrey M. Carley was sentenced in March 2022 to five years in prison. Following his prison term, Carley will serve three years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$1,364,163.02 in restitution to the victims. Carley pled guilty to wire fraud on October 22, 2021.

Carley was a financial investment counselor and he owned or had an ownership interest in Carley Financial Group, Prosperity Partners, and Main Street Solutions. From

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<sup>68</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/raeford-certified-nursing-assistant-sentenced-elder-fraud>

<sup>69</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdia/pr/treynor-man-sentenced-investment-fraud-scheme>

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as early as 2013 until December 2020, Carley encouraged his older clients to move money from their traditional IRA accounts to a “self-directed” IRA. Carley then advised his clients to move their money from the “self-directed” IRA to investment opportunities Carley owned or had ownership interest in and advised clients they would receive a financial return. Carley never told his clients that he owned or had an interest in the investments he represented to them as solid investments. Carley also failed to invest the clients’ money and instead used the funds for his personal expenses.

***Fraud Committed by an Owner or Employee of Congregate Housing***

*U.S. v. Elizabeth Marie Stephenson* (District of Montana)<sup>70</sup>

A Billings, Montana, woman pled guilty to wire fraud, bank fraud and aggravated identity theft for stealing money from an older resident while employed at a Billings nursing home. Elizabeth Marie Stephenson faces a maximum of 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, and five years of supervised release on the bank fraud crime and a mandatory minimum two years in prison, consecutive to any other punishment, a \$250,000 fine and one year of supervised release on the aggravated identity theft crime.

In August 2020, the Billings Police Department responded to a report of ongoing theft involving an older resident at

Eagle Cliff Manor, a nursing home in Billings. The nephew of the victim, identified as John Doe, 96, noticed more than \$11,000 was missing from Doe’s checking account, with multiple \$700 withdrawals made between July and August at Wells Fargo ATMs. Doe did not realize he was missing money from his account until someone told him. An investigation identified Stephenson as the suspect.

Stephenson admitted to an investigator that she worked with Doe but denied the thefts. Stephenson, after being confronted with the evidence, told investigators that Doe gave her his debit card and PIN and asked her to get him a six pack of beer. Stephenson went to Walmart, bought the beer and took out money for herself. Stephenson then continued to withdraw cash for her own expenses. Stephenson claimed Doe provided consent but acknowledged he did not have the capacity to authorize her taking his money.

*U.S. v. Mable B. Jones* (Eastern District of Virginia)<sup>71</sup>

The former owner of a Richmond-based assisted living facility pled guilty to health care fraud after diverting over \$800,000 in federal and state benefits that were intended to pay for the care of the facility’s residents. Mable B. Jones owned and operated Jones & Jones, an assisted living facility complex that served primarily older and incapacitated adults.

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<sup>70</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/former-billings-nursing-home-worker-admits-stealing-elderly-resident>

<sup>71</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/richmond-assisted-living-facility-owner-pleads-guilty-health-care-fraud>

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For residents who were legally incapable of managing their own funds, Jones & Jones served as a representative payee and regularly received state and federal benefit payments on behalf of those residents. Representative payees are required to use Social Security benefits to provide for the beneficiary's needs, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care. Representative payees, moreover, are specifically prohibited from using Social Security benefits for anything other than the beneficiary's needs. From December 2015 until the facility's closure in the spring of 2019, Jones used the residents' benefits to satisfy her personal debts, including her mortgage and bankruptcy payments, and to fund her personal travel, retail purchases, and gambling expenses.

Jones's diversion of resident benefits led to significant and persistent deficiencies in the facilities, care, and services provided to Jones & Jones residents, including deficiencies that endangered residents' health and safety. These conditions ultimately prompted state and federal audits of the facility before its closure, during which Jones made false statements about her conversion and use of resident funds.

### **III. Assault, Kidnapping, and Stalking of Older Adults**

*U.S. v. Zachary Dinell, et al.* (Western District of Pennsylvania)<sup>72</sup>

A federal grand jury in Pittsburgh indicted two individuals on federal hate crime charges in March 2022. Defendants Zachary Dinell and Tyler Smith worked at an in-patient health care facility located in New Brighton, Pennsylvania. The indictment alleges that residents of the facility suffered from a range of severe physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities, and required assistance with all activities of daily living, including bathing, using the bathroom, oral hygiene, feeding, and dressing. As members of the facility's direct care staff, Dinell and Smith were responsible for providing this daily assistance to residents.

From June 2016 to September 2017, Dinell and Smith engaged in a conspiracy to commit hate crimes, and did commit hate crimes, against residents of the facility because of the residents' actual or perceived disabilities. As part of the conspiracy, the defendants exchanged text messages in which they

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<sup>72</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-employees-beaver-county-health-care-facility-indicted-federal-hate-crime-charges>



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expressed their animus toward the disabled residents, shared pictures and videos of residents and attacks, described their attacks, and encouraged each other's continued abuse of residents. The heinous attacks included punching and kicking residents, jumping on residents, rubbing liquid irritants in their eyes, and spraying liquid irritants in their eyes and mouths. Dinell and Smith allegedly were able to avoid detection by exploiting their one-on-one access to residents of the facility and the fact that the victims were non-verbal and could not report the defendants' alleged abuse.

The maximum penalty for the conspiracy and concealment charges is a term of imprisonment of five years and a \$250,000 fine. The maximum penalty for each of the ten hate crime charges is a term of imprisonment of ten years and a \$250,000 fine.

*U.S. v. Matthew Alan Joseph* (Northern District of Oklahoma)<sup>73</sup>

Matthew Alan Joseph of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was sentenced to ten years in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release for strangling and assaulting an older female relative. Joseph was charged in an indictment

with being a felon in possession of the firearm and ammunition on December 21, 2019, and with kidnapping the female relative, assaulting her using a knife, strangling the woman, and stealing her car on March 20, 2020.

*U.S. v. Johnny Ray Gasca* (Central District of California)<sup>74</sup>

Johnny Ray Gasca of Bronx, New York, was charged in a federal criminal complaint on one count of kidnapping, an offense that carries a statutory maximum penalty of life in federal prison. In July 2021, Gasca abducted a 68-year-old woman with dementia at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The FBI arrested Gasca outside a Hollywood motel where the victim was also recovered simultaneously.

A friend of the victim who happened to be there at the time of the abduction believed she recognized Gasca and believed he previously was in a relationship with the victim, and suspected Gasca may have taken some of the victim's money from her bank and retirement accounts. The true nature of the relationship between the victim and perpetrator is unknown.

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<sup>73</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndok/pr/tulsa-man-who-strangled-and-assaulted-elderly-relative-sentenced-10-years-prison>

<sup>74</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/new-york-city-man-arrested-kidnapping-elderly-woman-dementia-west-la-veterans-affairs>

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“We are not deterred by international borders when prosecuting scammers who victimize older adults in the United States. Prosecutors and our law enforcement partners use every available tool to locate and charge criminals who participate in misconduct targeting the elder, including romance scams, swindles that promise fake lottery winnings, and government-imposter schemes. Because international scam artists do not work alone, we diligently work to identify and prosecute those who operate domestic money laundering networks that assist foreign scammers by arranging to send fraud proceeds abroad.”

**Martin Estrada, U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California**



*U.S. v. Kathy Ann Hendrickson* (District of Montana)<sup>75</sup>

After a three-day trial, the jury found Kathy Ann Hendrickson, also known as Kathy Thorberg, of Walla Walla, Washington, guilty of cyberstalking as charged in an indictment. Hendrickson was accused of cyberstalking an older Montana man she met online by hacking the man’s email and sending harassing and threatening communications. Hendrickson faces a maximum of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years of supervised release.

Court documents state Hendrickson met the victim, identified as John Doe, on a dating website sometime in 2015 or 2016. The two communicated online and eventually met in person on several occasions at

John Doe’s residence. John Doe eventually ended the relationship. He also strongly suspected Hendrickson of stealing his wallet. Hendrickson began harassing John Doe as early as May 2018 when, using an anonymous email account, sent him an email stating, “I’m going to bring you down.” Hendrickson also called the Sanders County Sheriff’s Office and claimed John Doe was threatening her. It is further alleged that Hendrickson obtained John Doe’s email password, hacked into his account and sent nasty messages to his friends and threatening messages to herself.

Once identified as the subject, a search warrant was executed for Hendrickson’s residence to seize her cell phone. A forensic examination of the phone found evidence relevant to Hendrickson’s stalking of John Doe, including an app that allows users to

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<sup>75</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/jury-convicts-washington-woman-cyberstalking-harassing-threatening-montana-man-public>

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place calls that appear to be from numbers other than the number assigned to the phone. Investigators also suspected Hendrickson was using a burner cell phone to send menacing emails from John Doe's account.

#### **IV. Failure of Care**

*U.S. v. American Health Foundation* (Eastern District of Pennsylvania)<sup>76</sup>

The Department's Civil Fraud Section filed a complaint under the False Claims Act against American Health Foundation (AHF), its affiliate AHF Management Corporation, and three affiliated nursing homes — Cheltenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Cheltenham), The Sanctuary at Wilmington Place (Wilmington Place) and Samaritan Care Center and Villa (Samaritan) — for providing grossly substandard skilled nursing services between 2016 and 2018. AHF is a nonprofit corporation that is headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, and owns and controls nursing homes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Iowa. Cheltenham is a 255-bed nursing home located in Philadelphia; Wilmington Place is a 63-bed nursing home located in Dayton, Ohio; and Samaritan is a 56-bed nursing home located in Medina, Ohio.

In its complaint, the United States alleged the three AHF nursing homes provided grossly substandard services that failed to meet required standards of care in various ways. For example, the United States alleged

the defendant facilities failed to follow appropriate infection control protocols and did not maintain adequate staffing levels. The United States also alleged that Cheltenham housed its residents in a dirty, pest-infested building; gave its residents unnecessary medications, including antibiotic, antipsychotic, anti-anxiety and hypnotic drugs; failed to safeguard residents' personal possessions; subjected residents to verbal abuse; neglected to provide residents with activities or stimulation; and failed to provide needed psychiatric care. The United States similarly alleged that Wilmington Place and Samaritan failed to create and maintain important medical records, and that Wilmington Place repeatedly gave its residents unnecessary medications, including antibiotic, antipsychotic, anti-anxiety and hypnotic drugs, while also failing to ensure that its residents had the prescriptions they actually needed.

#### **V. Tax Evasion Scheme**

*U.S. v. Joseph Schwartz* (District of New Jersey)<sup>77</sup>

In a case brought by the Department's Tax Division, Joseph Schwartz, the owner of a network of health care and rehabilitation facilities, was charged with willfully failing to withhold and pay over employment taxes on behalf of his employees, tax evasion, and failure to file benefit plan reports. Schwartz, an insurance broker, allegedly failed to

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<sup>76</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sues-american-health-foundation-and-its-affiliates-providing-grossly>

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/owner-health-care-and-rehabilitation-facilities-indicted-38-million-payroll-tax-scheme>

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collect, truthfully account for, and pay over millions of dollars in payroll taxes owed to the IRS on behalf of his employees as required by law. Schwartz owned and operated Skyline Management Group LLC and several related companies, which in turn owned and managed 95 health care and rehabilitation facilities operating in at least 11 states.

In approximately late 2016, Schwartz and an associate allegedly created several businesses to provide staffing and management services for approximately 15,000 employees of the Skyline-owned health care and rehabilitation facilities where Schwartz allegedly controlled their finances and operation. From mid-2017 through June 2018, Schwartz allegedly caused the staffing companies to not pay approximately \$38,982,016 in payroll taxes and unemployment taxes due the IRS. To evade unemployment taxes owed by the staffing companies, Schwartz allegedly used nominees to hide his control of the companies. He allegedly also provided, and directed others to provide, insufficient funds to pay the taxes owed.

### **C. Americans with Disabilities Act**

#### **The Civil Rights Division**

The Civil Rights Division (CRT) contributes to the advancement of elder justice through its enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the Fair Housing Act (FHA). According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 34% of people ages 65 and older reported having some type of disability in 2020. CRT works to protect the rights of

older Americans with disabilities by, for example, ensuring that counties, cities, towns, and villages comply with the ADA and eliminate physical and communication barriers that prevent people with disabilities from participating fully in community life. CRT's Project Civic Access has ensured the accessibility of a broad range of public facilities, from libraries and parks to courthouses and polling places, in localities in all 50 states, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. CRT also works to ensure that people with disabilities, including older Americans, are not unnecessarily institutionalized, in accordance with the ADA's requirement that public entities administer their services, programs, and activities in the most integrated settings appropriate to the needs of individuals with disabilities.

During the reporting period, the Department entered into 64 ADA settlement agreements and an additional 11 informal ADA resolutions, many of which benefit older Americans.

For example, in March 2022, the Department concluded an investigation into complaints that Colorado's long-term care system unnecessarily institutionalizes people with physical disabilities, including older adults. The Department issued a Letter of Findings reporting that the State of Colorado had failed to meet its obligations under the ADA by unnecessarily segregating this population in nursing facilities and failing to ensure that individuals have a meaningful opportunity to age in place or live in community-based settings appropriate to their needs. The

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Department is working with the State to reasonably modify its service system by: (1) providing individuals with an informed choice about community-based alternatives to nursing facility care; (2) providing effective transition services; (3) expanding community-based service capacity; and (4) increasing access to integrated community-based housing opportunities.

In September 2021, the Department also settled with the developer and owners of eight senior living complexes in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. They have agreed to pay \$450,000 to settle claims that they violated the FHA and the ADA by failing to build these properties with required accessible features for people with disabilities.<sup>78</sup>

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<sup>78</sup> [https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndal/pr/justice-department-resolves-lawsuit-alleging-disability-based-discrimination-developer#:~:text=%E2%80%93%20The%20Justice%20Department%20announced%20today,ADA\)%20by%20failing%20to%20build](https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndal/pr/justice-department-resolves-lawsuit-alleging-disability-based-discrimination-developer#:~:text=%E2%80%93%20The%20Justice%20Department%20announced%20today,ADA)%20by%20failing%20to%20build)



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# PUBLIC OUTREACH, AND PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES, TRAINING AND MEETINGS

## A. Overview

Public awareness is a centerpiece of the Department's elder justice efforts. Throughout the year, components across the Department are actively engaged in outreach efforts aimed at preventing and identifying victimization against older adults. Collectively, the Department participated in 546 outreach and training events, reaching over 150,000 Americans, over the past year. Public outreach can be as simple as a website posting or as complex as producing a public service announcement. Several examples are provided below, and a detailed list of public outreach events that components within the Department arranged or participated in is available in Appendix B.

The Department also invests heavily in training and resources for elder justice professionals at the local, state, and federal level to maximize their ability to respond vigorously and effectively to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud. Some of these efforts are described below.

## B. Public Outreach

### Elder Justice Website

The Elder Justice Website<sup>79</sup> is the Department's central hub for elder justice training, resources and information on elder abuse and financial fraud, with over 600,000 page views between July 2021 and June 2022. The Department uses its Website to provide information and resources directly to older Americans and their loved ones in four sections of the Website: About Elder Abuse<sup>80</sup> provides warning signs and scenarios for different types of abuse; the Neighborhood Map<sup>81</sup> provides access to different types of help in every state; Report abuse<sup>82</sup> connects older adults with reporting agencies in each state; and finally, a series of eye-catching elder abuse flyers is available in seven languages. The public outreach section of the Website is also available in Spanish.<sup>83</sup>



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<sup>79</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

<sup>80</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/about-elder-abuse>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/support/resources-neighborhood>

<sup>82</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/find-support-elder-abuse>

<sup>83</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice-espanol>

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## 2022 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

### WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

#### ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Today, the Elder Justice Initiative joins millions around the globe in commemorating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), a day intended to raise public awareness of the fight against elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Research sponsored by the Department's National Institute of Justice finds that millions of older adults experience some form of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation every year, often by someone they love. The harms resulting from mistreatment of older Americans drives our work every day. Today, we are proud to announce six new resources to support the efforts of elder justice professionals.

[President Biden's 2022 WEAAD Proclamation](#)

[Attorney General Merrick B. Garland's Statement on WEAAD](#)



[Federal Partners Take on the WEAAD 6-1-5 Challenge!](#)

Since 2006, countries around the globe have commemorated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day<sup>84</sup> (WEAAD) on June 15, an event designed to raise the collective consciousness to the scourge of elder abuse. Federal agencies have annually participated in a WEAAD webinar showcasing agency efforts and resources. This year, in the webinar<sup>85</sup> titled “Federal Partners Take on the WEAAD 6-1-5 Challenge!,” the host, the National Center on Elder Abuse, had each of the five participating federal agencies take the 6-1-5 Challenge which means:<sup>86</sup>

- List six facts about elder abuse everyone should know
- Share one thing you can do to prevent elder abuse
- Reach out to five people to participate in this Challenge

Components throughout the Department also commemorated 2022 WEAAD. In May 2022, ahead of WEAAD, and in conjunction with Older Americans Month, OVC Director Kristina Rose sent a message to the field highlighting initiatives that ensure older Americans who are victims of crime have access to victim services so that they can experience a sense of security, peace of mind, and the support of their community.<sup>87</sup> These initiatives support trainings for law enforcement to improve identification of and response to elder fraud victims; fund the development of elder abuse multidisciplinary teams and a National Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Training and Technical Assistance Center; and address the gap in civil legal services for victims of elder abuse and exploitation. This message was shared with over 30,000 subscribers.

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<sup>84</sup> <https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home/>

<sup>85</sup> <https://trea.usc.edu/resource/federal-partners-take-on-the-weaad-6-1-5-challenge/>

<sup>86</sup> <https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/WEAAD615-Challenge.pdf>

<sup>87</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/announcement/2022-older-americans-month-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-message-director>





#### EJI Commemorates World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

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Likewise, the Elder Justice Initiative released an e-blast commemorating WEAAD and announcing the release of six new elder justice resources.<sup>88</sup> U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country also engaged in 2022 WEAAD commemorations, taking various forms:

- USAO-District of Columbia: In commemoration of WEAAD, the USAO organized an event featuring an expert-led discussion on the intersection of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud committed against older Americans. The USAO-DC partnered with the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Department of Aging and Community Living, Adult Protective Services, and the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking.
- USAO-Eastern District of Missouri: Members of the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Coalition held a 2022 WEAAD Pinwheel Press Conference, planting pinwheels in recognition of the

2,930 substantiated elder abuse calls in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area in 2021. Media attended the Press Conference and later featured a technical support scam victim in the local news.<sup>89</sup>

#### LOCAL NEWS 'Gut-punch feeling in my stomach': Missouri woman talks about her tech support scam to prevent future victims

Tech support fraud is the top financial scam for Americans over 60 years of age.



Author: Sara Mack  
Published: 4:30 PM EDT June 15, 2022  
Updated: 4:16 PM EDT June 15, 2022



- USAO-Southern District of Florida: In collaboration with U.S. Postal Inspectors, staff from the USAO participated in an in-person WEAAD Outreach Event at three different post office branches in the Southern District of Florida (Pembroke Pines, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami), distributing 2022 WEAAD and Money Mule flyers and answering questions from the public.
- USAO-Eastern District of Texas: USAO staff made a presentation titled "Protecting Seniors Against Fraud" to a local senior living center about scams. Local media were present and later placed the speech on the station's webpage to expand the reach of the initial message.<sup>90</sup>

<sup>88</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/archives/elderjustice/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-0>

<sup>89</sup> <https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/local/missouri-woman-tech-support-scam-prevent-future-victims/63-19ec9dd3-74b9-45e2-a0d7-5f1c235eb065>

<sup>90</sup> <https://easttexasradio.com/u-s-attorneys-office-joins-texoma-senior-citizens-to-combat-elder-financial-abuse/>

- USAO-Western District of North Carolina: In coordination with WEAAD, the U.S. Attorney released a PSA via Twitter.<sup>91</sup>



- Several USAOs posted on their website a press release in commemoration of WEAAD:
  - o USAO-District of Colorado<sup>92</sup>
  - o USAO-District of Maine<sup>93</sup>
  - o USAO-Eastern District of Louisiana<sup>94</sup>

- o USAO-Eastern District of New York<sup>95</sup>
- o USAO-Eastern District of North Carolina<sup>96</sup>
- o USAO-Eastern District of Texas<sup>97</sup>
- o USAO-Middle District of Georgia<sup>98</sup>
- o USAO-Northern District of Indiana<sup>99</sup>
- o USAO-Northern District of Ohio<sup>100</sup>
- o USAO-Puerto Rico<sup>101</sup>
- o USAO-Virgin Islands<sup>102</sup>
- o USAO-Western District of Washington<sup>103</sup>

### Get Involved Get Safe Community Outreach Flyers

In June 2022, the Elder Justice Initiative completed the redesign of its elder abuse flyers.<sup>104</sup> Designed to be uplifting and empowering, the flyers include plain language, simple messages, and importantly, information about where to find help. Covering a number of relevant topics, each of the five flyers is available in seven languages: Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

<sup>91</sup> [https://twitter.com/USAO\\_WDNC/status/1537027789823651841](https://twitter.com/USAO_WDNC/status/1537027789823651841)

<sup>92</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-co/pr/us-attorney-s-office-district-colorado-recognizes-june-15-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day>

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-me/pr/us-attorney-darcie-mcelwee-marks-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-reconfirming-commitment>

<sup>94</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/edla-observes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-weaad-2022-0>

<sup>95</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/us-attorney-breon-peace-highlights-support-and-resources-elder-abuse-awareness-day>

<sup>96</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/united-states-attorneys-office-commits-justice-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-weaad>

<sup>97</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/us-attorney-s-office-joins-texoma-senior-citizens-combat-elder-financial-abuse>

<sup>98</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/us-attorney-s-office-offers-training-resources-combat-elder-abuse>

<sup>99</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndin/pr/2022-world-elder-abuse-awareness-weaad-day>

<sup>100</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/us-attorney-s-office-commemorates-elder-abuse-awareness-day>

<sup>101</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-pr/pr/world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-weaad>

<sup>102</sup> <https://usdoj.today/2022/06/13/u-s-attorney-encourages-the-public-to-observe-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-on-june-15-2022-usao-vi/>

<sup>103</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwa/pr/united-states-attorney-waldref-joins-attorney-general-garland-recognizing-world-elder>

<sup>104</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/elder-abuse-flyers>

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## EJI Community Outreach Flyers

GET INVOLVED, GET SAFE



### FBI's Community Outreach and Public Awareness

In support of the Departments' Elder Justice Initiative, the FBI continued to conduct various forms of community outreach to raise public awareness of elder fraud and abuse and provided training, resources, and tools to caregivers and those who provide services to older adults (see Appendix B for a complete listing of FBI events).

FBI field offices provided elder justice presentations to retirement community members and behavioral health specialists, financial advisors, financial institutions, and adult protective services agencies in order to speak directly to potential victims, as well as those who may be witnesses to their victimization. Many field offices provided interviews on local and national media outlets featuring information regarding topics such as government imposter scams, romance scams, and technical support scams. Offices effectively utilized Twitter to efficiently bring awareness to elder fraud matters.

For example, during the months of May and June 2022, the FBI Washington Field Office convened a six-part webinar series regarding elder financial exploitation and elder abuse.

In May, and in recognition of National Senior Fraud Awareness Day, the series performed a deep dive into an elder investment fraud case, described recent trends in scams targeting older adults, and discussed reasons why older adults are targeted. The Federal Trade Commission and FINRA Investor Education Foundation participated in the webinar series. The June series focused on elder abuse and health care fraud, and it featured participants from organizations such as AARP and the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association.

Several FBI field offices have collaborated with their AARP state offices to provide elder fraud awareness briefings to AARP members through Tele-Town Hall meetings and Facebook Live events. The Tele-Town Hall and Facebook Live formats provided the FBI contact with significant numbers of AARP members via telephone and live streaming, which was particularly useful given the ongoing issues related to COVID-19. FBI field offices were able to reach thousands of older Americans during any given Tele-Town Hall, in addition to a multitude of others given the archived, on-demand nature of Facebook Live events.

Media interviews continued to provide the FBI with significant reach into our local

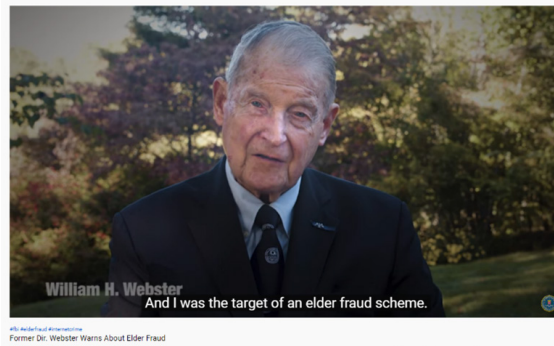
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communities. In February 2022, a FBI Los Angeles' victim specialist was interviewed by Telemundo on the topic of romance scams. The news piece reached approximately 176,000 local area households. In June 2022, FBI San Francisco was interviewed by CNBC regarding the potential for fraudulent schemes, to include variations of romance scams, emanating from a widely used business networking platform. The FBI Victim Services Division also has a Confidence and Romance Scams brochure that is geared toward elder victims.

### **Public Service Announcement (PSA) Featuring Former FBI Director William Webster**

In May 2022, the FBI released a new PSA featuring Former FBI Director William Webster.<sup>105</sup> Director Webster was targeted in a Jamaican lottery fraud scheme in 2014 when an unsolicited caller informed Webster he won a sweepstakes. To collect his winnings — a car and millions of dollars — Webster was told he needed to pay \$50,000. When Webster and his wife declined repeatedly, the caller became abusive and threatening. The Websters called the FBI and later worked with special agents in the Washington Field Office to nab the scammer, who is now serving time in prison.

Webster and his wife, Lynda, remain engaged with the FBI regarding elder fraud outreach. The Websters' case was featured on [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) in 2019 and garnered national attention. The Websters partnered with the FBI's Office of Public Affairs to create this new PSA to



remind older Americans, their families, and their caregivers that they need to maintain their guard against sophisticated schemes.

In addition to the PSA, the Websters conducted approximately 28 interviews with local media outlets throughout the country in and around May 2022. Those interviews reached approximately 4 million U.S. households. The PSA has continued to be aired on Cozi TV, a free-to-air television network owned by the NBC Owned Television Stations of NBCUniversal. The network specifically airs classic television series from the 1960s to the 2000s.

### **CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell Elder Fraud Segment**

On May 23, 2022, the popular news program *CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell* broadcast a segment regarding government impersonation scams.<sup>106</sup> The segment featured an FBI Special Agent, as well as a victim of an impersonation scam, and it detailed the methods utilized by scammers to defraud their victims. The segment also highlighted the 2021 IC3 Elder Fraud Report, as well as the aforementioned Webster PSA.

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<sup>105</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNIPQvdRf1E>

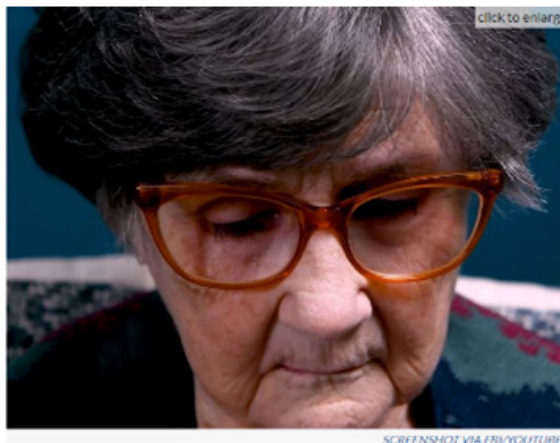
<sup>106</sup> <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/phone-scams-target-elderly-fbi/>

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CBS re-aired the segment on May 30, 2022, reaching approximately 15 million U.S. households overall.

### **Public Service Announcement (PSA) with Victim Turned Money Mule**

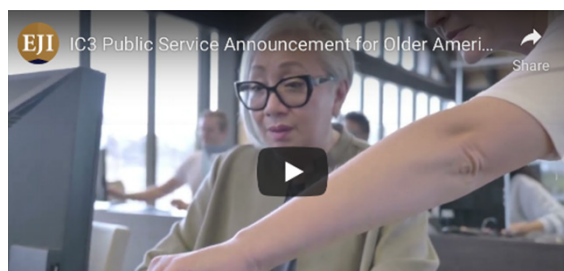
In December 2021, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri and the FBI produced a YouTube PSA regarding a romance scam victim named Glenda who evolved into a money mule. Glenda had been in an online relationship with an individual who claimed to be a U.S. citizen with business interests in Nigeria. Despite having never met her romantic interest in person or communicated with him in any form other than texting, Glenda sent him money from her Social Security retirement benefits and pension. Because the return was not as high as she wanted, Glenda began participating in other fraudulent schemes including: receiving MoneyGram wire transfers from senders she did not know; depositing counterfeit and fraudulently obtained checks into financial accounts she opened; allowing her romantic interest to fraudulently transfer funds from the financial accounts of various businesses into her financial accounts; and accepting unemployment insurance benefit payments on behalf of individuals she did not know. A check drawn on the retirement account of a romance fraud victim in the amount of \$100,000 was among Glenda's fraudulent deposits. Glenda kept a portion of the funds fraudulently obtained before providing the balance to her online romantic partner.



Despite several warnings from wire transfer agencies, local and federal law enforcement, and financial institutions, Glenda continued to act as a money mule. She was ultimately charged for her conduct but participated in a PSA to educate others about the ramifications of becoming a money mule.<sup>107</sup>

### **IC3 Financial Fraud Reporting Public Service Announcement (PSA)**

The Elder Justice Initiative collaborated with the FBI's IC3 program to develop a 2-minute financial fraud PSA<sup>108</sup> for the general public. This PSA encourages the public to file reports of internet-related financial fraud through the IC3 electronic reporting system,



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<sup>107</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vthPmLORVrM> (Source of photo: <https://www.riverfronttimes.com/news/a-st-louis-money-mule-for-online-fraudsters-is-now-helping-the-fbi-36713638>)

<sup>108</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/ic3-public-service-announcement-older-americans>

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demonstrates how to file the report, and explains what types of fraud can be reported, including internet-related fraud targeting older Americans. The PSA stresses the urgency of filing reports quickly to increase opportunities to intervene.

### IC3 Elder Fraud Brochure

IC3 published a tri-fold brochure titled “Elder Fraud.” The brochure,<sup>109</sup> which is available for distribution to the public, describes common elder fraud schemes and steps older adults may take to protect themselves. IC3 also published three PSAs on topics including the use of couriers in grandparent scams,<sup>110</sup> law enforcement/government impersonation scams,<sup>111</sup> and technical and customer support fraud.<sup>112</sup>

### Public Outreach with the Juanita C. Grant Foundation

The Elder Justice Initiative teamed up with the Juanita C. Grant Foundation,<sup>113</sup> an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life among the 50+ community, to provide a series of elder justice articles for their more than 5000 e-Newsletter recipients. The initial article, titled “Elder Fraud Prevention,”<sup>114</sup> described three simple ways people can increase their financial safety. The second article, titled “World Elder Abuse

Awareness Day,”<sup>115</sup> discussed ways everyone can help raise awareness about elder abuse, including by sharing Get Involved Get Safe flyers, and celebrating the kick-off of the Foundation’s 2022 Elder Abuse and Fraud Prevention Training Series. In addition to dignitaries from around the state, the Elder Justice Initiative attended the June 15th inaugural in-person kick-off meeting. The Elder Justice Initiative will be submitting two additional articles in the coming months.



### C. Professional Resources, Training and Meetings

#### Elder Justice Website

As noted above, the Elder Justice Website is the Department’s central hub for elder justice training, resources, and information on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud, with over 600,000 page views between July 2021 and June 2022. The Elder Justice Website<sup>116</sup> supports the Department’s

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<sup>109</sup> <https://www.ic3.gov/Content/PDF/ElderFraudBrochure.pdf>

<sup>110</sup> <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2021/PSA210729>

<sup>111</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/file/1480356/download#:~:text=The%20FBI%20is%20warning%20the,or%20steal%20personally%20identifiable%20information.>

<sup>112</sup> <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2022/PSA220316>

<sup>113</sup> <https://www.jcgfdn.org/>

<sup>114</sup> <https://preview.mailerlite.com/w4v8t5d0u9/1927609348649917063/o9e8/>

<sup>115</sup> <https://preview.mailerlite.com/o0f9o1p0i9/1967471853760944430/v9g2/>

<sup>116</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

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enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud that affect the nation's older adults. The Website's primary audience includes elder justice professionals such as prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim service professionals, and multidisciplinary teams. With the Department's focus on prevention, the Website also hosts a suite of public outreach materials.<sup>117</sup>



## I. Resources

### **EAGLE: Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement**

Developed by the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), with input and user testing by law enforcement for law enforcement, EAGLE<sup>118</sup> is a national web module designed to support officers in quickly identifying, intervening, and resolving elder abuse situations. Over the past year, EAGLE was accessed by 9,430 unique users. In addition to the web module, the EAGLE team engages in EAGLE-related activities. The bi-weekly EAGLE Newsletter features two or three current resources or events of relevance for law enforcement. (Sign up for the EAGLE Newsletter.<sup>119</sup>) For WEAAD, EAGLE promoted the WEAAD Warrior Campaign featuring law enforcement offices that engage in elder abuse prevention.<sup>120</sup> EAGLE is the basis for virtual and in-person training on elder abuse, with 500 law enforcement officers and other elder justice professionals participating in the training last year.

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<sup>117</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/public-outreach>

<sup>118</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/eagle-elder-abuse-guide-law-enforcement>

<sup>119</sup> <https://eagle.usc.edu/newsletter-signup/>

<sup>120</sup> [https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2022/Elder\\_Abuse\\_Prevention.html](https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2022/Elder_Abuse_Prevention.html)

## SAFTA (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting)

Guided by the adage “A picture is worth a 1000 words,” the SAFTA toolkit<sup>121</sup> provides law enforcement, adult protective services workers, and other elder justice professionals, with a simplified forensic tool for illuminating suspicious financial patterns and facilitating the prosecution of suspected elder financial exploitation. Developed by a forensic accountant, the SAFTA tool is an Excel macro-enabled worksheet into which financial records are entered and pivot tables and graphs are automatically created to provide a visual depiction of financial data. In 2021, the Elder Justice Initiative released a 2-minute video<sup>122</sup> to promote SAFTA. In 2022, the Elder Justice Initiative was invited to participate in an interview for the APS TARC Newsletter (5/1/2022) as their Featured Story titled “Q&A: Department of Justice Discussing the SAFTA Toolkit.”

<sup>121</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/saftatoolkit>

<sup>122</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/senior-abuse-financial-tracking-and-accounting-safta-tool>

<sup>123</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/mdt-resources>

## OVC’s Elder Justice Resources

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) develops publications and multimedia products on emerging issues, promising practices, policy developments, and training and technical assistance and skills-building tools to help improve responses to victims of crime. The products from an array of OVC’s national scope training and technical assistance discretionary grants, awarded under OVC’s FY 2017 Field-Generated Innovations in Addressing Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation grants, are available on the Elder Justice Website.<sup>123</sup> New in 2022 is the Elder Justice Advocates Curriculum that provides a standardized curriculum to professionals in multiple settings, including prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and domestic violence programs, who have varying levels of experience. This training illustrates the many ways that older individuals may be harmed, including elder abuse, scams, identity theft, and crime.



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## **Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center**

Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) are considered best practice when responding to elder abuse. To facilitate a multidisciplinary response, the Elder Justice Initiative launched the Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC) in 2016, providing consultations, training and resources for elder justice MDTs. Several additional resources were released over the past year.

### ***MDT Coordinator Training***

This year the MDT TAC developed a special training for MDT Coordinators titled “Elder Abuse MDT Coordinator Training: Skills and Insights to Support Your Work.” Coordinators fill a critical role on elder abuse MDTs, yet few educational resources exist to support their work. This no-cost, 2-day training was designed to fill the education gap by providing fundamental coordination and facilitation skills through 10 modules that can be adapted to different needs and skill levels.

Topics include:

- The Role of the MDT Coordinator
- Facilitation – An Essential Function
- Building a Culture of Collaboration
- Enhancing Team Engagement
- Navigating Team Dynamics
- Burnout and Self-Care, and more

This training was launched in the spring of 2022 in collaboration with the National TTA Center and delivered to 10 participants serving on OVC-funded elder abuse MDTs. Feedback from participants was incorporated into the training materials and this updated training will be made available to elder abuse MDT coordinators on a quarterly bases going forward.

### ***MDT Consultations***

As part of our commitment to providing technical assistance to elder abuse MDTs across the country, the MDT TAC provides remote and in-person consultations. During this reporting period, consultations were provided to 24 teams. Consultation topics included starting an MDT, problem-solving common MDT challenges, MDT sustainability, creating buy-in and increasing engagement of MDT members, managing confidentiality, and navigating team dynamics.

### ***MDT Highlighted Network Blog Post***

The MDT TAC is proud to feature the accomplishments of MDTs through the MDT Highlighted Networks<sup>124</sup> section of the Elder Justice Website, featuring teams on a rotating basis that demonstrate a promising practice, a unique model, or have something novel and of value to offer others in the field. During this reporting period, featured programs included the Alabama’s Center for

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<sup>124</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/highlighted-networks>

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Elder Justice & Advocacy (1/25/2022), and The Weinberg Center’s Spring Alliance Elder Shelter Program (3/24/2022). Both write-ups were shared on the Elder Justice Website, and disseminated to colleagues via an email publication.

### ***Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Peer Support Community***

In collaboration with the California District Attorneys Association (CDA), the MDT TAC launched in July 2020 a peer support community to facilitate elder justice MDTs in communicating with and learning from one another. This community includes a traditional moderated listserv, a documents library for sharing relevant resources, and provides the ability for members to message each other directly. This project is one of a series of resources created by the Elder Justice Initiative to enhance communication and collaboration among elder justice professionals across the country and support the development and sustainability of elder abuse MDTs. In this reporting period, the community grew to include 83 members and 22 posts were shared.

### ***Elder Justice Network Locator Map***

Elder justice professionals across the country are striving daily to improve outcomes for abused older adults through coordinated prevention, intervention and policy teams. Identifying these teams and making meaningful connections between those doing

similar work is challenging. The MDT TAC launched the Elder Justice Network Locator Map<sup>125</sup> in October 2020, a tool designed to shine a light on elder justice teams of all types across the country and foster collaboration by making it easier to identify such teams. In this reporting period, the map has grown to include 322 teams.

### ***Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Collaborations - Law Enforcement Listening Sessions***

In addition to serving MDTs, the full force of the Department’s enforcement efforts is exponentially enhanced by collaborations with state and local law enforcement. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing elder abuse education for law enforcement, this year we conducted law enforcement listening sessions on the topic of collaboration. Feedback gathered from these listening sessions is being used to improve our MDT consultations, inform our education materials, and to support law enforcement/MDT collaborations.

## **II. Training**

### **EAGLE Online Training**

A progeny of EAGLE is the one-hour EAGLE Online Training,<sup>126</sup> offered by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). POST certified in 36 states through IADLEST, the course covers the main features of EAGLE, provides information on how to

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<sup>125</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/elder-justice-network-locator-map>

<sup>126</sup> <https://www.nw3c.org/online-training/online-course-detail/488>

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navigate through the EAGLE portal, and how to identify EAGLE-provided aids for evidence and processing. Topics include an introductory understanding of elder abuse, financial abuse, physical abuse, and neglect.

**Online elder abuse training for law enforcement by law enforcement**

The Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement (EAGLE) is a national web module designed to support officers in identifying, intervening, and resolving cases of elder abuse while in the field or at their desk.

To help officers get the most benefit from EAGLE, the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) developed a free online training for law enforcement.

- Certified by the IADLEST National Certification Program™
- 1 hour of POST credit in 36 states
- Self-paced online training
- Mobile friendly

Take the EAGLE training!

### **National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) Online Training Modules for Law Enforcement**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) develops curricula, publications, and multimedia products on identifying, prosecuting, adjudicating, and addressing elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud, and provides training and technical assistance to help improve the response to victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. OVW partners with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, Futures Without Violence, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to develop trainings to enhance victim safety and offender accountability.

With support from OVW, the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) developed a series of online training modules for law enforcement. The 23 short e-learning modules<sup>127</sup> offer law enforcement officers, investigators, and other first responders an opportunity to access training on elder abuse at any time, from anywhere. The information in these modules will enhance investigative skills, help law enforcement work effectively with older victims, and provide tools that can help keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. The modules were released to current Abuse in Later Life grantees on July 14, 2021, and are now publicly available through NCALL<sup>128</sup> and through the EAGLE.<sup>129</sup>

### **OVC's Online Civil Legal Aid Training**

OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) provides a series of online training modules for legal aid attorneys that offer a variety of information, tools, and resources to identify and respond to elder abuse, including Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Financial Fraud and Exploitation; Practical and Ethical Strategies; and What Lawyers Need to Know.<sup>130</sup> During the reporting period, there were 1,808 total completions for all four training modules. See Appendix B for details.

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<sup>127</sup> <https://elderabuseforlawenforcement.com/>

<sup>128</sup> <https://www.ncall.us/for-professionals/law-enforcement/>

<sup>129</sup> <https://eagle.usc.edu/law-enforcement-resources/ncall-elder-abuse-investigations-training/>

<sup>130</sup> <https://www.ovcttac.gov/ElderAbuse/index.cfm?nm=wbt&ns=ot&nt=ea>

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## **OVC's Online Polyvictimization in Later Life Training**

OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) offers an interactive web-based training program, Polyvictimization in Later Life, which is a 6-hour web-based training presented in five modules.<sup>131</sup> The training is intended to strengthen awareness of polyvictimization in later life and to provide knowledge and skills of professionals to address the needs of victims. The training addresses the context of polyvictimization; victims and perpetrators of polyvictimization; best practices to work with older adults affected by polyvictimization using trauma-informed, ethical, and culturally appropriate practices; and the latest research and best practices to serve this population. During the reporting period, there were over 3,000 total completions for all five training modules. See Appendix B for details.

## **Responding to Transnational Elder Fraud: A Victim-Centered Approach for Law Enforcement Training**

With funding from OVC, the National White Collar Crime Center, in partnership with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, developed a course<sup>132</sup> that provides attendees with information they need to collaboratively assist older victims of fraud perpetuated in multiple jurisdictions by phone or Internet.

This course offers background information on transnational fraud and tips for identifying and interviewing older victims through a trauma-informed lens. It highlights resources that should be provided to victims, along with resources for law enforcement, including agencies that can offer multidisciplinary support to investigations. Since the launch, four trainings have been held, two of which were pilots, for a total of 90 attendees. The project was highlighted in an article about transnational elder fraud in the March 2022 edition of Police Chief Magazine. A supplemental self-paced online course, which will include an immersive technological component where users explore a resident and collect evidence of fraud, is forthcoming.



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<sup>131</sup> [https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspOnline\\_polyvictimization.cfm?nm=wbt&ns=ot&nt=pv](https://www.ovcttac.gov/views/TrainingMaterials/dspOnline_polyvictimization.cfm?nm=wbt&ns=ot&nt=pv)

<sup>132</sup> <https://www.nw3c.org/find-class/ClassList?CourseID=714>

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## The Elder Justice Initiative Webinar Series

Each year, the Elder Justice Initiative hosts a series of professional development webinars<sup>133</sup> on cutting-edge topics of interest to elder justice professionals, taught by seasoned subject matter experts. In this reporting period, new webinars included:

- Innovations in Guardianship: Maximizing Autonomy and Ensuring Accountability<sup>134</sup> (September 30, 2021)
- Implementing the APS-Initiated Elder Abuse Restraining Order (AIRO)<sup>135</sup> (October 21, 2021)
- Identifying and Prosecuting Power of Attorney Abuse<sup>136</sup> (November 18, 2021)
- Trauma-Informed Counseling for Older Adults<sup>137</sup> (January 27, 2022)

## Elder Justice Initiative YouTube Channel

In addition to the Elder Justice Website, the Elder Justice Initiative hosts its own YouTube Channel,<sup>138</sup> with 1120 subscribers, as an additional avenue for outreach and professional development. The Webinar series described above, and all of the Elder Justice Initiative's digital media, are available on the Elder Justice Initiative YouTube Channel.

## III. Meetings

### CPB/FBI Joint Trip to New Delhi, India

In October 2021, representatives from the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch (CPB) and the FBI traveled to New Delhi, India, to meet with Central Bureau of Investigation (India) officials to further strengthen law enforcement cooperation. They discussed means for combatting emerging crime trends, including fighting rising telemarketing fraud. In their meetings, the parties affirmed their shared commitment to strengthen cooperation in combatting crime, specifically with respect to efforts to investigate and prosecute cyber-enabled financial frauds and global telemarketing frauds, including international robocalls and communications. They additionally discussed the need for continued cooperation in tackling emerging technology-based crimes through faster information exchange and evidence sharing, with a view to ensure security and protection of citizens of both jurisdictions.

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<sup>133</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/webinars>

<sup>134</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/innovations-guardianship-maximizing-autonomy-and-ensuring-accountability>

<sup>135</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/implementing-aps-initiated-elder-abuse-restraining-order-airo>

<sup>136</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/identifying-and-prosecuting-power-attorney-abuse>

<sup>137</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/trauma-informed-counseling-older-adults>

<sup>138</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC430DwoDeZmhjWxH3eVxTA>

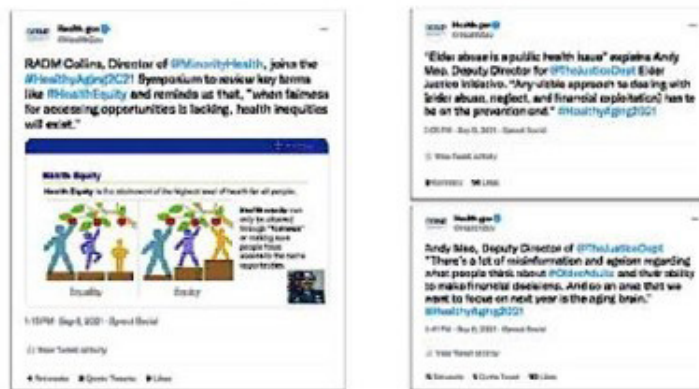
## 2021 Healthy Aging Symposium

As part of the 2021 Healthy Aging Symposium,<sup>139</sup> sponsored by Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Department's National Elder Justice Coordinator, Andy Mao, participated on a panel discussion titled "Plenary Roundtable Discussion – Equity in Aging: The Impact of Social Determinants of Health," discussing federal efforts to address social determinants of health. Attended by more than 1200 live participants, Mr. Mao conveyed how the Department of Justice views elder abuse as a social determinant

of health, but is rarely recognized as such. Participation on this interdisciplinary panel provided an opportunity to extend the concept of elder justice to those who may be less familiar with it.

Due to keen interest in the topic, Mr. Mao was invited to post a blog titled "May Is Older Americans Month: Elder Abuse Is a Social Determinant of Health," released on April 28, 2022, to over 70,000 recipients.<sup>140</sup> The blog again described how elder abuse is a social determinant of health, and also provided practical guidance to healthcare providers in recognizing and responding to elder abuse.

## Top Tweets During Symposium



<sup>139</sup> <https://health.gov/our-work/national-health-initiatives/healthy-aging/healthy-aging-symposium>

<sup>140</sup> <https://health.gov/news/202204/may-older-americans-month-elder-abuse-social-determinant-health>



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# VICTIM SUPPORT AND RECOVERY

## A. Overview

Facilitating the safety and recovery of older Americans who are victimized by elder abuse or fraud is a key priority for the Department. Victim Witness professionals at the federal level provide direct victim services, the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) works to return forfeited funds to victims, and the IC3 Recovery Asset Team (RAT) works with financial institutions to freeze victim's funds involved in fraudulent schemes. The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) provides formula funding to states to support victim services programming at the state and local level. Whether federal, state, or local, the Department provides resources that directly help victims regain their sense of well-being. Through discretionary grant funding, OVC also builds capacity for the field to respond to the needs of older victims. Outlined below are the many ways in which the Department is fulfilling this commitment to older victims. A complete list of Department-funded elder justice grants is available in Appendix C.

## B. Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section: Using Asset Forfeiture to Compensate Older Victims

Asset forfeiture is a critical tool in the recovery of illicit gains arising from financial crimes such as fraud, embezzlement, and theft. The

Department's Asset Forfeiture Program plays a critical role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring property to victims.

Returning forfeited funds to victims has been a key part of the Department's Asset Forfeiture Program. The 2018 Attorney General's Guidelines on the Asset Forfeiture Program state that one of the primary goals of the forfeiture program is to "recover[] assets that may be used to compensate victims," and "[w]henever possible, prosecutors should use asset forfeiture to recover assets to return to victims of crime..."<sup>141</sup> Since 2000 the government has transferred more than \$11 billion in forfeited funds to victims. The Department's Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (MLARS) coordinates significant victim recoveries. MLARS continues to process victim recoveries from the civil forfeiture paid by Western Union Company for its role in facilitating a fraud scheme involving persons posing as victims' family members needing assistance or promising prizes or job opportunities.<sup>142</sup> The Department has already distributed more than \$365 million to fully compensate the losses of over 148,000 victims, and MLARS is now making additional amounts available to new victim petitioners.<sup>143</sup> In this case, three specific scams were directed towards older adults including grandparent scams, where

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<sup>141</sup> Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Attorney General's Guidelines on the Asset Forfeiture Program, Part V.D (2018) (<https://www.justice.gov/criminal-mlars/file/1123146/download>).

<sup>142</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-begins-third-distribution-forfeited-funds-compensate-victims-fraud-scheme>

<sup>143</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-phase-two-compensation-process-western-union-fraud-victims>



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the fraudster would pose as the victim's relative in need of immediate money to avoid personal harm; lottery or sweepstakes scams, where the fraudster would tell the victim that they had won a large cash prize but had to pay fees such as taxes to claim the prize; and romance scams, where the fraudster would pose as an online love interest and request funds for a visit or for another purpose. In each of these scams the fraudsters convinced their victims to send money through Western Union.

In addition to large-scale forfeitures and victim recoveries, in the past year alone, MLARS has returned over \$2.2 million in forfeited funds to victims of a variety of financial crimes and scams specifically targeting older adults, including grandparent scams, romance scams, and investment fraud.

### **C. FBI IC3 Recovery Asset Team**

The FBI established the IC3 Recovery Asset Team (RAT) in February 2018 to streamline communication with financial institutions and assist FBI field offices with freezing funds for victims who made transfers to domestic accounts under fraudulent pretenses. The RAT functions as a liaison between law enforcement and financial institutions as they conduct statistical and investigative analysis.

From July 2021 through June 2022, IC3 RAT processed 1,988 complaints, with a

reported loss of \$495,646,173. RAT was able to successfully freeze \$375,587,452 from the total reported loss, leading to a 76% success rate. Of the 1,988 incidents worked by RAT, 284 incidents involved victims over the age of 60 (excluding individuals reporting on behalf of a business). The reported loss for these victims totaled \$31,960,992. RAT was able to freeze \$20,246,763, for a success rate of 63%. (See newly released PSA on reporting to IC3.<sup>144</sup>)

### **D. Office for Victims of Crime**

#### **Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program**

The OVC Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula grant program provides funding to State Administering Agencies (SAA) for crime victim compensation and victim assistance programs. The SAAs distribute VOCA victim assistance funding to subgrantee organizations across the country who address the emotional, advocacy, and financial needs of victims of crime. In FY 2021, a total of 7,275 VOCA victim assistance-funded programs provided victim services to a total of 10,607,321 victims (which includes new and returning individuals) and received 3,131,807 anonymous contacts. Of the total, there were 5,725,114 unique individuals identified as new clients served throughout the year. Active VOCA subawards to the SAAs totaled more than \$3.7 billion.

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<sup>144</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/ic3-public-service-announcement-older-americans>

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In FY 2021, 5,893 VOCA victim assistance subgrantee organizations provided services ranging from individual advocacy, crisis intervention, and therapy to civil legal assistance, transportation, and emergency shelter to 349,759 new victims aged 60 and older. Through these programs, OVC hopes to improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older victims of crime and holding more offenders accountable. Additional highlights:

- VOCA-funded victim assistance organizations allocated \$83 million to specifically serve victims of elder abuse in FY 2021.
- In each quarter of FY 2021, an average of 29,256 victims sought services for elder abuse or neglect.
- In FY 2021, elder abuse or neglect; identity theft, fraud, or financial crimes; and domestic or family violence were the most common victimization types of victims aged 60 and older.
- There were 11,606 individuals aged 60 and older who applied for compensation benefits in FY 2021.
- In FY 2021, VOCA-funded organizations paid 1,017 compensation claims related to elder abuse or neglect.

## THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

During this reporting period, multiple OVC grantees across the discretionary initiatives indicated that the pandemic continues to present challenges to older adults accessing services, including increased isolation and difficulties on their part adapting to the technology that has allowed so many other organizations to continue to provide services. Though they are adapting, grantee organizations and community partners are also experiencing staffing shortages and turnover and reluctance on the part of some facilities to allow them access to provide services. Despite these obstacles, grantees remain optimistic they will be able to carry out the objectives of their projects.

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## Discretionary Grants

### ***Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse***

In October 2021, OVC funded 10 grantees with approximately \$3.6 million under the *OVC FY 2021 Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse* solicitation.<sup>145</sup> The program supports the development and/or enhancement of multidisciplinary teams and strengthens the capacity of E-MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of financial exploitation. The grantees are described below.

1. *Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health – Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01082)

Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center will use a four-pronged approach—direct services, education and awareness, prosecution, and training and technical assistance—to address the emotional and monetary impact of financial exploitation of older adults to the greatest extent possible and to have a multidisciplinary team well-versed in all aspects of financial exploitation and victim response.<sup>146</sup>

2. *New Hampshire Department of Justice*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01078)

The New Hampshire Department of Justice proposes funding a dedicated person to serve as a liaison between the New Hampshire Attorney General's Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit, the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, and the Bureau of Security Regulations in an effort to better identify and respond to older adults who experience financial exploitation and abuse and hold offenders accountable.<sup>147</sup>

3. *Empowered Aging*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01081)

Empowered Aging seeks to transform Solano County's response to elder abuse by strengthening its existing victim-focused Solano County Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team to address systemic barriers limiting identification and response to older adults who experience financial exploitation and other forms of abuse.<sup>148</sup>

4. *City of Philadelphia*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01085)

The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, in collaboration with Penn Memory Center, Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly, SeniorLAW Center, and Philadelphia Corporation for Aging propose developing a new Philadelphia Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team. The team will improve coordination between medical

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<sup>145</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2021-96002>

<sup>146</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01082-nonf>

<sup>147</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01078-nonf>

<sup>148</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01081-nonf>

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professionals, advocacy organizations, legal services organizations, and prosecutors to better serve older victims of crime and improve the participants' ability to investigate and prosecute cases of senior financial exploitation.<sup>149</sup>

5. *Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01083)

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, a federally recognized tribe located in northeast Nebraska, proposes developing a multidisciplinary team of professionals, from within and outside the Tribe, to ensure elders who reside on the Winnebago Reservation, who have been subjected to abuse, particularly financial exploitation, do not fall through the cracks while their range of needs are being addressed.<sup>150</sup>

6. *Community Advocates for Family & Youth* (15POVC-21-GG-01084)

Community Advocates for Family & Youth will unite multiple service organizations, government agencies, medical personnel, forensic accountants, and law enforcement investigators and prosecutors into an organized and active E-MDT that can engage and coordinate regularly to evaluate both recently reported cases under investigation or sustained, and other cases considered longstanding and unresolved incidents where

older victims are being abused, neglected, or financially exploited within Prince George's County, Maryland.<sup>151</sup>

7. *Oklahoma Attorney General*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01079)

The Oklahoma District Attorneys Council proposes to improve case outcomes for older and vulnerable adults by minimizing additional trauma, restoring safety and security to victims, and holding more offenders accountable for crimes of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation by funding two county district attorney's offices to coordinate a case review E-MDT and prosecute cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older and vulnerable adults.<sup>152</sup>

8. *University of Southern California*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01076)

This project intends to enhance the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center through the addition of tools to improve the investigative capability for addressing complex cases of financial exploitation and bolstering person-centered culture and processes by hiring a forensic accountant and integrating forensic accounting services such as fraud investigation, witness interviews, completing investigative reports, identifying deceptive behavior, and suspect motivations.<sup>153</sup>

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<sup>149</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01085-nonf>

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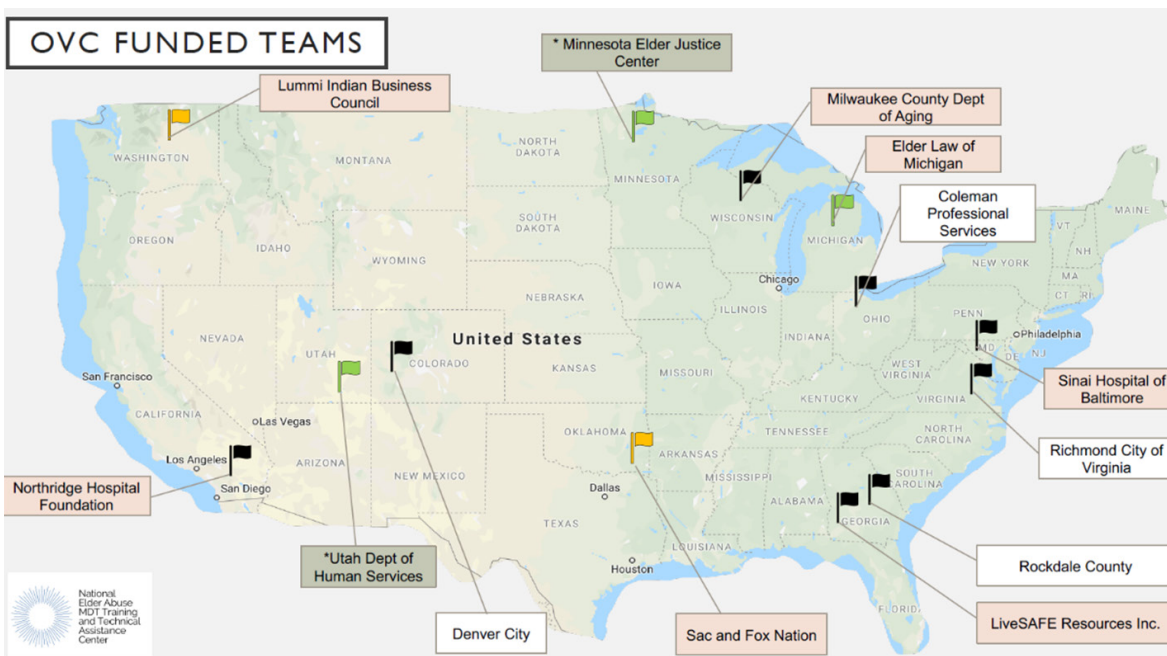
<sup>153</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01076-nonf>

9. *Community Partners*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01077)

Community Partners will create a state-level, enhanced multidisciplinary team in California to address systemic barriers that local multidisciplinary teams encounter but lack the capacity to address. These include inconsistencies in how statutes and regulations are implemented, interpreted, or enforced; service gaps; confusing, overlapping, or conflicting roles and responsibilities of agencies that respond to abuse; unequal access to services; discriminatory practices; unmet training needs; failure to enforce laws, regulations, or penalties; barriers to restitution recovery and compensation; and the need for policy reform.<sup>154</sup>

10. *Metropolitan Family Services*  
(15POVC-21-GG-01080)

The Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services will enhance their multidisciplinary Financial Exploitation Intervention Team to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively service and support victims of financial exploitation in Cook County, Illinois. Their project will identify gaps in services for elders experiencing financial exploitation, seek and screen cases with the multidisciplinary group, review and resolve issues, coordinate direct service efforts, and provide a comprehensive response to victims' needs.<sup>155</sup>



<sup>154</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01077-nonf>

<sup>155</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/awards/15povc-21-gg-01080-nonf>

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These grantees join the 13 local E-MDTs first funded by OVC, in coordination with the Elder Justice Initiative, in FY 2019.<sup>156</sup>

From July 2021–June 2022, the original 13 E-MDTs served 936 new individuals out of 30,001 total (new and returning) individuals served. Of the total individuals served by the E-MDTs with an identified victimization,<sup>157</sup> elder abuse or neglect was the most common victimization type, accounting for 8% of the victimizations identified; followed by identity theft, fraud, and financial crime (2%); and adult physical assault (1%). The information and referral service category encompassed the greatest number of victims served, with an average of 7,412 individuals per quarter, followed by the emotional support/safety services category with 686 individuals served per quarter. The most common services provided included referrals to other services, supports, and resources (28,709 occurrences); crisis intervention (2,738 occurrences); and individual advocacy (1,017 occurrences). The E-MDTs average 165 partners per quarter, with an average of 62 partners receiving funding per quarter.

***National Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Training and Technical Assistance Center (National TTA Center)***

E-MDTs promote greater awareness of available services, and improve access to, and receipt of, services for older victims. In

FY 2020, OVC funded the development of the National Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Training and Technical Assistance Center (National TTA Center) by Weill Cornell Medical and its partners to help strengthen the capacity of these E-MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation. From January 2022 – June 2022, the National TTA Center received 30 requests for technical assistance, of which 17 were completed and 13 are ongoing.

The National TTA Center offers these E-MDTs with critical insights that will allow them to strengthen their case review process, address emerging needs, and improve outcomes. During this reporting period, the National TTA Center—

- increased outreach and support to the Tribal teams;
- supported 11 Peer Leadership Group meetings on various topics, including member orientation; engaging culturally specific organizations; and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) preparations;
- offered six webinars, reaching a total of 40 individuals, on topics such as compassion fatigue and self-care, resources for law enforcement, data collection, and trauma-informed practice;

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<sup>156</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/ovc-2019-15656>

<sup>157</sup> 3,527 identified victimizations.

- launched an event for its Racial Equity Project intended to support E-MDT Coordinators in framing the work of their E-MDT with a racial equity lens and to help Coordinators learn tools and strategies to build skills and consensus on operationalizing racial equity for themselves and their teams. One grantee commented that they were grateful for this training on equity, diversity, and social justice because it can help build teams that are inclusive.

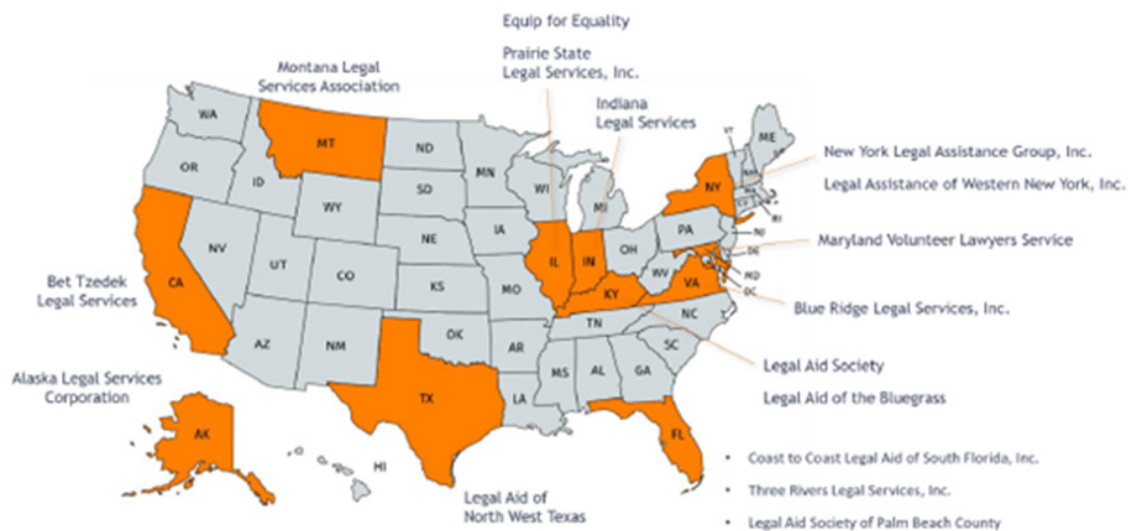
and allied professionals about the needs of older victims, and to increase coordinated multidisciplinary responses in supporting older victims of crime. Since 2020, through a cooperative agreement with Equal Justice Works, 22 Elder Justice Fellows at 16 legal aid organizations across the country, who are newly minted civil legal attorneys, have been providing holistic legal services in-person or virtually so that they can obtain justice for their clients and help restore their dignity, safety, and financial well-being.

***Transforming America’s Response to Elder Abuse: Mobilizing Attorneys for Older Victims of Abuse & Financial Exploitation***

This OVC-funded project provides increased legal services for older victims of crime, particularly in rural areas, to educate attorneys

As of June 30, 2022, Fellows have conducted 709 outreach activities, provided direct legal services to 1,917 older crime victims, trained 7,220 attorneys and allied professionals, participated in 490 multidisciplinary teams or coalition activities, and contributed to organizational capacity building activities.

**Locations of Elder Justice Program Fellows and Host Organizations**



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This project underscores the importance of civil legal aid as an effective intervention in mitigating elder abuse, and often a victim's best recourse for safety. For example, a Fellow at one of the sites helped an older woman remove her abusive adult son from her property. Another Fellow represented an older man who had been financially, verbally, and physically abused by his son and secured the maximum duration for Permanent Restraining Order against the son. And a third Fellow helped a client escape violence from her abusive spouse through a Protection Order, access to public benefits, and a divorce.

Notably, during this reporting period a Fellow participated in the White House Legal Aid Interagency Roundtable<sup>158</sup> hosted by the Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff. The Fellow discussed issues affecting underserved communities, challenges of serving vulnerable clients during the pandemic, and the need for increased support to develop a pipeline of public interest attorneys through programs like Equal Justice Works Fellowships and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

### ***Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation***

In FY 2020, OVC awarded nearly \$6 million to 12 organizations under this program to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation using trauma-informed approaches that protect the safety and confidentiality of victims. Funded programs range from supporting an Elder Multidisciplinary Leadership Team;

expanding legal services; improving the outreach and engagement of programs to better serve older African American victims of abuse and financial exploitation; enhancing existing community-based services in lower-income housing communities (for older victims who may be reluctant to use or access existing services); improving case management and civil legal assistance for victims of elder abuse in Tribal communities; to expanding the efforts of the Senior Abuse Financial Exploitation Intervention and Prevention Service programs.

From July 2021 – June 2022, 11 of the 12 grantees reported serving 1,883 total (new and returning) victims and 559 anonymous contacts. Of the total, there were 1,248 unique individuals identified as new clients served throughout the year. The most common victimization types reported were elder abuse or neglect; domestic and family violence; identity theft, fraud, and financial crimes; bullying; and adult physical assault. An average of 332 individuals sought services for elder abuse or neglect. The information and referral service category encompassed the greatest number of victims served, with an average of 446 individuals per quarter, followed by the criminal and civil justice system assistance category with 286 individuals served per quarter. The most frequently provided services were other legal advice and/or counsel; individual counseling; and referral to other services, supports, and resources (e.g., legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address-confidentiality programs).

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<sup>158</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/11/readout-of-the-first-listening-session-of-the-white-house-legal-aid-interagency-roundtable/>



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The goal of one of the grantees, the Minnesota Elder Justice Center, is to address the gaps in legal services to victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation. From January 2022 – June 2022, staff attorneys supported 146 individuals with their victimization needs due to elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation, providing full legal representation to eight clients. In one case, they were able to provide emotional support, safety planning, and legal advocacy to empower a homeowner to remove the adult child from their home. In another, they supported an older adult, subject to guardianship and conservatorship, with concerns they were being financially exploited by a court appointed conservator by identifying an appropriate alternative decision-maker more preferred by the client and preparing a petition for change in guardianship/conservatorship in collaboration with this client.

Another grantee, Lone Star Legal Aid, managed 175 legal cases for clients affected by abuse, neglect, or exploitation through their Justice for Older Adults (JOA) project. A large percentage of these clients were older adults with disabilities, making them exceptionally susceptible to abuse and exploitation. Alongside strong partnerships, the JOA project empowered people most at risk in the community with vital tools to improve their lives.

The objective of the University of Arkansas' Enhancing Supports for Older Arkansans who are Victims of Abuse and

Financial Exploitation project is to improve collaboration between victim service providers and programs that serve older Arkansans and improve access to information on abuse and financial exploitation for victim service providers and programs that serve older adults. One way they are doing that is by participating in SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together). The goal of SALT is to reduce criminal victimization of older residents through the provision of information. Program staff educate about best practices for culturally responsive, trauma-informed, and accessible practices to serve older victims during these meetings.

#### **E. Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys' Victim Assistance Program**

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys' Victim Assistance Program ensures that federal victims' rights under the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA), 18 U.S.C. § 3771, are being met, and that services are being provided to them under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act (VRRRA), 34 U.S.C. § 20141. Each of the 94 U.S. Attorney's Offices has a Victim Witness (VW) Unit which is managed by a Victim Witness Coordinator (VWC) or Program Manager and, in some offices, supplemented by additional VW professionals, including advocates, assistants, and specialists. VW professionals come from diverse backgrounds, including federal, state, local, and Tribal victim-service fields, and have experience in helping a variety of victims, including older adults.

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***Southern District of California.*** In *U.S. v. Tracy Knowles, et al.*, 21-CR-2216, eight people were charged in a federal grand jury indictment for participating in a criminal enterprise targeting older victims, aka the “Grandparent Scam.” The defendants allegedly swindled more than \$2 million from over 70 older and susceptible victims across the nation by feeding them phony stories that their grandchildren were in terrible trouble and in immediate need of money. Many victims experienced increased stress and feelings of embarrassment, shame, or fear, in addition to increased isolation as they avoided phone calls out of concern that the caller might be another scammer. The Victim-Witness Coordinator (VWC) provided ongoing support to the victims by maintaining open lines of communication and engaging in frequent contact to provide information and address the needs of the many victims. The VWC provided extensive victim services, including referrals to address mental health concerns, stress management,

assistance with submission of victim impact statements, coordination of travel to attend sentencing hearings, and court accompaniment.

***Southern District of Georgia.*** The Elder Justice Coordinator (EJC) and Victim-Witness Coordinator (VWC) in the Southern District of Georgia routinely conduct outreach to older adults discussing scams targeting older adults. The VWC meets regularly with various multidisciplinary teams to address elder abuse and/or scams and educational awareness. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the VWC has distributed flyers electronically to over one hundred senior centers and senior housing facilities in an effort to inform the older adults of the various scams targeted against them and provide information on how to report suspected financial exploitation. This outreach has also included continued contact with partnering agencies at the state and local level.



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# DATA AND RESEARCH

## A. Overview

An important aspect of the Department's elder justice response involves data and research to understand the issues and base policy on sound science. The Department's data and research activities are summarized below. For a complete listing of all the Department's elder justice grant awards for this reporting period, see Appendix C.

## B. National Institute of Justice

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research arm of the Department. NIJ has been funding elder abuse research since 2001. NIJ maintains a webpage on elder abuse,<sup>159</sup> another page specifically on financial exploitation,<sup>160</sup> and another page listing all NIJ-funded elder abuse/financial exploitation awards.<sup>161</sup>

### Independent Consultant Agreement on Guardianship

In fiscal year 2021, NIJ entered into an independent consultant agreement with two subject matter experts to conduct an

environmental scan of guardianship and conservatorship abuse and fraud, and identify opportunities to advance knowledge through research or data collection. NIJ will publish the environmental scan in three volumes. The first volume will provide a review of the research literature on guardianship abuse and fraud. The second volume will provide an overview of the guardianship abuse and fraud data landscape and identify opportunities for improved data collection. The third volume will provide an overview of legal, policy, and practice context and considerations for collecting data on guardianship abuse and fraud.

### Closed Grants

In addition to the independent consultant agreement, in December 2021, two elder abuse prevention grants concluded and submitted final reports. The projects developed and planned rigorous tests of prevention programs addressing elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation, and subsequently conducted pilot tests of these programs.

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<sup>159</sup> <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/overview-elder-abuse>

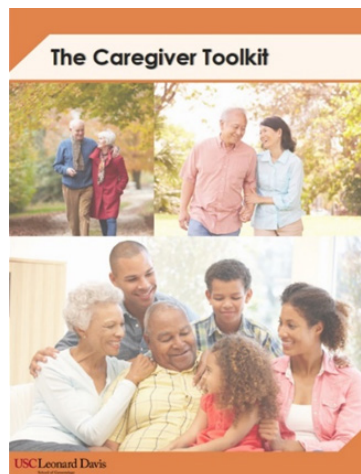
<sup>160</sup> <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/financial-exploitation-elderly>

<sup>161</sup> [https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/list?awardee=&city=&combine\\_awards=elder%20abuse&field\\_award\\_status\\_value=All&field\\_fiscal\\_year\\_value=&field\\_funding\\_type\\_value=All&fiscal\\_year=&sort\\_by=field\\_fiscal\\_year\\_value&sort\\_order=DESC&state=All&topic=All&page=0#awards-awards-list-block-esjidpmytmaxu7sr](https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/list?awardee=&city=&combine_awards=elder%20abuse&field_award_status_value=All&field_fiscal_year_value=&field_funding_type_value=All&fiscal_year=&sort_by=field_fiscal_year_value&sort_order=DESC&state=All&topic=All&page=0#awards-awards-list-block-esjidpmytmaxu7sr)

- ***Piloting a Comprehensive Caregiver Intervention: A Pathway to Preventing Elder Mistreatment*** (Grant Number: 2016-ZD-CX-K008, 2020-75-CX-0001), awarded to the University of Southern California<sup>162</sup>

During the planning phase, researchers developed the “Comprehensive Older Adult and Caregiver Help” (COACH) program, a multicomponent prevention curriculum designed to educate, support, and link caregiving dyads with services and supports. The curriculum is caregiver-centered and offers home visits by trained personnel, with the entire intervention lasting no longer than 12 weeks. After developing the curriculum and methodology, researchers conducted a randomized controlled trial pilot study to examine the impact of the COACH program on elder mistreatment among caregivers of older adults. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the design was changed to a virtual assessment and intervention. Three months after completion of the intervention, researchers found lower levels of elder mistreatment for those receiving the COACH intervention compared to those in the control group (who did not receive the intervention). In addition, at the end of the intervention, researchers found increased social quality of life for caregivers who received the intervention compared to the control group. However, at three months post-intervention, these group differences were no longer significant. Data from this study are archived at the National Archive

of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD), and the final research report will be made available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS).



- ***Building Late-Life Resilience to Prevent Elder Abuse: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Study of the EMPOWER Program*** (Grant Number: 2016-MU-CX-K006), awarded to the Urban Institute<sup>163</sup>

During the planning phase, researchers collaborated with the Area Agency on Aging, Region One, in Phoenix, Arizona, to develop a 90-day in-home intervention called EMPOWER: Building Late-life Resilience™. EMPOWER aims to provide community-residing older adults with the resiliency and resources to lead safe and healthy lives throughout the aging process. After developing the curriculum and methodology, researchers conducted a randomized controlled trial to examine

<sup>162</sup> <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2016-zd-cx-k008>; <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2020-75-cx-0001>

<sup>163</sup> <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2016-mu-cx-k006>

the impact of the EMPOWER program on late-life resilience outcomes. Researchers found that participants who received the EMPOWER intervention scored higher on the following outcomes compared to individuals in the control group (who did not receive the intervention): home safety (or the extent to which participants knew how to make their homes safer or more secure, whom to contact in case of an emergency, and how to prevent falls in their homes); physical health (or knowledge of whom to contact for physical health issues); financial well-being (or responsible money management, knowledge of whom to contact for help with financial decisions, and knowledge of how to protect against financial frauds); and social support (or awareness of organizations they could contact for connections and emotional support). Data from this study are archived at the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD), and the final research report<sup>164</sup> is available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS).

### C. FBI's IC3 2021 Fraud Report

The Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) receives and tracks thousands of complaints daily, reported by victims of fraud, their family members, and law enforcement officers. This reporting is key to identifying, investigating, and holding those responsible accountable for their actions. In 2021, IC3 authored its second annual Elder Fraud Report<sup>165</sup> – a summary of complaints submitted by or on behalf of victims aged 60 and over. Each year, millions of older Americans fall victim to some type of financial fraud or internet scheme, such as romance scams, tech support fraud, and lottery or sweepstakes scams. Criminals gain their targets' trust or use tactics of intimidation and threats to take advantage of their victims. Once successful, scammers are likely to continue their efforts because of the prospect of significant financial gain.



<sup>164</sup> <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/304530.pdf>

<sup>165</sup> [https://www.ic3.gov/Media/PDF/AnnualReport/2021\\_IC3ElderFraudReport.pdf](https://www.ic3.gov/Media/PDF/AnnualReport/2021_IC3ElderFraudReport.pdf)

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In 2021, IC3 received a total of 847,436 complaints, with reported losses exceeding \$6.9 billion. Based on the information provided in the complaints, approximately 92,000 of the fraud victims were identified as over the age of 60, resulting in approximately \$1.7 billion in losses to older Americans. This total represents an increase of approximately \$700 million in losses reported in 2021 versus what was reported by victims over age 60 in 2020.

Like the prior year, residents of California, Florida, New York, and Texas sustained

the most losses to elder fraud schemes, with losses totaling approximately \$998 million. Confidence fraud/romance scams (\$432 million), investment frauds (\$239 million), and technical support scams (\$238 million) were responsible for the greatest loss amounts to individuals. In comparison to the prior year, confidence fraud/romance scams, investment frauds, and technical support scams showed significant increases in losses. For instance, losses associated with confidence fraud/romance scams increased approximately \$151 million in 2021.





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# LOOKING FORWARD

## A. Overview

While the Department was very active this past reporting period, it anticipates a number of upcoming events and the release of new elder justice resources in the coming year, some of which are previewed below. In early October, the Department made an elder fraud announcement, recounting the multitude of prosecutions against individuals committing crimes against older adults. The Office for Victims of Crime is supporting the creation of a National Elder Justice Coalition Training and Technical Assistance program, the first of its kind in the country. Finally, the COPS Office is supporting the development of a Triad manual, with information and resources for Triads across the country providing community-based training on the prevention of elder abuse and financial exploitation to the general public and to older adults specifically.

## B. Upcoming Events and Resources

### DOJ's Elder Fraud Announcement

In early October, Attorney General Merrick Garland and law enforcement partners highlighted efforts occurring across the

country to protect older adults from fraud and exploitation and bring perpetrators to justice. The announcement highlighted the Department's efforts to investigate and prosecute international fraud schemes targeting older adults, efforts to return money to fraud victims, and efforts to pursue perpetrators of grandparent or relative-in-distress scams. The Department and its partners also conducted outreach to raise awareness about grandparent scams and spoke to financial institutions about the importance of Bank Secrecy Act filings to its elder fraud efforts.

### Triad Manual

With support from the COPS Office, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) has drafted a Triad Manual, describing the structure of Triads, how to start a Triad, and resources for public outreach. The manual is currently in peer review by stakeholders including the Elder Justice Initiative, and is anticipated to be available next year to support Triads across the country.

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## A message from the Director, Kristina Rose, Office for Victims of Crime, on Forthcoming Statewide Elder Justice Coalitions



Three fundamental victims' needs—options, access, information—have shaped my priorities as the Director of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). We must ensure that there are enough service options in place so victims can choose the path that will work best for them; that we remove barriers to access; and that survivors are given the opportunity to decide how and when information is delivered and who delivers it. Older Americans are targets for multiple forms of abuse (e.g., guardianship abuse, financial exploitation, fraud, and scams) that, when coupled with age, can be barriers to accessing services (e.g., social isolation, cognitive impairment, physical limitations, etc.) at a time when older victims are unable to re-acquire a lifetime of earnings that have been stolen. These challenges are

compounded further because the victim services field has little dedicated funding to support Elder Justice Coalitions through which elder justice advocates, legal aid professionals, and victim service providers can collaborate to collectively identify and address gaps in services to older victims of abuse and financial exploitation. It is essential that professionals partner to better collaborate; align efforts; identify barriers; and share gaps, evidence-based practices, training and recommendations to advance needed changes in systems and system responses. Therefore, OVC is funding a new national training and technical assistance effort<sup>166</sup> to support the development or expansion of statewide Elder Justice Coalitions. Through this program, we hope the coalitions will grow into a professional field of practice that can then gain momentum through the development of victims' rights, establishment of supportive public policies, and enhanced skills and knowledge building among caregivers and allied professionals — all in an effort to better amplify needs of both victims and systems. Visit our website<sup>167</sup> to read more about the National Elder Justice Coalition Center! I'm proud of the strategic investment OVC is making to build an alliance of statewide coalitions to help ensure victims have more options, better access, and more information from professionals who can best support their unique needs.

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<sup>166</sup> <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ovc-2022-171303>

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# APPENDIX A

**Appendix A: Cases**

Some of the cases included in this report are criminal charges, which are merely allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Component	Case Name	Case Number	Case Type (Civil or Criminal)	Fraud Type	Brief Case Description and/or Press Release URL	Outcome	List of Non Lead Defendants
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Gregory Clarke</i>	0:19-cr-60084	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jamaican-national-extradited-connection-fraudulent-lottery-scheme-targeted-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jamaican-national-extradited-connection-fraudulent-lottery-scheme-targeted-elderly-victims</a>	Extradition	
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Henry Adrian Milla Campuzano</i>	1:18-cr-20506	Criminal	Extortion	Defendants, who were based in Peru, called individuals in the United States and falsely told them that they were required to accept and pay for English-language courses. Victims were, at times, threatened with arrest or deportation if they failed to comply.	Sentencings; Pleas	Carlos Alberto Espinoza Huerta, Josmell Arturo Espinoza Huerta, Fernon Walter Huerta Haro, Jerson Isai Renteria Gonzales, Evelyn Margarita Milla Campuzano, Omar Gilberto Andrew Cuzzano
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Patrice Runner</i>	18-cr-578	Criminal	Psychic Scam	Defendant mailed solicitations that made it appear recipient had or could receive psychic services that would result in great wealth, but needed to pay a fee.	Pending	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Blade Bai, et al.</i>	2:20-cr-621	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; Business Imposter Scam; Technical Support Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-defendants-indicted-laundering-target-gift-cards-purchased-fraud-victims">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-defendants-indicted-laundering-target-gift-cards-purchased-fraud-victims</a>	Indictment	Bowen Hu, Tairan Shi, Yan Fu
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO California, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Tracy Knowles, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-2216	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-more-defendants-grandparent-scam-network-plead-guilty-rico-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-more-defendants-grandparent-scam-network-plead-guilty-rico-conspiracy</a>	Indictment; Guilty pleas	Adonis Butler Wong, Timothy Ingram, Anajah Gifford, Lyda Harris, Joaquin Lopez, Jack Owuor, Tracy Glington
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Colorado	<i>U.S. v. Robert Reger</i>	21-cr-192	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-recognizes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-files-cases-against-marketing">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-recognizes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-files-cases-against-marketing</a>	Pending	David Lytle
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Erica Herson, et al.</i>	1:22-cv-20964	Civil	Technical Support Fraud	Defendants called victims and convinced them to pay for unnecessary and misrepresented computer technical support services by falsely claiming to know that the consumer's computer was infected with viruses or subject to a data breach. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/restraining-order-entered-against-florida-operators-technical-support-fraud-scheme-targeting">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/restraining-order-entered-against-florida-operators-technical-support-fraud-scheme-targeting</a>	Preliminary injunction entered	Windows Support Center LLC
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Lenora Vernon</i>	1:21-cv-24227	Civil	Lottery Fraud	Defendant acted as a money mule in a lottery fraud scheme, receiving payments from victims and transmitting the funds on to the operators of the scheme in Jamaica.	Permanent injunction entered	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Robert Lhez, et al.</i>	1:21-cv-23522	Civil	Psychic/Lottery Fraud	Defendants mailed notices purporting to be from psychics who had specific information about the recipient and the ability to assist the recipient to win a large sum of money in exchange for payment of a fee. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/district-court-enters-permanent-injunction-shutting-down-fraudulent-psychic-mail-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/district-court-enters-permanent-injunction-shutting-down-fraudulent-psychic-mail-fraud-scheme</a>	Permanent injunction entered	Mireille Dayer, Julie Poulleau, Arcana Center, and Partners VAD International Sàrl
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. James Chelcy</i>	3:21-cv-169	Civil	Lottery Fraud	Defendant acted as a money mule in a lottery fraud scheme, receiving payments from victims and transmitting the funds on to the operators of the scheme in Jamaica.	Permanent injunction entered	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. John. C. West</i>	1:21-cv-3974	Civil	Lottery Fraud	Defendant acted as a money mule in a lottery fraud scheme, receiving payments from victims and transmitting the funds on to the operators of the scheme in Jamaica.	Permanent injunction entered	

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Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Michael Zeto</i>	2:22-cr-85	Criminal	Identity Theft	Zeto partnered with foreign telemarketers who provided Zeto with the names, bank account numbers and other personal information for American consumers who supposedly had purchased products. These consumers often had not, in fact, agreed to purchase the products and had not authorized anyone to debit their bank accounts. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/nevada-man-indicted-multi-million-dollar-fraudulent-check-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/nevada-man-indicted-multi-million-dollar-fraudulent-check-scheme</a>	Indictment	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Orvin Francis</i>	1:21-cv-3982	Civil	Lottery Fraud	Defendant acted as a money mule in a lottery fraud scheme, receiving payments from victims and transmitting the funds on to the operators of the scheme in Jamaica.	Permanent injunction entered	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Roma Smith</i>	1:21-cv-3983	Civil	Lottery Fraud	Defendant acted as a money mule in a lottery fraud scheme, receiving payments from victims and transmitting the funds on to the operators of the scheme in Jamaica.	Permanent injunction entered	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Wesley Walker</i>	1:21-cv-3981	Civil	Lottery Fraud	Defendant acted as a money mule in a lottery fraud scheme, receiving payments from victims and transmitting the funds on to the operators of the scheme in Jamaica.	Permanent injunction entered	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Nevada	<i>U.S. v. Mario Castro, et al.</i>	19-cr-0295	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Defendants mailed solicitations that made it appear recipients had won a prize, but needed to pay a fee to claim the prize.	Pending	Jose Salud Castro, Salvador Castro, Miguel Castro, Jose Luis Mendez, Andrea Burrow
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Charles Kafeti, et al.</i>	2:21-cr-253; 2:21-cr-578; 2:21-cr-639	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	Defendants mailed notices that made it appear older and vulnerable victims had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-multi-million-dollar-fraudulent-prize-notice-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-multi-million-dollar-fraudulent-prize-notice-scheme</a>	Guilty pleas	Steven Diaz, Anthony Kafeti, Carmine Maietta, Drew Wilson
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Lorraine Chalavoutis, et al.</i>	2:18-cr-349	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	Chalavoutis and her co-conspirators mailed notices that made it appear older and vulnerable victims had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/long-island-resident-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-elder-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/long-island-resident-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-elder-fraud-scheme</a>	Guilty plea	Tully Lovisa, Shaun Sullivan, Steve McClenahan, Richard Winters
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Scott Gammon, et al.</i>	2:22-cr-85; 2:21-cr-418; 2:21-cr-609	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	Defendants mailed notices that made it appear older and vulnerable victims had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-fraud-scheme</a>	Guilty pleas	Christopher King, Natasha Khan
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Sean Novis, et al.</i>	20-cr-335	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Defendants mailed notices that made it appear recipients had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-jury-convicts-two-new-york-men-operating-mass-mailing-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-jury-convicts-two-new-york-men-operating-mass-mailing-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly</a>	Convicted at trial	Gary Denkberg
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Shawn Phillips, et al.</i>	2:21-cr-566	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Defendants mailed notices that made it appear recipients had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-charged-mailing-fraudulent-prize-notices">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-charged-mailing-fraudulent-prize-notices</a>	Indictment	Jeffrey Novis, Philip Priolo
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO South Carolina	<i>U.S. v. Joseph Hipp</i>	6:19-cr-239	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Hipp and his co-conspirators induced retirees into investments with false assurances of significant return rates.	Guilty plea	Scott Kohn, Kraig Aiken, David Kenneally, Melanie Jo Schulze-Miller

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Elder Justice Initiative; USAO Pennsylvania, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. American Health Foundation, et al.</i>	2:22-cv-02344	Civil	Failure of Care	In its complaint, the United States alleged that the Defendants submitted or caused the submission of false claims for nursing home services that were non-existent and grossly substandard. The United States alleged systemic care problems as well as 14 specific residents who suffered adverse outcomes due to the Defendants' deficient care.	Complaint filed	AHF Management Corporation; AHF Montgomery, Inc.; AHF Ohio, Inc.
USAO Alabama, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Olushola Adewole Afolabi, et al.</i>	21-cr-00203	Criminal	Identity Theft; COVID-19-related Fraud	Defendants used stolen identification information from older Illinois residents to file false unemployment claims during the COVID-19 pandemic that resulted in \$4 million in funds stolen. The funds were loaded onto Green Dot cards that the defendants laundered and converted to their own use. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndal/pr/georgia-resident-pleads-guilty-covid-19-unemployment-fraud-targeting-several-states#:~:text=BIRMINGHAM%2C%20Ala.,announced%20U.S.%20Attorney%20Prim%20F">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndal/pr/georgia-resident-pleads-guilty-covid-19-unemployment-fraud-targeting-several-states#:~:text=BIRMINGHAM%2C%20Ala.,announced%20U.S.%20Attorney%20Prim%20F</a> .	Guilty plea	
USAO Alabama, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Meoshi Shonta Nelson, et al.</i>	19-cr-311	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Nelson owned group boarding homes in the Mobile area. The residents were older people on Social Security. She'd been convicted of felonies in connection with the Deepwater Horizon disaster in 2015 and was therefore prohibited from serving as a Representative Payee (RP) for Social Security recipients. Therefore, she got her daughter and others to apply to be RPs for residents of the boarding homes. Her daughter and the others then handed over their benefits to Nelson. Nelson then took 75% of each recipient's benefits as rent payments and let recipients decide how to spend the remainder.	Sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment; Restitution ordered	
USAO Arkansas, Western	<i>U.S. v. \$3,958,060.84 United States Currency and the approximate amount thereof</i>	5:22-CV-05026	Civil	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam; Government Imposter Scam	Victims were contacted via telephone and told they had a bill due or were a victim of hacking or owed money to the IRS or had a relative who owed money to the government, and were then instructed to purchase Walmart gift cards to pay the money owed. Victims purchased the gift cards as instructed and gave the card account numbers to the fraudsters. The fraudsters then transferred the balance of the gift cards. <a href="https://www.cnbc.com/2022/04/04/walmart-saved-millions-from-elder-gift-card-scams.html">https://www.cnbc.com/2022/04/04/walmart-saved-millions-from-elder-gift-card-scams.html</a>	Forfeiture action filed	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Brannen Sage Mehaffey</i>	CR-20-626	Criminal	Other - Money Laundering	Defendant operated a money service business, exchanging cash for bitcoin. Most of his business came from perpetrators of fraud schemes, such as romance scams, who would direct their (often older) victims to send cash or deposit money into Mehaffey's accounts, and Mehaffey would in turn send bitcoin to the people running the schemes.	Defendant sentenced to 42 months' imprisonment	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Flavia Annang, et al.</i>	22-05750MJ	Criminal	Romance Scam; Inheritance Scam	Two defendants charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering for receiving money from romance/inheritance scam victims and keeping some and sending other amounts on to others; Ghana-based; losses exceed \$6,000,000 to date, but entire scheme has not been uncovered.	Indictment	Whitney Adams
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Koreasa M. Williams</i>	CR-19-1276	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Williams, a licensed insurance agent, admitted that she devised a scheme to defraud nine annuity clients out of \$1,064,522. In furtherance of her scheme, Williams sent request forms to various life insurance companies seeking to withdraw funds from her clients' annuities without their knowledge and consent. Williams also directed the life insurance companies to wire the fraudulently obtained funds directly to her personal bank account. Williams then used the mostly elderly victims' money for her personal benefit.	Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Koreasa M. Williams</i>	4:21-cr-03136-TUC-IGZ(BGM)	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Licensed insurance agent (defendant) induced older adult to give her checks totaling \$1,220,000 to invest for the older adult's benefit, but instead spent the money to pay back victims of her (defendant's) earlier embezzlement scheme against 9 victims, settle a civil suit, and pay her attorney's fees. Agent also convinced older adult to start transferring money from his charitable foundation to defendant's "charity" to "hold" the money until it could be transferred to a new foundation to benefit the older victim's disabled daughter; instead agent spent the \$118,652 on herself and her family.	Guilty plea	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Michael Jacoby</i>	CR-21-452	Criminal	Investment Fraud	The defendant in this case defrauded an older widower out of his retirement savings (approximately \$1 million) by offering investment management services but instead taking the money for himself.	Guilty plea	

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USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Michael Tagle Santos, et al.</i>	4:20-CR-2707-TUC-JGZ	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Michael Tagle Santos and Cherry Mae De Los Reyes-Santos, husband and wife, worked as caregivers for an older, disabled victim. The couple embezzled money from the victim and used the proceeds to fund their lifestyle, paying for expensive cars, trips to Las Vegas, high-end jewelry and home remodeling.	Santos sentenced to 31 months' imprisonment. De Los Reyes-Santos sentenced to 16 months' in prison. Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	Cherry Mae De Los Reyes-Santos
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Onovughe Ighorhiohwunu</i>	CR-21-1119	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant participated in a romance scheme where conspirators with connections to Nigeria used fictitious or assumed online identities to meet victims in the United States. Conspirators contacted victims through dating websites and games like Words With Friends and then pretended to strike up romantic relationships with them. After establishing relationships, conspirators asked the victims for money, often to help with a phony crisis such as an emergency medical procedure, and usually told the victims their money would be repaid.	Convicted at trial	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Robert B. Sproat</i>	CR-18-2220-TUC-RM	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Sproat and two co-conspirators used a religious charitable organization as a front to entice victims to invest over \$1.2 million	Pending	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Sheldon Hibbert</i>	4:19-CR-1973-TUC-SHR	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Hibbert was a money runner who laundered proceeds from an international lottery fraud scheme targeting older adults.	Defendant sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Forfeiture imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Michael Feinberg, et al.</i>	4:18-CR-01786-TUC-JAS	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants engaged in an investment fraud scheme.	Convicted at trial	Betsy Feinberg
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. \$63,353.86 in Bank Funds</i>	2:22-CV-04423	Civil	Business Email Compromise Scam; Romance Scam	Civil Forfeiture matter. Dianwei Wang and Zhili Song operated an unlicensed money transferring business, and in doing so transferred the proceeds of romance and BEC scams to their customers. The defendants' currency is involved in or traceable to their unlawful business.	Pending	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Anuj Patel</i>	5:20-00162-ODW	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Co-conspirators believed to be in India fraudulently induced victims to withdraw money from their accounts to avoid arrest or government action. Defendants collected the money for their co-schemers. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/lake-elsinore-man-sentenced-9-years-federal-prison-bagman-role-scheme-defraud-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/lake-elsinore-man-sentenced-9-years-federal-prison-bagman-role-scheme-defraud-elderly</a>	Sentenced to 108 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	Elmer Miranda Barrios
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Brett A. Barber</i>	8:21-CR-00196-ODW	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant and others operated an investment fraud scheme, selling interests in a real estate flipping company but instead mostly pocketing the money. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-man-arrested-alleged-ponzi-scheme-raised-nearly-14-million-false-promises">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-man-arrested-alleged-ponzi-scheme-raised-nearly-14-million-false-promises</a>	Pending	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Danny Lewis, et al.</i>	22-cr-00041	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; Grandparent Scam	Defendants conspired with phone scammers who took money from older victims and other victims under false pretenses; defendants used fake identification to pick up packages containing cash victims sent to the scammers.	Indictment	Jatinder Singh Sadiora
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Diawei Wang, et al.</i>	18-CR-00559	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/authorities-see-two-fugitives-named-new-indictment-alleging-illegal-money-transfer">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/authorities-see-two-fugitives-named-new-indictment-alleging-illegal-money-transfer</a>	Superseding indictment	Zhili Song
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Valentine Iro, et al. (defendants Egwumba and Duru)</i>	2:19-CR-00380-RGK	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	Two defendants were convicted at trial of conspiracy to commit money laundering and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/two-california-men-found-guilty-federal-crimes-participating-massive-international">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/two-california-men-found-guilty-federal-crimes-participating-massive-international</a>	Two defendants convicted at trial	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Louis Zimmerle</i>	8:21-cr-00198-DSF	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant promoted a real estate investment scheme. Instead of investing in real estate, defendant and his co-schemers pocketed most of the money. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-man-arrested-alleged-ponzi-scheme-raised-nearly-14-million-false-promises">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-man-arrested-alleged-ponzi-scheme-raised-nearly-14-million-false-promises</a>	Indictment	



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USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Michael McDonagh</i>	8:22-cr-00056-doc	Criminal	Timeshare Scam	Using telemarketing techniques, defendants contacted older Timeshare owners and claimed they could help liquidate their Timeshares for a fee. Defendants then induced the victims to pay for fictitious services and alleged expenses, and to obtain fictitious restitution payments. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/four-southern-california-residents-arrested-charges-alleging-elderly-timeshare-owners">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/four-southern-california-residents-arrested-charges-alleging-elderly-timeshare-owners</a>	Indictment	Antonio Duarte, Christopher James Vannoy
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Paul Ricky Mata</i>	19-cr-00214	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Update to reported case: Investment advisor sentenced; he had engaged in self-dealing and pocketed investors' funds for himself. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-financial-advisor-sentenced-14-years-federal-prison-12-million-fraud-caused">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-financial-advisor-sentenced-14-years-federal-prison-12-million-fraud-caused</a>	Sentenced to 168 months' imprisonment; \$12,560,385.55 Restitution ordered; Supervised release order	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Robert Louis Cirillo</i>	8:22-cr-00077-DOC	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Charges that defendant worked with co-schemers to conduct a relative-in-distress scam. The co-schemers tricked the victim into sending \$400,000 to an account defendant controlled, and defendant and others used the money for their own purposes. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-stockbroker-pleads-guilty-charges-32-million-investment-fraud-cheating-taxes">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-stockbroker-pleads-guilty-charges-32-million-investment-fraud-cheating-taxes</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO California, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Laxmikanth Biyani, et al.</i>	2:21-cr-38-TLN	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Two defendants charged with conspiracy to launder money in connection with serving as money mules in scheme to defraud victim by claiming that her social security number had been stolen by a drug cartel and she needed to transfer money to the DEA for safekeeping.	Pending	Akshar Patel
USAO California, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Oluwafemi Agbayewa</i>	2:21-cr-234-TLN	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	One defendant charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with lottery fraud scheme that targeted older victims and resulted in actual loss of at least \$7.5 million.	Pending	
USAO California, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Brian Kenneth Stoffel</i>	1:22-cr-73	Criminal	Identity Theft	Stoffel stole the personally identifying information of an older victim. Stoffel used that information to drain the victim's bank account and apply for various lines of credit in his name. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/fresno-man-charged-schemes-defraud-and-identity-theft">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/fresno-man-charged-schemes-defraud-and-identity-theft</a>	Indictment	
USAO California, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Ana Phimmasone</i>	21-cr-3262	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant embezzled from her employer by diverting money, including from older patients, to her own accounts.	Guilty plea	
USAO Colorado	<i>U.S. v. Dhruv Jani</i>	22-cr-202-RM	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Jani was a leader and organizer of a government official imposter scheme through which he recruited two other individuals to pick up packages of cash mailed by primarily older victims. The victims had been told their identities had been connected to a criminal incident, their imminent arrest and/or deportation from the United States had been ordered by law enforcement, and that the only way to avoid arrest and/or deportation was to pay the "government" large sums of money which would be held in trust or a digital locker until the matter could be resolved. The government to date has identified 54 victims who in total have lost over \$7.5 million through this scheme. Of that \$7.5 million, \$1.5 million in cash was mailed to locations in northeastern Colorado.	Indictment	
USAO Colorado	<i>U.S. v. Leonard Luton, et al.</i>	19-cr-98	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	Leonard Luton and Rajay Dobson conspired to convince an older victim that she had won a \$2.8 million lottery and a Mercedes Benz but needed to pay thousands of dollars in "fees" in order to receive her winnings. During the scam, the victim was instructed to mail packages of cash and cashier's checks, in addition to six iPhones, to the addresses of Luton's friends. On two occasions, Luton made trips to the victim's home in Estes Park to pick up packages of cash. In total, the victim was scammed out of more than \$970,000.	Sentenced to 108 months' imprisonment; Supervised release ordered.	Rajay Dobson
USAO Connecticut	<i>U.S. v. Douglas Seneth</i>	21-cr-96	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant defrauded his grandparents by claiming to be a college student and inducing them into paying for nonexistent college tuition and related expenses.	Guilty plea	
USAO Connecticut	<i>U.S. v. Farouq Fasai, et al.</i>	20-cr-00051	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/three-men-guilty-scheme-defraud-elderly-and-vulnerable-victims-more-5-million">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/three-men-guilty-scheme-defraud-elderly-and-vulnerable-victims-more-5-million</a>	Convicted at trial	Rodney Thomas, Jr., Ralph Pierre

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USAO Connecticut	<i>U.S. v. Lee Blanchette</i>	3:21-cr-67	Criminal	Other - Bank Employee Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/farmington-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-103k-bank-customer">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/farmington-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-103k-bank-customer</a>	Sentenced to 12 months and one day in prison.	
USAO Connecticut	<i>U.S. v. Matthew Clason</i>	19-cr-292	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/cheshire-investment-advisor-sentenced-30-months-stealing-more-600k-elderly-client">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/cheshire-investment-advisor-sentenced-30-months-stealing-more-600k-elderly-client</a>	Sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment	
USAO District of Columbia	<i>U.S. v. Rosemary Ogbenna</i>	21-CR-672	Criminal	Failure of Care; Identity Theft; Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	The defendant operated a rooming house business and had tenants that needed assistance due to age or health issues and received SSA and VA benefits. Defendant's business entity became the representative payee for a number of her tenants and she used some of the benefits for her own personal gain.	Indictment	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Keith Ingersoll, et al.</i>	6:21-cr-00138	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants committed wire fraud involving defrauding an older victim of over \$10 million in relation to real estate investments.	Indictment	James Adamczyk
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Rossman</i>	8:20-cr-207-T-36JSS	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/cpa-pleads-guilty-defrauding-elderly-investors">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/cpa-pleads-guilty-defrauding-elderly-investors</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Lori Crofoot</i>	8:21-cr-243-KKM-CPT	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam	Crofoot was part of an international conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud. The conspirators targeted individuals who were seeking part-time employment online. In summary, they represented to the conspirators that they intended to hire them, sent them fraudulent cashier's checks as purported payments for their services, and then directed the victims to send out their personal funds from their accounts. The defendant was a money mule and recruited multiple individuals to participate as money mules in the conspiracy. The defendant is accountable for at least \$28,591 in losses.	Defendant sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay \$5150 restitution	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Lori Owen</i>	8:19-cr-587-33AEP	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/former-new-port-richey-resident-sentenced-more-five-years-connection-consumer-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/former-new-port-richey-resident-sentenced-more-five-years-connection-consumer-fraud</a>	Defendant sentenced to 5 years and three months in prison.	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Margaret Chevy</i>	8:21-cr-327-SDM-CPT	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant charged with conspiracy and wire fraud in connection with her role as a money mule for a romance scam. Chevy lured unsuspecting victims seeking romantic relationships. Chevy communicated with victims and acted as a money mule wherein she opened bank accounts around the region for the specific purpose of receiving fraud proceeds. The victims wired money directly into Chevy's accounts, and she then wired, withdrew, or otherwise transferred the funds to co-conspirators around the world, including in Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey. The fraud loss exceeds \$727,000.	Pending	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Nicole Sprague</i>	2:21-cr-87-JLB-MRM	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	Victims are contacted concerning the need for technical support, which the victims believe is a legitimate service. Shortly after the "security software" is installed on their computers and they pay the fee, victims then receive security threats. The telemarketers approach the victims offering a refund for the purchase of the original service. The victims are instructed to allow remote access to their computers and then to log into their online banking to allow for a direct deposit of the refund. The telemarketer then claim to accidentally deposit a large amount of money into victims' accounts. The victims are then given specific instructions to withdraw cash from their bank accounts and send the monies to individuals involved in the scheme who reside throughout the United States, including the Middle District of Florida. After the money has been sent, the victims then discover that the initial refund was not legitimate.	Pending	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Sarafina Braddy</i>	8:21-cr-371-MSS-AEP	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	Defendant pleaded guilty to laundering money as part of an international lottery scam.	Guilty plea	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Terrence James</i>	6:19-cr-00226-GAP-GJK	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/Psychic Fraud	One defendant charged with bulk cash smuggling, structuring, and false statements for lying about attempting to transport more than \$10,000 without reporting it when traveling from Orlando to Jamaica. The money was believed to be connected to the Jamaican lottery scheme.	Pending	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. William Perez</i>	22-cr-00133	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant picked up checks sent by victims of a Government Imposter Scam scheme and provided money to overseas conspirators.	Pending	

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USAO Florida, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Jeremie Saintvil</i>	1:21-cr-13-AW	Criminal	Identity Theft; COVID-19-related Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/delray-beach-man-sentenced-17-years-prison-bank-fraud-false-statements-and-aggravated">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/delray-beach-man-sentenced-17-years-prison-bank-fraud-false-statements-and-aggravated</a>	Sentenced to 204 months' imprisonment and supervised release; Restitution of approximately \$1.5 million imposed; Forfeiture of bank accounts	
USAO Florida, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Scott Haines</i>	3:22cr4-MCR	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Haines, a Florida deputy sheriff, schemed to defraud an older victim out of over \$10,000 by inserting himself into the victim's personal and business affairs, including at times while he was in uniform. Once confronted with the allegations, Haines made multiple false statements to federal agents. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/former-santa-rosa-county-deputy-sheriff-faces-federal-and-state-charges-fraud-related">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/former-santa-rosa-county-deputy-sheriff-faces-federal-and-state-charges-fraud-related</a>	Indictment	
USAO Florida, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Trevor Green</i>	3:22cr8-TKW	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Green worked for a Credit Union as a trainer of new employees. He used his position to fraudulently access dormant bank accounts of older customers and steal funds. In doing so, he moved the stolen proceeds through other customers' accounts.	Sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Issac Grossman</i>	19-60300-CR-ALTONAGA	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/south-florida-man-sentenced-7-years-federal-prison-multi-million-dollar-investment-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/south-florida-man-sentenced-7-years-federal-prison-multi-million-dollar-investment-scam</a>	Sentenced to 87 months' imprisonment	
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Ronaldo Green</i>	19-cr-60313	Criminal	Identity Theft	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/fort-lauderdale-jury-convicts-two-defendants-stealing-veteran-and-social-security">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/fort-lauderdale-jury-convicts-two-defendants-stealing-veteran-and-social-security</a>	Two defendants convicted at trial, one sentenced to 6 years and 6 months in prison.	
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sean Kerwin Bindranauth</i>	19-10016-CR-MARTINEZ	Criminal	Romance Scam; Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/key-west-man-sentenced-180-months-federal-prison-laundering-victim-funds-nigeria">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/key-west-man-sentenced-180-months-federal-prison-laundering-victim-funds-nigeria</a>	Sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment.	
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sherri Lynn Smith</i>	21-14023-CR-AMC	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/south-florida-caretaker-who-stole-hundreds-thousands-elderly-couple-pleads-guilty">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/south-florida-caretaker-who-stole-hundreds-thousands-elderly-couple-pleads-guilty</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. United States Department of Education</i>	21-21601	Civil	Identity Theft	Plaintiff, Rondel Haughton, 73 years old, alleges that in August 2014, Whitney Hamilton (the daughter of Haughton's ex-girlfriend), fraudulently and without Haughton's knowledge, took out a Direct PLUS student loan in his name in the amount of \$9,250.00. No payments were made on this loan, and the loan defaulted on December 9, 2015. On August 15, 2016, the Department of Education sent borrower a notice of Treasury offset. Borrower's federal tax return funds were offset three times in the combined amount of \$4,550.00. The current loan balance on this loan is \$8,049.82 (\$7,248.53 in principal and \$801.29 in interest). In his lawsuit, Haughton alleges that he did not sign the promissory note for the Direct PLUS loan and thus is not a legally enforceable debt and that the offset of his tax refund to satisfy that obligation was improper. He therefore seeks the return of funds that were taken from him via Treasury offset.	Pending	
USAO Georgia, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Colin Moore</i>	3:20-CR-43	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/athens-georgia-resident-sentenced-prison-elder-fraud-investigation">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/athens-georgia-resident-sentenced-prison-elder-fraud-investigation</a>	Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, Restitution imposed; Supervised release order.	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Aziz Choukri</i>	1:21-CR-0341	Criminal	Investment Fraud	The defendant befriended the victim, an older man suffering from cognitive decline, and convinced him to "invest" his money in the defendant's music production company. The victim ultimately lost his entire life savings, while the defendant enriched himself, doing very little business.	Guilty plea	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Durrell Tyler, et al.</i>	1:21-cr-93	Criminal	Identity Theft	Durrell Tyler, DeShawn Johnson, and Kenneth Jones used the dark web to find victims' information, and used their information to forward credit card information to themselves in order to take over and use the credit cards. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/two-georgia-men-sentenced-using-dark-web-steal-identities-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdga/pr/two-georgia-men-sentenced-using-dark-web-steal-identities-elderly-victims</a>	Two defendants sentenced to 70 and 42 months' imprisonment	DeShawn Johnson; Kenneth Jones

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USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Heidi Royal</i>	1:22-CR-12	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Royal, who was employed as an accountant at an Atlanta-based wealth management firm, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and aggravated identity theft in connection with a scheme to steal more than \$800,000 from one of the firm's clients, an older widow living with dementia.	Guilty plea	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Jianjie Liu</i>	1:20-CR-208	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; Business Imposter Scam	Liu was charged in an 11-count indictment with a money laundering conspiracy and 10 counts of substantive money laundering. Liu received funds from victims of various scams like the grandfather scam, Technical Support Fraud, government loan scam, SSN scam. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/chinese-national-pleads-guilty-money-laundering-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/chinese-national-pleads-guilty-money-laundering-scheme</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Brian Tisdale</i>	1:22-CR-0234	Criminal	Healthcare Fraud	Tisdale was charged by information for his role in an approximately \$5.9 million conspiracy to defraud Medicare and pay kickbacks. Tisdale owned two Durable Medical Equipment (DME) companies. Beginning as early as March 2020, Tisdale engaged in a scheme to pay kickbacks for Medicare beneficiaries' information and doctors' orders for DME. A substantial portion of the doctors' orders purchased by Tisdale contained signatures by physicians or other healthcare providers whose names and professional identifying information were used without the doctors' authorization and prior knowledge. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/telemedicine-case-summaries">https://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/telemedicine-case-summaries</a>	Indictment	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Brett Sabado</i>	1:21-cr-00226-TWT	Civil/ Criminal	False Claims	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/sandy-springs-man-sentenced-tricare-and-medicare-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/sandy-springs-man-sentenced-tricare-and-medicare-fraud-scheme</a>	Sentenced to 5 years imprisonment. Defendant required to pay \$950,000 as part of negotiated ability-to-pay civil settlement for False Claims Act violations	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Manu Chawla, et al.</i>	1:20cr399	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/multiple-india-based-call-centers-and-their-directors-indicted-perpetuating-phone-scams">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/multiple-india-based-call-centers-and-their-directors-indicted-perpetuating-phone-scams</a>	Superseding indictment	Archivers A Spirit, Sushil Sachdeva, Nitin Kumar Wadwani, Swarndeeep Singh, Fintalk Global, Dinesh Manohar Sachdev, Global Enterprises, Gaje Singh Rathmore, Shivaay Communication Private Limited, Sanket Modi, SM Technomine Private Limited, Rajiv Solanki, Technomind Info Solutions
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Nnamdi Marcellus MgBodile</i>	1:19cr439	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/georgia-man-who-laundered-millions-online-frauds-sentenced-13-years-federal-prison">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/georgia-man-who-laundered-millions-online-frauds-sentenced-13-years-federal-prison</a>	Sentenced to 13 years imprisonment.	
USAO Illinois, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Hirenkumar P. Chaudhari</i>	1:20cr407	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant used a phony Indian passport, false name, and false address to open multiple bank accounts in the United States to receive money from victims of the telemarketing scheme. The scheme involved phone calls from people falsely claiming to be associated with, among other agencies, the Social Security Administration and U.S. Department of Justice, stating that a victim's identity had been stolen and that it was necessary to transfer money to various bank accounts, including the accounts opened by Chaudhari.	Pending	
USAO Illinois, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Lucita Zamosas</i>	18 CR 677	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/north-suburban-financial-adviser-charged-fraud-allegedly-swindling-25-million-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/north-suburban-financial-adviser-charged-fraud-allegedly-swindling-25-million-elderly</a>	Sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$3,141,492.62	
USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Angela K. Stockamp</i>	22-CR-30020-SPM	Criminal	Medication Theft	Drug diversion case involving employee of nursing home in Alhambra, Illinois, who is accused of (1) diverting 36 Lorazepam (Ativan) tablets from a patient medication card on July 29, 2021 and (2) diverting two Lorazepam tablets by charting them to a patient on July 27, 2021 and August 9, 2021 who was no longer ordered to receive the medication and who tested negative by urinalysis within 12 hours of the dose on August 9, 2021.	Pending	

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USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jaykumar Patel</i>	21-cr-30118-DWD	Criminal	Imposter Scam	An older victim was defrauded of about \$80,000 and Patel was apprehended attempting to pick up some of this money in St. Petersburg, FL.	Pending	
USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Krista Brenner</i>	21-CR-30050-dwd	Criminal	Medication Theft	Nurse Krista Brenner was diverting nursing home residents' controlled substance prescriptions.	Pending	
USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Ronald Speiser, et al.</i>	21-cr-30119-SPM	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	This is an elder fraud case involving married targets, Ronald Speiser (age 80) and Jean Speiser. The older victim, Barbara Speiser (age 83), is Ronald's sister. Barbara designated Ronald as her power of attorney (POA) when she drafted her original will in April 2008. After Barbara recently sold her home and moved into assisted living, Ronald and Jean began abusing his POA authority by spending over \$200k out of Barbara's bank account without her knowledge or permission.	Ronald Speiser and Jean Speiser both received 12 months on probation, home detention; \$199,578.18 Restitution; \$200 Special Assessment	Jean Speiser
USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Erica Rose, et al.</i>	20-cr-30013-SMY	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Identity Theft	Rose is a home health care provider, and she would steal PII that was provided to McKinney in Mississippi. McKinney used the PII to make large purchases. Detectives from four local police departments (Edwardsville, Swansea, Belleville, and St. Clair) connected the dots that four older victims had their identities stolen after Rose worked in their homes. They then discovered that all four of the victims had their financial information used in varying degrees by McKinney and can be seen on video using the cards at area ATMs. In one instance, McKinney attempted to deposit a fraudulent check in the amount of \$48k in order to purchase a vehicle online. She used another victim's information to pay for her utility bills.	Pending	Ashley McKinney
USAO Indiana, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Ayodeji Emmanuel Oyewole</i>	1:21-cr-00280-SEB-TAB	Criminal	Romance Scam; Direct Deposit Scam	Oyewole, along with others, operated a variety of internet-facilitated scams, including romance scams and direct deposit scams, to obtain and attempt to obtain money from victim person and victim companies throughout the United States through false and fraudulent means, representations, and promises. To conceal and disguise the source of money obtained through fraud, Oyewole directed victim person and victim companies to send their money to other victim persons, whom Oyewole would then direct to send some or all of that money to other victim persons and so on until eventually the money would end up in an overseas bank account.	Pending	
USAO Indiana, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Darlens Renard, et al.</i>	21-cr-00123	Criminal	Grandparent Scam	Defendants received money from grandparent scam victims, kept a portion, and passed remaining money to his foreign co-conspirators.	Pending	Jasaun Pope, Princess Elizer, Jennifer Glemeau, Kareem Brown
USAO Indiana, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Edwin Agbi</i>	1:19-cr-00280-JRS-DLP	Criminal	Romance Scam	Agbi was a middleman in a scheme in which his co-conspirators used an online dating platform, designed for older people, to misrepresent their identities, pretend to be in relationships with the victims, and successfully solicit money from them. The co-conspirators would then direct the victims to send the money to Agbi, and Agbi would transfer the money to Nigeria.	Pending	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Carrie Martin</i>	22-CR-51	Criminal	Identity Theft; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant unlawfully obtained financial information of her victims from their power of attorney (POA), and then used the identity of the POAs to fraudulently obtain the victims' funds.	Indictment	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Matthew Bowlden</i>	22-cr-2025	Criminal	Medication Theft	Defendant was a nurse working at nursing homes, diverting patients' narcotics for his own use.	Indictment	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Shanan Smith</i>	22-cr-2014	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant used a power of attorney (POA) to access family funds she was unable to access otherwise and then used those funds for unauthorized purposes to benefit herself and not the protected party.	Indictment	
USAO Iowa, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Chelsea Gless</i>	4:20-cr-205	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant ran a precious metals business that purported to buy and sell precious metals. When defendant's business could not stay viable, she stole money and metals from older victims. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdia/pr/princeton-woman-sentenced-federal-prison-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdia/pr/princeton-woman-sentenced-federal-prison-fraud</a>	Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Iowa, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jeffrey Carley</i>	1:21-cr-010	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Carley was an investment broker and convinced older clients to invest in a product that did not exist - Carley stole their retirement funds. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdia/pr/treynor-man-sentenced-investment-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdia/pr/treynor-man-sentenced-investment-fraud-scheme</a>	Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	

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USAO Kansas	<i>U.S. v. Innocent Ugwu</i>	5:22-cr-40030	Criminal	Romance Scam	From an unknown date until January 2021, Ugwu is accused of conspiring with others to defraud money from individuals in the United States using false pretenses and promises, and the omission of material facts to carry out romance, advance fee, and other fraudulent schemes. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ks/pr/us-soldier-indicted-romance-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ks/pr/us-soldier-indicted-romance-scheme</a>	Indictment	
USAO Kansas	<i>U.S. v. Michael Capps</i>	21-cr-10073	Criminal	COVID-19-related Fraud	Michael Capps, 43, of Wichita is the owner and/or majority owner of Midwest Business Groups, LLC and Krivacy, LLC. Court documents also indicate he is a member of the Fourth and Long Foundation. Capps is accused of submitting false and fraudulent documents on behalf of the companies to the Small Business Administration (SBA) for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), as well as to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Business Working Capital grants, and to Sedgwick County for a Sedgwick County Cares grant. Capps also allegedly sent false and fraudulent documents to Emprise Bank to receive a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ks/pr/wichita-businessman-faces-19-counts-covid-relief-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ks/pr/wichita-businessman-faces-19-counts-covid-relief-fraud</a>	Pending	
USAO Kansas	<i>U.S. v. Terie Lee Elkins</i>	21-cr-40092	Criminal	COVID-19-related Fraud; Unemployment Fraud	Elkins is charged with wire fraud and money laundering for unlawfully obtaining Unemployment Insurance benefits from multiple states.	Pending	
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Melissa Howard</i>	1:21-CR-024	Criminal	Medication Theft	Howard, a nurse by trade, is charged with consumer product tampering for stealing and using fentanyl patches intended for older patients and endangering those in her care in the process.	Indictment	
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Robert Bondonno, et al.</i>	3:20-cr-009	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Four defendants indicted on wire fraud, mail fraud, and money laundering charges in an investment fraud scheme. Older victims believed they were investing in a substance abuse rehabilitation facility; losses exceeded \$519,000. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/nevada-man-convicted-federal-jury-fraud-and-money-laundering">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/nevada-man-convicted-federal-jury-fraud-and-money-laundering</a>	Bondonno: Convicted at trial; Van Oden, guilty plea, sentenced to probation; Dawkins: guilty plea; Ainsworth: guilty plea.	Bearkes Ainsworth, Gregory W. Dawkins, Courtland Van Oden
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Roy Wayne Jenkins</i>	3:21-CR-061	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Jenkins is charged with bank fraud for a scheme to defraud an older victim living with dementia. Using forgery and unauthorized online account access, Jenkins posed as his victim's POA and converted more than \$285,000 for his own use and funneled hundreds of thousands more into his failing business.	Guilty plea	
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Acdane Campbell</i>	20-123	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Campbell was a money mule for a Jamaican-based lottery scam.	Defendant sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Custodio, et al.</i>	19-202	Criminal	Timeshare Scam	Defendants from Mexico induced victims to sell or rent their Timeshare to fictitious persons and were then pressured to pay fees/taxes/expenses.	Four of the six original defendants have been sentenced. Two received 18 months, one received 48 months, and one received 60 months. All four are also subject to immediate deportation.	Martin Aceves Custodio, Liza Flanery Fierro, Claudia Antillon Zahuita, Sergio Leon Kuri, Jesus Ledesma Bernal, Julio Rivera Rojas
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Emmanuel Ugbara</i>	21-130	Criminal	Romance Scam	Ugbaja is a money mule for Nigerian based scams which include romance scams against older adults.	Pending	
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Karen Tigler</i>	21-28	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant was a bank teller who embezzled funds from an older client.	Guilty plea	
USAO Louisiana, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Mohammad Alam</i>	22-20-JWD-SDJ	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	Defendant was the money mule in an international computer technical support fraud scheme. The scheme took in over \$340,000 from at least 32 victims. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-computer-fraud-scheme-targeted-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-computer-fraud-scheme-targeted-elderly</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Louisiana, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Monty Matthews</i>	22-25-JWD-RLB	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Over a 5-year period, the defendant used fraudulent means to get an older couple to provide him with approximately \$1,000,000 in order to obtain a "promised high interest rate." Additionally, the defendant posed as a law enforcement officer and threatened the victims with arrest and physical harm if they did not provide additional funds.	Guilty plea	

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USAO Louisiana, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Shawn Phillips</i>	21-CR-80-BAJ-EWD	Criminal	Fraud against a Veteran	Defendant convinced older veteran to loan him over \$50,000, claiming he needed money until his large inheritance came in. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/baton-rouge-man-sentenced-federal-prison-defrauding-elderly-veteran#:~:text=announced%20that%20U.S.%20District%20Judge,to%20his%20pending%20state%20charges.">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/baton-rouge-man-sentenced-federal-prison-defrauding-elderly-veteran#:~:text=announced%20that%20U.S.%20District%20Judge,to%20his%20pending%20state%20charges.</a>	Sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Louisiana, Western	<i>U.S. v. Eliza Rolax</i>	2:22-cr-00098	Criminal	Benefits Fraud	Eliza Rolax wrongfully received social security benefits that belonged to an older woman between 2013 and 2018, totaling \$65,315.	Pending	
USAO Louisiana, Western	<i>U.S. v. Kimberly Mahoney, et al.</i>	5:22-cr-00110	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement	Kimberly Mahoney and Aletha Short had been hired to act as companion sitters for an older nursing home resident living with dementia. Mahoney and Short reported to the older resident's guardian that they provided services between March and October 2020 when in-fact they failed to report to work. Mahoney and Short communicated with the guardian through text messages and purported to tell her whenever they arrived and left the facility, creating the false impression that they had reported to work.	Pending	Aletha Short
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Catherine Fleishman, et al.</i>	21-CR-00500-PWG USAO 2018R00756	Criminal	Debt Elimination Scheme	During the debt elimination classes, Hicks and Mendoza allegedly told victims that on the back of their social security cards and birth certificates, there was a special bank account number with funds owed to the victims by the U.S. government. The defendants also allegedly informed the victim-debtors that they could create "trusts" into which they could transfer their assets without transferring any attendant consumer debt. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/indictment-charges-two-individuals-including-one-who-posed-lawyer-wire-and-mail-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/indictment-charges-two-individuals-including-one-who-posed-lawyer-wire-and-mail-fraud</a>	Indictment	Willie Lamont Hicks; Mary Ann Mendoza.
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Christopher Guy</i>	21-CR-00215-GLR USAO 2020R00920	Criminal	Unemployment Benefits Fraud; Identity Theft	Guy and his co-conspirators submitted fraudulent applications, using the personal information of identity theft victims, claiming unemployment benefits to which they were not entitled. The applications were submitted through the internet to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) and other state workforce agencies. Based on the fraudulent applications, OESC and other workforce agencies disbursed benefits, including FPUC funds, through debit cards issued in the names of the identity theft victims. The debit cards were mailed to addresses in Maryland and elsewhere, that were accessible to Guy and other conspirators. Guy and his co-conspirators used the debit cards to withdraw money and to conduct retail transactions. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/florida-man-pleads-guilty-federal-charges-scheme-fraudulently-obtain-unemployment">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/florida-man-pleads-guilty-federal-charges-scheme-fraudulently-obtain-unemployment</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Comer, et al.</i>	21-CR-00380-SAG	Criminal	Identity Theft	Comer and Gilmore conspired with others to finance the purchase of vehicles by using the stolen identities of real persons, fraudulent checks, and misappropriated bank account numbers. Allegedly, in at least one occasion, the defendants did not make payments on fraudulently obtained loans and retained the vehicles for themselves. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-individuals-charged-identity-theft-after-using-stolen-identities-deceased-and-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-individuals-charged-identity-theft-after-using-stolen-identities-deceased-and-elderly</a>	Indictment	Doreen Gilmore
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Curtis Larnell Russell</i>	21-mj-2816-CBD 2021R00620	Criminal	Identity Theft	Russell breaks into vehicles in parking areas near national parks and other areas where people go to hike, etc. He steals wallets and purses the victims left behind in the cars and then uses the credit cards to buy merchandise and (mostly) gift cards the same day at a variety of stores (e.g., CVS, Walgreen's, Giant, Macy's, Safeway, Nordstrom).	Criminal complaint filed.	

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USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Diape Seck, et al.</i>	TDC-20-317 USAO 2020R00154	Criminal	Mail Theft	Defendants conspired to steal checks from the U.S. mail intended for religious institutions and deposit the illegally obtained funds into multiple fraudulent bank accounts at various victim financial institutions. Conspirators, including Vaduva, conducted the thefts by driving to roadside mailboxes of churches and other religious institutions and removing the mail, specifically targeting donation checks and deposited them into fraudulently opened bank accounts to convert them to their own use, with the help of two bank insiders. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/foreign-national-involved-religious-institution-check-theft-conspiracy-sentenced-over#:~:text=Greenbelt%2C%20Maryland%20%E2%80%93%20U.S.%20District%20Judge,bank%20fraud%20and%20wire%20fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/foreign-national-involved-religious-institution-check-theft-conspiracy-sentenced-over#:~:text=Greenbelt%2C%20Maryland%20%E2%80%93%20U.S.%20District%20Judge,bank%20fraud%20and%20wire%20fraud</a>	Marius Vaduva sentenced to 42 months' imprisonment, followed by 5 years of supervised release, and \$1,334,230.84 in restitution. Florin Vaduva sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment, 3 years' supervised release, \$100 special assessment, restitution in the amount of \$1,096,660.11, and a \$33,518.44 forfeiture money judgment	Daniel Velcu; Marian Unguru; Vali Unguru; Florin Vaduva; Dania Beach; Nicolae Gindac; Mateus Vaduva
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Medard Ulysse, et al.</i>	21-CR-00054-RDB, 19-CF-00567-GLR	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Allegedly part of an international "Grandparent Fraud" scheme where they collected more than \$1.5 million in cash payments by falsely telling victims that a relative—typically a grandchild—needed money for bail, legal fees, and other expenses. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-florida-men-and-baltimore-woman-facing-federal-indictment-maryland-nationwide-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-florida-men-and-baltimore-woman-facing-federal-indictment-maryland-nationwide-scheme</a>	One defendant plead guilty; two pending trial; rest pending sentencing	David Green; Mcarnold Charlemagne; Amaya English; Eghosasere Avboraye-Igbinedion; Medard Ulysse
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Michael Odell Anderson</i>	21-CR-00290-RDB	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Anderson conspired with others to defraud older victims by posing as a bail bondsman, lawyer, or relative on phone calls and convincing the victim to send money for the purported legal expenses of a loved one, generally a grandchild. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/man-facing-federal-charge-conspiracy-commit-wire-fraud-relation-elder-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/man-facing-federal-charge-conspiracy-commit-wire-fraud-relation-elder-fraud-scheme</a>	Indictment	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Oluwaseyi Akinyemi</i>	TDC-21-454	Criminal	Covid-19-related Fraud; Unemployment Fraud	Members of the conspiracy targeted older victims on social media platforms, representing themselves as agents of both real and fictitious government agencies and offered victims non-existent financial rewards if the victims first sent cash, money orders, or gift cards to cover associated "taxes and fees." Conspirators even impersonated social media accounts of the victim's friends to vouch for their fraudulent financial scheme. Believing that they would receive a financial reward, the victims sent cash, money orders, gift cards, and other valuable items through the mail to Akinyemi as well as other members of the conspiracy in order to obtain a financial reward. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-eight-years-federal-prison-elder-fraud-scheme-and-unrelated">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-eight-years-federal-prison-elder-fraud-scheme-and-unrelated</a>	Sentenced to 8 years' imprisonment; Resitution ordered; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Isidore Iwuagwu</i>	22-MJ-2296-TJS	Criminal	Romance Scam	A federal criminal complaint has been filed charging Isidore Iwuagwu, age 35, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, with the federal charge of conspiring to commit money laundering related to numerous online romance scams. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/special-deputy-united-states-marshall-facing-federal-charges-money-laundering-related">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/special-deputy-united-states-marshall-facing-federal-charges-money-laundering-related</a>	Criminal complaint filed.	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Chukwunonso Douglas Umegbo</i>	21-CR-10066	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant charged with assisting a romance scam.	Pending	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Felix Gorovodsky</i>	21-CR-10136	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/swampscott-financial-advisor-sentenced-stealing-former-clients-retirement-assets">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/swampscott-financial-advisor-sentenced-stealing-former-clients-retirement-assets</a>	Sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Francis Okafor</i>	22-cr-10095	Criminal	Loan Scam; Romance Scam	Defendant charged with bank fraud for a case involving victimization of older adults through a loan/advanced fee scam and a romance scam.	Pending	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Jayne Carbone</i>	20-CR-10048	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/saugus-woman-sentenced-54-months-prison-scheme-defraud-elderly-uncle-over-490000">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/saugus-woman-sentenced-54-months-prison-scheme-defraud-elderly-uncle-over-490000</a>	Convicted at trial; Sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Kofi Osei</i>	21-CR-10064	Criminal	Romance Scam	Ghanian national charged with aiding a romance scam that victimized three individuals.	Pending	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Macpherson Osemwegia</i>	21-cr-10219	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/nigerian-national-pleads-guilty-various-online-fraud-schemes">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/nigerian-national-pleads-guilty-various-online-fraud-schemes</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Mark Arome Okuo</i>	21-CR-10309	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/nigerian-national-indicted-connection-romance-schemes">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/nigerian-national-indicted-connection-romance-schemes</a>	Indictment	



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USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Mike Oziegbe Amiegbe</i>	21-CR-10339	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/nigerian-national-pleads-guilty-role-online-scams">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/nigerian-national-pleads-guilty-role-online-scams</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Paul McGonigle</i>	21-CR-10181	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/middleboro-financial-advisor-charged-superseding-indictment-investment-adviser-fraud-and">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/middleboro-financial-advisor-charged-superseding-indictment-investment-adviser-fraud-and</a>	Superseding indictment	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Rushell Harris</i>	21-cr-10275	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/former-nantucket-bank-employee-sentenced-role-two-fraud-schemes">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/former-nantucket-bank-employee-sentenced-role-two-fraud-schemes</a>	Sentenced to 4 months' imprisonment	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Steven Xigoros</i>	21-cr-10286	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/lowell-money-manager-indicted-defrauding-clients-out-millions-dollars">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/lowell-money-manager-indicted-defrauding-clients-out-millions-dollars</a>	Indictment	
USAO Michigan, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Alan Lee Hardy</i>	21-CR-20262	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	A bank teller took advantage of a 90-year-old victim by embezzling funds from his account. The teller inflated the victim's withdrawal slips and pocketed the additional funds; he also initiated unauthorized wire transfers from the victim's account.	Supervised release ordered	
USAO Michigan, Western	<i>U.S. v. James Black, et al.</i>	1:19-CR-190	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	Defendant defrauded an older Holland, Michigan, homeowner out of nearly \$300,000 in a fraudulent roof repair scheme.	Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	Tyler Harris
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Carol Olberg</i>	20-cr-285	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	Pending	
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Cody Timmerman, et al.</i>	20-cr-233	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	Pending	Irma Beatrice Timmerman; Sierra Iris Dawn Gallegos; Justin Donald Suhajda; Todd Allen Hughes
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Daniel Mathias, et al.</i>	20-cr-231	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	Pending	Vasean Berioisova Ricks; Diana Relell Logan; Ivory Denise Alexander; Angel Wilson; Sharon Denise McEtwen; Ronald Ollo Coleman; Rita Antoinete Albritton
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Jeremy Wilson</i>	21-cr-101	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	Pending	
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Michael Oelrich</i>	20-cr-128	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	s	Pending	

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USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Russell Rahm, et al.</i>	20-cr-232	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	Pending	Terry Lynn Christensen; Jannice Kristina Laur; Petra Jinette Laboy; David John Moulder; Anthony Eugene Moulder; Rhonda Jean moulder; Barbara Ann Moulder; Luis Orlando Mendizbi; Jeffrey Lee Smoliak; John Michael Blalock; Lloyd Joseph Loftis; Bryand Jarode Critten; Natesha Jahmelia Marson; Thomas Anthanasios Kristisis; Daniel Morris Klibanoff; Brian Douglas Cox; John Thomas Harbert; Amondo Antoine Miller; Kiley Marie Saindon; Henry Aragon; LUCille J. Patterson; James Anthony Sierra; Tara Nicole Creason; Yvonne Patterson; Caritie A. Seelye; Jennifer Lynn Girardin; Jessica Marie Prince; Brian James Williams; Tashena Lavera Crump; Jared thomas Michelizzi; Eri Patrick McGarrity; Andrew John Landsem; Ballam Hazeakiah Dudley; Caitlin Colleen Schlusser; Monica Saina SHarma-Hnsen; Timothy Paul Hanssen; Corlos Kentrell Smith; Staey Leigh Persons; Patricia Nichole Shinn; Leeann Garcia Eric Stephen Esherick
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Wayne Dahl</i>	18-cr-305	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	Pending	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Glenda Seim</i>	4:21CR202 SRC	Criminal	Romance Scam/Money Mule	Seim was involved with someone she met online. She served as a money mule for frauds despite warnings from wire transfer agencies, local police officers, federal law enforcement, and bank representatives.	Guilty plea	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Linda Matson</i>	4:21CR654 SEP	Criminal	Romance Scam/Money Mule	Defendant was advised by Postal authorities that she was a victim in a romance scheme. After being advised of it, and receiving a money mule letter, defendant began deceiving her family members into sending \$590K that she forwarded to the individuals who had defrauded her.	Indictment	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Rotimi Oladimeji, et al.</i>	4:21CR00423 RWS	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/two-texas-men-charged-stealing-over-million-dollars-romance-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/two-texas-men-charged-stealing-over-million-dollars-romance-scam</a>	Indictment	Olumide Akinrinmade
USAO Missouri, Western	<i>U.S. v. Badetito Obafemi</i>	21-3085	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmo/pr/two-defendants-indicted-during-nationwide-money-mule-initiative">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmo/pr/two-defendants-indicted-during-nationwide-money-mule-initiative</a>	Indictment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Craig Draper</i>	CR 21-20-M-DWM	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	Draper ran a construction company and sent invoices to customers for specific work and materials, but used the payments for personal expenses including running a car racing business and racetrack. Loss amount is approximately \$550,000. Half of the ten victims are over the age of 60.	Sentenced to 70 months' imprisonment; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Debra Roeber</i>	CR 22-15-BU-DLC	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Roeber was the POA and guardian of the 75-year-old blind victim: Jane Doe. Roeber embezzled approximately \$680,000 from Doe and used the money to purchase a lake house, vehicles, furniture, and a pontoon boat. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/butte-woman-admits-stealing-more-600000-victim-under-her-guardianship">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/butte-woman-admits-stealing-more-600000-victim-under-her-guardianship</a>	Guilty plea	

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USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Elizabeth Stephenson</i>	CR 21-28-BLG-SPW	Criminal	Identity Theft; Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement	Stephenson worked at an assisted living facility and stole money from a 96-year-old resident who gave Stephenson his debit card and PIN to buy him a six-pack of beer. Over the next month, Stephenson used the card to withdraw over \$16,000 from ATMs, spent over \$1,000 on Telmate fees to talk to her boyfriend in jail, and used the victim's credit card to pay \$3,500 for a criminal defense attorney. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/former-billings-nursing-home-worker-admits-stealing-elderly-resident">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/former-billings-nursing-home-worker-admits-stealing-elderly-resident</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Gina Mann</i>	CR 22-17-BLG-DLC	Criminal	Identity Theft; Relative/Care-taker Fraud or Embezzlement	After the 74-year-old victim's wife died, Mann offered to manage his finances. She convinced him to create an online banking account which she controlled and depleted and then opened new credit cards in his name accumulating over \$115,000 in unauthorized charges.	Indictment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Ira Kyrk Westbrook</i>	CR-22-14-BU-DLC	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Ira Westbrook's father, John Doe, 72, travelled from New Mexico to Montana to visit his son. Doe had suffered several strokes and now has limited mobility and speech. He never returned to New Mexico and was placed in a nursing home. Ira was appointed as a fiduciary for Doe's SSA and VA benefits and Ira diverted over \$50,000 for his own personal expenses from December 2019 to March 2021.	Indictment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Kathy Hendrickson</i>	CR-32-M-DWM	Criminal	Cyberstalking	Hendrickson was in a romantic relationship with the victim, who is over age 60. When they broke up she stalked him, stole his email password (and other passwords), and then sent emails (while posing as the victim) to the Sanders County Commissioners threatening to kill them. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/jury-convicts-washington-woman-cyberstalking-harassing-threatening-montana-man-public">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/jury-convicts-washington-woman-cyberstalking-harassing-threatening-montana-man-public</a> ; <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/washington-woman-sentenced-52-months-prison-cyberstalking-and-harassing-montana-man">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/washington-woman-sentenced-52-months-prison-cyberstalking-and-harassing-montana-man</a>	Convicted at trial. Sentenced to 52 months' imprisonment; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Kim Schildt</i>	CR 21-83-GF-BMM	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Schildt was appointed guardian/conservator of her older mother who is living with dementia. The victim received approximately \$300,000 in land buy-back money from the Blackfeet tribe. Schildt spent that money and more in four months on things like vehicles and plastic surgery for herself, which was contrary to her fiduciary duty to her mother. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/informational-federal-court-arraignments-162">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/informational-federal-court-arraignments-162</a>	Charged	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Lynn Bapp Tempel</i>	CR-20-75-GF-BMM	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	Tempel stole over \$500,000 from an older victim in a housing construction scam. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/finance-manager-great-falls-construction-company-charged-embezzling-more-565000">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/finance-manager-great-falls-construction-company-charged-embezzling-more-565000</a>	Sentenced to 14 months' imprisonment; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Shantyl Giacometto</i>	CR 22-19-BU-DLC	Criminal	Medication Theft	While working as a full-time nurse at a hospital, Giacometto stole oxycodone, hydrocodone, and morphine from the hospital claiming the drugs were for patients. When caught and fired, Giacometto moved on to assisted living facilities and, eventually, in-home care and continued to steal the drugs directly from patients, nearly all of whom were older adults.	Indictment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Theresa Chabot</i>	CR 22-18-M-DLC	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Romance Scam/Money Mule	Chabot was the money mule in situations that involved romance scams, investment scams, advance pay fee scams, etc. Upon receiving millions of dollars, Chabot would take a cut and then send it overseas to the United Arab Emirates. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/kalispell-businesswoman-accused-running-money-mule-business-launder-funds-overseas-wire">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/kalispell-businesswoman-accused-running-money-mule-business-launder-funds-overseas-wire</a>	Indictment	
USAO Nebraska	<i>U.S. v. Wendy J. Bailey</i>	8:21CR244	Criminal	Business Imposter Scam; Investment Fraud; Loan Scam; Romance Scam	Defendant was charged in a mail fraud scheme. Bailey occupied the role of an intermediary between those running the scheme and the victims.	Pending	

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USAO New Hampshire	<i>U.S. v. Ian Freeman</i>	21-cr-41-JL	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam; Investment Fraud; Romance Scam	Ian Freeman operated a sophisticated, unlawful money services business (MSB) selling millions of dollars of virtual currency. By operating an unlicensed MSB, Freeman sold bitcoin without abiding by any FinCEN and Bank Secrecy Act regulations which require MSBs to, among other things, have an anti-money laundering program and collect know-your-customer information. As a result, a substantial percentage of Freeman's customers were fraudsters who paid Freeman's higher fees in exchange for anonymity. The investigation revealed these fraudsters perpetrated all manner of fraudulent schemes, including those targeting older individuals.	Pending	Aria DiMezzo, Coleen Fordham; Renee Spinella; Andrew Spinella; Nobody (formerly Richard Paul)
USAO New Hampshire	<i>U.S. v. Sunna Sepetu</i>	22-cr-0046-SE	Criminal	Romance Scam	Two separate romance scams were perpetrated on two U.S. based older female victims. Funds were laundered through bank accounts under the control of several defendants.	Pending	Nafis Quate, Stella Osabutey
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Arushobike Mitra</i>	21-cr-442	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-indian-nationals-admit-receiving-over-12-million-global-robocall-scam-defrauded">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-indian-nationals-admit-receiving-over-12-million-global-robocall-scam-defrauded</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Garbita Mitra</i>	21-cr-441	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-indian-nationals-admit-receiving-over-12-million-global-robocall-scam-defrauded">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-indian-nationals-admit-receiving-over-12-million-global-robocall-scam-defrauded</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Georg Ingenbleek</i>	20-CR-628	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	German citizen charged with mailing solicitations from supposedly world-renowned psychics. Letters promised they would receive large prizes and asked for a fee.	Pending	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Maaz Ahmed Shamsi</i>	21-cr-600	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-receiving-over-600000-global-robocall-scam-defrauded-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-receiving-over-600000-global-robocall-scam-defrauded-elderly</a>	Sentenced to 27 months' imprisonment	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Nordia Smith</i>	21-mj-15488	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Defendant defrauded victims into paying "taxes" on fraudulent lottery winnings.	Pending	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Perry Osagiede</i>	21-cr-392	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/eight-nigerians-charged-conspiring-engage-internet-scams-and-money-laundering-cape-town">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/eight-nigerians-charged-conspiring-engage-internet-scams-and-money-laundering-cape-town</a>	Indictment	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Rubbin Sarpong</i>	21-cr-865	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/cumberland-county-man-admits-conspiring-commit-wire-fraud-money-laundering-and-tax">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/cumberland-county-man-admits-conspiring-commit-wire-fraud-money-laundering-and-tax</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. William Kwabena Goeah</i>	22-cr-9160	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/four-individuals-charged-conspiring-launders-money-obtained-romance-scams">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/four-individuals-charged-conspiring-launders-money-obtained-romance-scams</a>	Indictment	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Zeeshan Khan</i>	21-cr-599	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-receiving-over-600000-global-robocall-scam-defrauded-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-receiving-over-600000-global-robocall-scam-defrauded-elderly</a>	Sentenced to 27 months' imprisonment	
USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Bryan Abraham, et al.</i>	21-CR-411	Criminal	Identity Theft	Defendants stole personal identifying information of dozens of victims and used that information to file false unemployment insurance claims, resulting in approximately \$2 million in losses.	Pending	Angel Cabrera, Armani Miller, Andre Ruddock, Gianni Stewart, Carlos Vasquez
USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Joseph Degregorio</i>	22-CR-30 (KAM)	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Degregorio was a stock broker who reached out by telephone to former and new older clients in order to sell them investments in fictitious companies, resulting in approximately \$1 million in losses.	Guilty plea	
USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Mara Ficarra</i>	18-CR-679	Criminal	Other - Reference Publications	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/southampton-woman-pleads-guilty-elder-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/southampton-woman-pleads-guilty-elder-fraud-scheme</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Muhammad Naveed</i>	21-CR-523 (DG)	Criminal	Romance Scam	Naveed was a money launderer who laundered money on behalf of various criminal schemes, including a romance fraud scheme perpetrated against at least three older victims.	Sentenced to 46 months' imprisonment	
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Adedayo John, et al.</i>	21-CR-609	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	Defendants were charged in connection with a money laundering and bank fraud conspiracy in which they laundered funds on behalf of a criminal enterprise that engaged in BEC and romance scams involving both older and non-older victims. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/us-attorney-announces-charges-against-11-members-money-laundering-and-bank-fraud-ring">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/us-attorney-announces-charges-against-11-members-money-laundering-and-bank-fraud-ring</a>	Indictment	Oluwadamilola Akinpelu, Kazeem Raheem, Morakinyo Gbeyide, Warris Adenuga, Smart Agunbiade, Lateef Goloba, Samsondeen Goloba, Olawale Olaniyan, Olawoyin Peter Olarewaju, Emmanuel Oronsaye-Ajayi, Aramiwale Shittu
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Farouk Appiedu, et al.</i>	21-CR-88	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/top-money-launderer-ghana-based-criminal-enterprise-sentenced-nine-years">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/top-money-launderer-ghana-based-criminal-enterprise-sentenced-nine-years</a> ; <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-jersey-man-convicted-laundering-millions-fraud-schemes-targeting-victims-across">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-jersey-man-convicted-laundering-millions-fraud-schemes-targeting-victims-across</a>	One defendant sentenced to 108 months' imprisonment; Restitution and forfeiture; Supervised release. Another defendant convicted at trial	Freeman Celvin, Lord Aning

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USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jennifer Shah, et al.</i>	19-CR-833	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	Defendants operated a multi-year fraud and money laundering scheme that falsely convinced victims to invest in bogus work-from-home schemes. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/realty-show-cast-member-pleads-guilty-running-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/realty-show-cast-member-pleads-guilty-running-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme</a>	All defendants pleaded guilty.	Anthony Cheedie, Stuart Smith, Kevin Handren, Cameron Brewster, Chad Allen, Shane Hanna, Joseph Ciaccio, Joseph Minetto, Derrek Larkin, Joseph DePaola, Mattie Cirilo
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Romana Leyva, et al.</i>	19-CR-667	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	Technical support fraud scheme defrauded approximately 7,500 victims, many of whom were older adults, out of more than \$10 million. Defendants included individual who created the corporate infrastructure; registered entities, websites, and opened bank accounts; and recruited others to open shell entities in furtherance of the fraud; a defendant, who was a former bank manager, who opened corporate entities; and the manager of the India-based call center.	Two defendants sentenced to 100 months' and 12 months' imprisonment. Third defendant arrested.	Ariful Haque, Vinoth Ponmaran
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sadick Edusei Kissi</i>	2-1RCR-64	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/north-dakota-man-convicted-laundering-over-one-million-dollars-schemes-targeting">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/north-dakota-man-convicted-laundering-over-one-million-dollars-schemes-targeting</a>	Convicted at trial.	
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Tourey Rufai, et al.</i>	18-CR-201	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/convicted-bronx-fraudster-who-fled-ghana-prior-serving-sentence-extradited-united">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/convicted-bronx-fraudster-who-fled-ghana-prior-serving-sentence-extradited-united</a>	Sentenced to 4 years imprisonment; Restitution and forfeiture; Supervised release; Sentenced to 70 months imprisonment; Restitution and forfeiture; Supervised release	Mubarak Baturi, Abdul Rashid Masoud, Prince Nana Aggrey
USAO New York, Western	<i>U.S. v. Brian Bartz</i>	21-cr-6055	Criminal	Identity Theft	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/former-insurance-broker-going-prison-defrauding-insurance-companies-and-individual">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/former-insurance-broker-going-prison-defrauding-insurance-companies-and-individual</a>	Sentenced to 70 months' imprisonment	
USAO New York, Western	<i>U.S. v. Jennifer Campbell</i>	22-cr-82	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/niagara-falls-woman-who-allegedly-stole-hundreds-thousands-dollars-investment-firm">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/niagara-falls-woman-who-allegedly-stole-hundreds-thousands-dollars-investment-firm</a>	Indictment	
USAO New York, Western	<i>U.S. v. Marin Hogan</i>	21-CR-06012	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/canadian-man-going-prison-his-role-scheme-defrauded-elderly-victims-out-2600000">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/canadian-man-going-prison-his-role-scheme-defrauded-elderly-victims-out-2600000</a>	Sentenced to 111 months' imprisonment	
USAO New York, Western	<i>U.S. v. Thomas Mann</i>	21-cr-6132	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/investment-club-treasurer-going-prison-two-years-embezzling-hundreds-thousands-dollars">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/investment-club-treasurer-going-prison-two-years-embezzling-hundreds-thousands-dollars</a>	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Furman Alexander Ford</i>	5:20-CR-351	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	The defendant, a former New York Life financial advisor based in Raleigh, NC, was convicted at trial of mail fraud, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft in connection with a scheme to embezzle over \$1.3 million from a 72-year-old client. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/raleigh-man-sentenced-mail-fraud-wire-fraud-and-identity-theft-stealing-elderly-client">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/raleigh-man-sentenced-mail-fraud-wire-fraud-and-identity-theft-stealing-elderly-client</a>	Sentenced to 132 months' imprisonment	
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Samuel Ugberaese, et al.</i>	5:21-CR-27-BO	Criminal	Romance Scam	The co-defendant Oluwadamilare Kolaogunbule pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering for opening, maintaining, and controlling approximately 20 different bank accounts at 7 different banks that were used to receive more than \$2 million in romance scam proceeds.	Sentenced to 132 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	Oluwadamilare Kolaogunbule
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Samuel Ugberaese</i>	5:21-CR-28	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/georgia-man-sentenced-conspiring-launder-25-million-romance-scam-proceeds">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/georgia-man-sentenced-conspiring-launder-25-million-romance-scam-proceeds</a>	Sentenced to 71 months' imprisonment	
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Tracey McNeil</i>	5:20-Cr-474	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/raeford-certified-nursing-assistant-sentenced-elder-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/raeford-certified-nursing-assistant-sentenced-elder-fraud</a>	Sentenced to one year and one day	
USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. All Cryptocurrency, Virtual Currency, Funds, Monies, and Other Things of Value</i>	5:22-cv-15	Civil	Romance Scam	Cryptocurrency seizure following online romance fraud scheme.	Estimated Monetary Judgement of \$329,000	
USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. Cryptocurrency Held in the Coinbase, Inc. Account with User ID 5b365c6897a1d60d1f1164a6</i>	1:21cv00356	Civil	Government Imposter Scam	Forfeiture and return of stolen cryptocurrency to older individual victimized by Government Imposter Scam. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/us-attorney-dena-j-king-announces-successful-forfeiture-and-return-stolen">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/us-attorney-dena-j-king-announces-successful-forfeiture-and-return-stolen</a>	Estimated monetary judgement of \$574,766	

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USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. Lindsey Allison Kerns</i>	1:21cr00115	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant stole more than \$1 million from two older clients in her care. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/home-health-care-provider-sentenced-prison-stealing-more-1-million-two-elderly-clients">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/home-health-care-provider-sentenced-prison-stealing-more-1-million-two-elderly-clients</a>	Sentenced to 45 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Ohio, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Raymond A. Erker</i>	1:20CR478	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant Raymond A. Erker targeted older investors with a private annuity scam that resulted in 54 investors investing \$9.3 million in retirement funds with him. Erker set up call centers in Delaware and Nevada that purported to be legitimate companies. Erker paid distributions to prior investors with funds from new investors. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/former-westlake-investment-advisor-convicted-stealing-more-93-million-clients-ponzi">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/former-westlake-investment-advisor-convicted-stealing-more-93-million-clients-ponzi</a>	Convicted at trial.	Kevin M. Krantz, Tara M. Brunst
USAO Ohio, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Gina Palmer</i>	5:21-cr-314	Criminal	Identity Theft	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/akron-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-older-victim">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/akron-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-older-victim</a>	Sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment; Restitution of \$12,524; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Ohio, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Javon Jonathan Spencer</i>	1:21-cr-881	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/jamaican-national-charged-role-sweepstakes-scheme-targeted-older-americans">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/jamaican-national-charged-role-sweepstakes-scheme-targeted-older-americans</a>	Indictment	
USAO Ohio, Northern	<i>U.S. v. John Tyler Pla, et al.</i>	1:20-cr-716	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/two-florida-men-sentenced-running-grandparent-scam-northern-ohio">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/two-florida-men-sentenced-running-grandparent-scam-northern-ohio</a> <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/two-florida-men-sentenced-running-grandparent-scam-northern-ohio">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/two-florida-men-sentenced-running-grandparent-scam-northern-ohio</a>	Defendants sentenced to 37 and 33 months' of imprisonment; Restitution ordered; Supervised release ordered.	Johnny Lee Palmer
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Christopher Thornton</i>	2:22-cr-21	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant charged with wire fraud for falsely claiming to be a federal official to an older victim. Defendant told the victim that she owed \$147,000 in fees and taxes on her property and that failure to immediately pay the fees/taxes would result in the seizure of her property.	Restitution imposed.	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Damien M. Johnson</i>	2:19-cr-212	Criminal	Identity Theft	Defendant charged with bank fraud by using the identity of an older victim living with dementia to transfer funds from the victim's bank account to defendant's account.	Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Delove Kofi Amuzu</i>	1:22-cr-010	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant perpetrated a romance fraud scheme in which he portrayed himself as having a romantic interest in older victims and then convinced the victims to send him money for medical bills, plane tickets and other valuable items.	Indictment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jesse Reed</i>	1:19-cr-090	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement	The Defendant criminally charged with conversion of funds for misappropriating older mother's social security payments.	Probation imposed; Restitution imposed.	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sagarkumar Patel</i>	2:21-cr-119	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant charged with several counts of mail fraud based on a scheme in which victims were contacted by individuals from an India call center who falsely claimed to be a federal law enforcement officer. Victims were convinced to empty their bank accounts and send the cash to various depositories, typically Walgreen's.	Pending	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Shahiydullah A. Binraymond</i>	2:21-cr-120	Criminal	Property Fraud	Defendant tricked an older couple into transferring a deed to real property.	Indictment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Steven Humphrey</i>	3:22-cr-027	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant convinced the older victim to invest over \$1,000,000 in a fraudulent investment scheme involving rubber, plastics and automobiles.	Indictment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U. S. v. Samuel Antwi</i>	2:18-cr-058	Criminal	Romance Scam	Antwi and co-conspirators created several profiles on online dating sites and established romantic relationships with older victims who they convinced to send them money or information. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-ohio-resident-extradited-ghana-pleads-guilty-laundering-proceeds-online-romance">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-ohio-resident-extradited-ghana-pleads-guilty-laundering-proceeds-online-romance</a>	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	Kwabena Bonsu, Kwasi Oppong, Kwame Anash, John Amoah, King Faisal Hamidu, Nkosiyoxo Msuthu, Cynthia Appiagyei
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Mark Alan Thomas</i>	2:21-cr-175	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Thomas stole over \$500,000 from an older woman while acting as the woman's power of attorney. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-belmont-county-attorney-charged-stealing-more-half-million-dollars-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-belmont-county-attorney-charged-stealing-more-half-million-dollars-elderly</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Seth Nyamekye</i>	2:21-cr-93	Criminal	Romance Scam; Investment Scam	Nyamekye and co-conspirators created profiles on online dating sites and cultivated romantic relationships with older victims who they then convinced to send money for investments that did not exist. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/jury-finds-canal-winchester-man-guilty-all-counts-romance-scam-money-laundering">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/jury-finds-canal-winchester-man-guilty-all-counts-romance-scam-money-laundering</a>	Convicted at trial	

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USAO Oklahoma, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Matthew Alan Joseph</i>	20-CR-0227-GKF	Criminal	Other - Strangulation and Kidnapping	Joseph drove to his mother's house within the Muscogee Creek Nation Indian Reservation where Joseph forced his way into the house. Joseph held a knife to his mother's throat and threatened to kill her. Joseph also strangled and slapped his mother. Later, Joseph forced his mother into the garage where he stole her car.	Defendant sentenced to 10 years in prison.	
USAO Oklahoma, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Afeez Adebara</i>	19-CR-0208-GKF	Criminal	Romance Scam	The older victims lost more than \$3.3 million in a Nigerian romance scheme in which the defendant and his co-conspirators convinced older widows to liquidate their husbands' life insurance proceeds and send the proceeds to Nigerian scammers.	Defendant Adebara sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment	John Ogundele; Paul Usoro; Joshua Ditep; Tobiloba Kehinde; Chibuzo Obiefuna; Jamiu Adedeji
USAO Oklahoma, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Anthony Fuller</i>	220CR-082-GKF	Criminal	Other - Assault with Intent to Cause Great Bodily Injury	Defendant, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, pushed and struck his 87-year-old great grandmother during an altercation between the defendant and his spouse.	Defendant is now serving a pretrial diversionary sentence.	
USAO Oklahoma, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Donald Ray Shipley</i>	22-CR-221-JFH	Criminal	Other - Carjacking, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon	Defendant, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, carjacked a 71-year-old man and later, in the process of fleeing the police, stabbed an 82-year-old woman in the neck, all within the Muscogee Creek Nation Indian Reservation.	Indictment	
USAO Oklahoma, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Elga Eugene Harper</i>	22-CR-170-JFH	Criminal	Other - Kidnapping, Rape, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Harm	Defendant, a member of the Choctaw Nation, went to the home of a 72-year-old nun in the Anglican tradition who lived in the Muscogee Creek Nation Indian Reservation where he asked to use the bathroom. Inside the house, Defendant assaulted, raped, and strangled the 72-year-old woman with a rope. Defendant tied up her hands and feet, preventing her from leaving her home or calling 911.	Indictment	
USAO Oregon	<i>U.S. v. Thomas Gerard Mautone, et al.</i>	6:17-cr-00237-MC-2	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Mautone and 4 others convinced an older man to invest \$1 million in a fraudulent high-yield investment scheme. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/jury-convicts-former-new-jersey-man-role-scheme-defraud-elderly-oregonian-savings">https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/jury-convicts-former-new-jersey-man-role-scheme-defraud-elderly-oregonian-savings</a>	Convicted at trial	Rovshan Bahader, Oglu Qasimov, Olabode Olukanni, Daryl Deleon, Jared Mack
USAO Oregon	<i>U.S. v. Ijomah Joseph Oputa</i>	3:21-cr-0082-MO-1	Criminal	Identity Theft	Oputa used an older victim's identity to hijack his bank account and receive a debit card which he used to purchase 41 money orders. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/los-angeles-man-sentenced-federal-prison-bank-fraud-and-identity-theft-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/los-angeles-man-sentenced-federal-prison-bank-fraud-and-identity-theft-scheme</a>	Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Forfeiture (\$32,478)	
USAO Pennsylvania, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Gloria Byars, et al.</i>	2:21-cr-00247	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendants indicted for defrauding incapacitated people out of hundreds of thousands of dollars while Byars was serving as a court-appointed guardian.	Guilty plea	Alesha Mitchell, Carlton Rembert
USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Itcace Abramovici</i>	1:2014-cr-245	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	The defendant and co-conspirators targeted older victims in the United States and in another sweepstakes type case, informed the victims they had won big money but had to prepay expenses.	Sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment; Restitution in the amount of \$461,886.49 ordered	
USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Christine Okpako</i>	4:2019-cr-361	Criminal	Romance Scam	The scheme involved dating websites where conspirators located in the United States and West Africa befriended females under the guise of romance and ultimately induced them to send funds electronically for various reasons.	Sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment.	
USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Donna Summerlin</i>	1:2018-cr-261	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	The scheme involved contacting victims through Facebook and telling them they had either won a lottery or otherwise had government money waiting for them. In order to collect, however, the victims had to prepay expenses, such as taxes, etc. The defendant was also deaf and needed the use of sign language interpreters at trial.	Convicted at trial; Sentenced to 48 months' imprisonment; Restitution ordered	
USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Melinda Bixler</i>	1:2022-cr-87	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant misappropriated funds from bank accounts of older victims residing in a nursing home in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, via unlawful use of a POA.	Bixler pleaded guilty to one count of money laundering and is awaiting sentencing.	

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USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Troy Smith, et al.</i>	4:2021-cr-372	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	The victims were told they were winners of large sums of money but in order to collect, they had to prepay taxes and other fees. The conspirators received the prepaid monies and transmitted the same to various individuals in Jamaica. Various names were used by Smith and Greenwood to receive and send the money.	Pending	Michelle Greenwood
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Adrian Orozco Perez</i>	22-132	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Perez was a courier in a grandparent scam targeting Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Georgia. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/florida-man-charged-operating-grandparent-scam-pittsburgh-area">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/florida-man-charged-operating-grandparent-scam-pittsburgh-area</a>	Indictment	
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Henry James Corder</i>	17-cr-10	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/erie-online-scammer-sentenced-34-months-defrauding-victim">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/erie-online-scammer-sentenced-34-months-defrauding-victim</a>	Sentenced to 34 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Robert Bruce Ralston</i>	22-cr-44	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/evans-city-fiduciary-indicted-misappropriating-funds-disabled-veteran-s-account">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/evans-city-fiduciary-indicted-misappropriating-funds-disabled-veteran-s-account</a>	Indictment	
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Thien Phuc Tran</i>	22-115	Criminal	Business Imposter Scam; Identity Theft; Technical Support Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/two-californians-indicted-multi-million-dollar-tech-support-scam-targeting-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/two-californians-indicted-multi-million-dollar-tech-support-scam-targeting-elderly</a>	Indictment	
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Zachary Dinell</i>	22-cr-00084	Criminal	Hate Crimes	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-employees-beaver-county-health-care-facility-indicted-federal-hate-crime-charges">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-employees-beaver-county-health-care-facility-indicted-federal-hate-crime-charges</a>	Indictment	
USAO Puerto Rico	<i>U.S. v. Gary Steven Wykle, et al.</i>	20-216 (FAB)	Criminal	Investment Fraud	The defendants organized a Ponzi scheme, receiving \$12,000,000 from over 100 individuals, by representing that their investments were safe and performing as promised. Investors received "actual returns" from Wykle and Cortés-López. These alleged profits were, in fact, funds from new investors.	Guilty plea	Alejandro Cortés-López
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Adetunji Abudu, et al.</i>	20-cr-00061	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/six-indicted-money-laundering-schemes-tied-nigerian-scams">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/six-indicted-money-laundering-schemes-tied-nigerian-scams</a>	Three defendants pled guilty during period, rest pending.	Dotun Olawale Alonge, Samson Ikotun, Oluwaseyi Akintola, Olabode Shaba, Oladipupo Shodipo
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Angad Singh Chandhok</i>	19-CR-00083	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/indian-national-sentenced-tech-support-scheme-defrauded-elderly-americans">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/indian-national-sentenced-tech-support-scheme-defrauded-elderly-americans</a>	Sentenced to 6 years' imprisonment.	
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Faola Alabi</i>	22-cr-00074	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/texas-man-charged-rhode-island-fraud-money-laundering-scams-act">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/texas-man-charged-rhode-island-fraud-money-laundering-scams-act</a>	Charged	
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Jason Hatcher, et al.</i>	21-cr-00071	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/indictment-unsealed-charges-three-fraud-scheme-targeting-rhode-island-seniors">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/indictment-unsealed-charges-three-fraud-scheme-targeting-rhode-island-seniors</a>	Indictment	Bryan Valdez-Espinosa, Diego Alarcon
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Jason Wedderburn, et al.</i>	20-cr-00070	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/two-sentenced-lottery-scams-defrauded-seniors">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/two-sentenced-lottery-scams-defrauded-seniors</a>	Defendants sentenced to 36 months and 30 months in prison.	Kayan Ktison
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Jean Richard Audate</i>	22-CR-23	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/grand-jury-indicts-new-york-resident-alleged-grandparent-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/grand-jury-indicts-new-york-resident-alleged-grandparent-scam</a>	Indictment	
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Wisdom Onyobeno, et al.</i>	19-cr-00115	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/five-charged-online-romance-scams-targeting-seniors">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/five-charged-online-romance-scams-targeting-seniors</a>	Pending	Dominique Golden, Syretta Scherer, Breuna Williams, Sadae Mills
USAO South Carolina	<i>U.S. v. Fabian Gray, et al.</i>	4:21-cr-293	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	According to evidence presented to the Court, as part of the scam, the Defendants would contact older victims via phone and mail, and falsely inform the victims they had won a sweepstakes. The supposed prizes in these sweepstakes usually consisted of millions of dollars, a new vehicle, or other valuable items. The Defendants told the victims they had to pay taxes and fees in order to receive their winnings.	Defendants have been convicted and sentenced.	Romaine Gordon, Avia Reid, Khalelah Powell
USAO South Carolina	<i>U.S. v. Raymond Huffman</i>	2:21-cr-325	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Evidence obtained in the investigation revealed that Huffman misused funds intended for at least 10 of his VA clients through his company, Huffman Fiduciary Services. The victims included the estate of a veteran who had passed away in 2018. Huffman admitted to misusing and stealing money from some of his VA clients. In all, Huffman stole at least \$304,413.75, and also received fees in excess of \$10,000.	Indictment	



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USAO South Dakota	<i>U.S. v. Devin McGrath</i>	22-10002	Criminal	Mail Theft	Defendant was a postal carrier who stole mail in the postal stream, then removed contents of mail that included gift cards, cash, etc.	Probation imposed; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered.	
USAO South Dakota	<i>U.S. v. Jessica Nohava, et al.</i>	21-40135	Criminal	Mail Theft	Defendants broke into a post office in a small community, stole mail, and shared the items with others.	Pending	Misty Crowe
USAO Tennessee, Western	<i>U.S. v. Royan J. Smith</i>	1:22-cr-10012	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Two defendants indicted for mail fraud in connection with a lottery fraud scam, with approximate loss of \$700,000.	Indictment	Leonard Christopher Mack
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Jaheira Scott</i>	2:21cr10	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Defendant was charged with 1 count of Money Laundering for acting as a witting money mule in furtherance of a Jamaican lottery scam.	Pending	
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. James Clark Nix, et al.</i>	4:20cr355	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant found guilty after jury trial for conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering for orchestrating a retirement investment scheme that defrauded older investors out of a combined total of more than \$6 million. Nix spent the proceeds on luxury cars, homes, and hotels. Nix's son was also charged, pleaded guilty, and testified for the government. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/austin-area-man-guilty-federal-fraud-and-money-laundering-violations">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/austin-area-man-guilty-federal-fraud-and-money-laundering-violations</a>	Convicted at trial	Bradley Paul Nix
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Jeremy Christopher Jones, et al.</i>	6:20CR00049	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; Business Imposter Scam; Loan Scam	The scheme involved call center solicitations of various kinds, including home mortgage modifications, personal loans, payback of Social Security benefits, and IRS demands for payment. Victims were instructed to make payments through various money services businesses, or by mailing payments to specified addresses. Defendant Fuss was recruited to pick up payments from money services businesses or receive them in the mail, and then deposit them into accounts as instructed by one of the co-defendants. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/tennessee-man-guilty-east-texas-elder-fraud-violations">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/tennessee-man-guilty-east-texas-elder-fraud-violations</a>	Defendant pled guilty.	John Arthur Fuss, Perry Lewis Crenshaw, Jr., Tracey Lynn Brookshier, Ronnie Duane Booth, Mary Elizabeth Booth
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Kingsley Ita</i>	4:21CR253	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam; Government Imposter Scam; Identity Theft; Investment Fraud; Loan Scam; Romance Scam; Unemployment Fraud	Defendants used a multitude of fraudulent schemes to obtain money from their victims, including online romance scams, business email compromise and investor fraud, and unemployment insurance fraud, not only coordinated how to extract money from their victims, but how to disguise, disburse, and launder that money once they successfully defrauded their victims. Allegedly, the defendants obtained at least \$17 million from at least 100 individual victims, companies, and government entities from across the world. The defendants are alleged to have specifically targeted older persons and used various schemes such as online dating sites to lure their victims. The indictment charges that the defendants laundered the money through a network of various bank accounts and sent money to bank accounts, co-conspirators, and businesses located in Africa and Asia.	Indictment	[some redacted] Irabor Musa, Solomon Esekheigbe, Sandra Iribhogbe, Edgal Iribhogbe, Damilola Kumapayi, Ehiedu Onyeagwu, Mathew Okpu, Benedicta Atakare, Segun Adeoye, Chidindu Okeke, Ngozi Okeke, Nosoregbe Asemota, Chigozi Ekwenugo, Bukola Obaseki, Stella Hadome, Jequita Batchelor, Osaretin Eghaghe, Ejiro Ohwovoriola, Isaac Asare, Gold Ude, Henrietha Oziegbe, Kingsley Oziegbe
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Sobanke Idris Sunday Adereti</i>	4:21cr70	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam; COVID-19-related Fraud	Adereti, a Nigerian national, was arrested after he presented a false UK passport at a bank in an attempt to cash a fraudulently procured cashier's check. Other UK passports were found in his possession along with bank statements in other's names. Adereti is suspected of using multiple aliases, acting as a money mule, to move proceeds of Business Email Compromise scam, unemployment insurance, and Small Business Administration-Economic Injury Disaster Loan fraud.	Sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment; Supervised release ordered	

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USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Tommy Ray Williams, et al.</i>	4:20CR00210	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	Williams was involved in a conspiracy in which the conspirators would receive remodel referrals from a third-party company and then contact the homeowner and arrange for a site inspection, require a large amount of money before the work began, and often would require more funds immediately after the work began, would begin demolition work, often destroying key parts of the home, and then stop coming to the residence. Williams did not return their funds. Over the course of the scheme, more than 15 homeowners and a credit card processing company were defrauded of over \$800,000. Co-defendant Law pleaded guilty to an information charging Misprision of a Felony. <a href="http://https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/north-texas-couple-sentenced-federal-prison-defrauding-homeowners">http://https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/north-texas-couple-sentenced-federal-prison-defrauding-homeowners</a>	Sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed	Whitney Jane Law
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Monica Ruiz</i>	6:20CR0092	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/louisiana-woman-sentenced-48-million-elder-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/louisiana-woman-sentenced-48-million-elder-fraud-scheme</a>	Sentenced to 97 months in prison.	
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Afeez Alao</i>	3:21-CR-437	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendant was indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money-laundering. The scheme is a romance scam targeting older women and men on social media dating websites that results in the victims sending money to the defendant and his co-conspirators. Money is then quickly withdrawn in cash, wired to other accounts, or transferred overseas. Additional investigation resulted in defendant pleading guilty to a superseding information charging him with aggravated identity theft based on CARES ACT fraudulent UI claims and conspiracy to commit wire fraud.	Guilty plea	
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Ambrose Ohide</i>	3:21-cr-00434	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendant was indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The scheme is a romance scam targeting older women and men on social media dating websites that results in the victims sending money to the defendant and his co-conspirators. Money is then quickly withdrawn in cash, wired to other accounts, or transferred overseas.	Pending	
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. David Animashaun, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-435	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendants were indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money-laundering. The scheme is a romance scam targeting older women and men on social media dating websites that results in the victims sending money to the defendant and his co-conspirators. Money is then quickly withdrawn in cash, wired to other accounts, or transferred overseas.	Indictment	Oluwalobamise Michael Moses, Irabor Fatarr Musa, Ijeoma Okoro, Chukwuemeka Orji, Emanuel Stanley Orji, aka Roland Iheke, Frederick Orji
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Uwadiale Esezobor, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-436	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendant was indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money-laundering. The scheme is a romance scam targeting older women and men on social media dating websites that results in the victims sending money to the defendant and his co-conspirators. Money is then quickly withdrawn in cash, wired to other accounts, or transferred overseas.	Defendants pled guilty.	Victor Idowu
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Anthony Muniqety, et al.</i>	4:21cr595	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/conroe-man-charged-funneling-money-india">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/conroe-man-charged-funneling-money-india</a>	Indictment	Ravi Kumar
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Dr. Osama Bahir Nahas, et al.</i>	7:22cr1311	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/two-indicted-exploiting-adult-day-care-patients-medicare-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/two-indicted-exploiting-adult-day-care-patients-medicare-fraud-scheme</a>	Indictment	Isabel Moreno Pruneda
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Anim</i>	22-cr-321	Criminal	Romance Scam	Nigerian national defrauded older victims in romance fraud.	Indictment	
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. MD Azad, et al.</i>	4:20-cr-1575	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/more-charges-filed-nationwide-fraud-scam-targeting-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/more-charges-filed-nationwide-fraud-scam-targeting-elderly-victims</a>	Four defendants pled guilty.	Sumit Kumar Singh, Himanshu Kumar, and Kalkote

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USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Michael K. Laurendeau</i>	4:22cr214	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/houston-area-man-arrested">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/houston-area-man-arrested</a>	Indictment	
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Maini Pinjara</i>	20-cr-3565	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant was part of a large fraud ring posing as DEA or SSA employees who exploited older victims across the United States.	Pending	
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Santiago Gutierrez</i>	21-cr-259	Criminal	Embezzlement	Bank manager embezzled life savings of an 85-year-old oil pipe worker.	Sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment.	
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Waseem Maknojija</i>	4:20cr558	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/indian-national-admits-role-government-impersonation-call-center-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/indian-national-admits-role-government-impersonation-call-center-scam</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO Utah	<i>U.S. v. Calvin Curtis</i>	2:21-cr-00464	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Calvin Curtis was an attorney who purported to specialize in special needs trusts and elder law. He embezzled \$12.8 million from 26 trusts under his care (e.g., an older woman living with dementia). Mr. Curtis forfeited his home and law office and enabling the seizure of about \$400,000 from a bank account, and continue litigating forfeiture of Mr. Curtis' ex-wife's home. This scheme was simple enough but there were various complex legal issues resulting from the scheme (e.g., new trust documents or a new trustee and balancing Medicaid restrictions) that had to be managed. The court was asked to apportion restitution according to need instead of pro rata and prioritized some of the victims who lost lesser dollar amounts but whose losses destroyed their lives.	Sentence of 97 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Utah	<i>U.S. v. Princess Eziyi</i>	2:22-cr-00160	Criminal	Romance Scam	Scheme to befriend older women online and used various ruses to get them to send money.	Indictment	
USAO Virgin Islands	<i>U.S. v. Yamini Potter</i>	3:20-cr-37	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Potter contacted older adults claiming to be a local government official requesting money for legal fees for fictitious lawsuits. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-vi/pr/conartist-who-impersonated-various-government-officials-sentenced-33-months-federal">https://www.justice.gov/usao-vi/pr/conartist-who-impersonated-various-government-officials-sentenced-33-months-federal</a>	Defendant was sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment, followed by 3 years supervised release. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$ 120,650 to the victims and a special assessment of \$200.	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Abdul Rasak Garuba</i>	1:20-cr-201	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/woodbridge-money-launderer-sentenced-his-role-romance-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/woodbridge-money-launderer-sentenced-his-role-romance-fraud-scheme</a>	Defendant was sentenced to 21 months in prison for receiving wire transfers as part of a romance scam.	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Bruhaspaty Channavajjala Prasad</i>	1:22-cr-40	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	Unsolicited pop-up adds and telephone calls were used to notify victims of various purported issues with their computers and online retail accounts. Through these calls, conspirators convinced victims to make payments to one or more of the four entities that Prasad had organized and established. Once a victim paid one of Prasad's businesses, conspirators continued to notify them of various and additional purported issues with their computers to obtain further payments. Prasad received victim payments in several bank accounts that he opened and maintained in furtherance of this conspiracy. Prasad then transferred slightly more than half of the proceeds to conspirators in India.	Pending	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Khandakhan Pathan, et al.</i>	3:19-cr-160	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/leader-international-robocall-scam-sentenced-defrauding-over-4000-us-victims-out-more">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/leader-international-robocall-scam-sentenced-defrauding-over-4000-us-victims-out-more</a>	Sentenced to 22 years' imprisonment.	Shachi Naishadh Majmudar, Shehzadkhan Khandakhan Pathan, Pradipsinh Dharmendrasinh Parmar, Sumer Kantilal Patel, Jayeshkumar Prabhudas Deliwala
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Clarence Rice</i>	4:21-cr-60	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/hampton-man-pleads-guilty-defrauding-elderly-victims-and-tax-evasion">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/hampton-man-pleads-guilty-defrauding-elderly-victims-and-tax-evasion</a>	Defendant pled guilty.	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Daryl Blank</i>	2:17-cr-126	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/virginia-beach-investment-advisor-and-williamsburg-attorney-sentenced-25-million-who-was-convicted-on-securities-fraud-and-money-laundering">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/virginia-beach-investment-advisor-and-williamsburg-attorney-sentenced-25-million-who-was-convicted-on-securities-fraud-and-money-laundering</a>	Lead defendant sentenced to 35 years in prison.	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. David Alcarn, et al.</i>	19-cr-47	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/jury-convicts-arizona-and-california-men-20-million-dollar-investment-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/jury-convicts-arizona-and-california-men-20-million-dollar-investment-fraud</a>	Convicted at trial.	Aghee Smith

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USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Jerry Woodlief</i>	4:22-cr-4	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Between 2016 and 2018, the defendant used his position as power of attorney to obtain funds from his charge and several of the victim's family members. The defendant forged family member signatures, diverted funds intended for his charge and other family members, and sold property belonging to his charge that was intended for the charge's grandchildren.	Indictment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Mable Jones</i>	3:21-cr-30	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, who owned a Richmond assisted living facility, spent money meant for residents' care on travel, debts, and gambling.	Guilty plea	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Randy Lee Mack</i>	1:21-cr-256	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	The defendant was employed as a personal banker at a local branch of a national bank. One of his regular customers was a man in his 70s. The customer grew to trust the defendant and eventually entrusted the defendant with the personal information necessary to execute certain financial transactions on the customer's behalf. The defendant used that information to steal a total of \$256,400 from the customer's account through hundreds of small transactions spread over a three-year period.	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment; Restitution imposed; Supervised release ordered	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Richard Dorpe</i>	2:19cr53	Criminal	Romance Scam	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/ghanaian-national-sentenced-online-romance-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/ghanaian-national-sentenced-online-romance-fraud-scheme</a>	Sentenced to 40 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Rita Copeland</i>	4:20-cr-63	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/portsmouth-woman-sentenced-fraud-schemes-targeting-veterans">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/portsmouth-woman-sentenced-fraud-schemes-targeting-veterans</a>	Sentenced to 9.5 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Terry Lynn Miller</i>	2:21-cr-56	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/virginia-beach-woman-sentenced-lottery-scheme-defrauding-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/virginia-beach-woman-sentenced-lottery-scheme-defrauding-elderly-victims</a>	Sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Western	<i>U.S. v. Chenwei Wang</i>	6:21-CR-12	Criminal	Government Imposter scam	On June 17, 2021, a victim received a call from someone claiming to be an Amazon representative regarding a \$500 charge on her Amazon card. The victim denied making the charge and granted the caller access to her bank account to reverse the charge. The caller claimed to have mistakenly refunded \$5000 instead of \$500. The caller directed the victim to purchase \$4,500 worth of Walmart, Target and Nike gift cards and provide those numbers to the caller.	Pending	
USAO Washington, Eastern	<i>U.S. ex rel. Yam v. Providence Health &amp; Services</i>	4:20-cv-05004-SMJ	Civil	Failure of Care	Two neurosurgeons employed by Providence St. Mary's Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington, performed medically unnecessary spinal surgeries on older Medicare beneficiaries. Providence and its neurosurgeons also failed to exercise the appropriate standard of care, resulting in patient harm and complications, as well as false statements and diagnoses regarding surgical appropriateness and outcomes. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwa/pr/providence-health-services-agrees-pay-227-million-resolve-liability-medically">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwa/pr/providence-health-services-agrees-pay-227-million-resolve-liability-medically</a>	\$22,790,643 False Claims Act settlement with Providence. Separate case continues as to physician.	
USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Charlye McCarthy</i>	3:22-CV-5068	Civil	Romance Scam	Consent decree signed regarding money mule activity, including crypto transfers.	Consent decree signed.	
USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Darlene Piper</i>	20-CR-05372	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/former-port-orchard-washington-attorney-sentenced-prison-defrauding-clients">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/former-port-orchard-washington-attorney-sentenced-prison-defrauding-clients</a>	Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	
USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Matthew White</i>	19-CR-00253	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/florida-man-who-defrauded-elderly-investors-fake-commodities-investment-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/florida-man-who-defrauded-elderly-investors-fake-commodities-investment-scheme</a>	Sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment	
USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Robert Clark</i>	3:22-CV-5067	Civil	Romance Scam	Consent decree regarding money mule activity, including crypto transfers.	Consent decree signed by defendant and approved by judge.	

**Appendix A: Cases**

Some of the cases included in this report are criminal charges, which are merely allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Component	Case Name	Case Number	Case Type (Civil or Criminal)	Fraud Type	Brief Case Description and/or Press Release URL	Outcome	List of Non Lead Defendants
USAO West Virginia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Jacque Phillips, a.k.a. Jacque Phillips-Brown</i>	5:21CR22	Criminal	Healthcare Billing Fraud	Jacque Phillips, also known as "Jacque Phillips-Brown," 32, was employed as a billing manager at a medical billing company in Steubenville, Ohio. According to the indictment, beginning in January 2018 through March 2019, Phillips defrauded her employer, her employer's patients (all over 60 years of age), and insurance companies out of more than \$100,000. Phillips allegedly used the financial services company Square, Inc. by linking her personal bank accounts to the Square, Inc. accounts she registered in her employer's name. It is alleged that Phillips then used those Square accounts to transfer funds paid to her employer, some from insurance and healthcare benefits programs, into her personal accounts.	Pending	
USAO West Virginia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Bradley Glaspell</i>	1:22-CR-31	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/harrison-county-contractor-admits-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/harrison-county-contractor-admits-fraud</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO West Virginia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Shelly Ann Leipham</i>	1:21CR19	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud	Shelly Anne Leipham committed wire fraud in connection with a sweepstakes scheme. She targeted older victims and convinced them they were eligible to win a sweepstakes but in order to receive the monies, the targets needed to send various amounts of money by mailing and wiring funds to her. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/las-vegas-woman-guilty-fraud-and-money-laundering-charges">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/las-vegas-woman-guilty-fraud-and-money-laundering-charges</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Abdul Inusah</i>	3:21-cr-70	Criminal	Romance Scam/Money Mule	Inusah was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of victim funds sent to his account by his co-conspirators. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/federal-jury-finds-man-guilty-fraud-and-money-laundering-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/federal-jury-finds-man-guilty-fraud-and-money-laundering-scheme</a>	Convicted at trial.	
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Augustine Amechi</i>	3:21-cr-69	Criminal	Romance Scam/Money Mule	Amechi was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of victim funds sent to his account from his co-conspirators. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-prison-role-romance-fraud-scheme-0">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-prison-role-romance-fraud-scheme-0</a>	Defendant sentenced to 1 year in prison and ordered to pay \$192,762.19 in restitution.	
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Banabas Ganidekam</i>	3:21-cr-71-2	Criminal	Romance Scam/Money Mule	Ganidekam was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of victim funds sent to his account from his co-conspirators. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/ghanaian-national-pleads-guilty-role-romance-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/ghanaian-national-pleads-guilty-role-romance-fraud-scheme</a>	Guilty plea	Abdul Osumanu
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Emeni, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-68	Criminal	Romance Scam/Money Mule	Emeni was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of victim funds transferred to his bank accounts by his co-conspirators.	Three defendants pled guilty.	Kenneth Ogudu, Oluwagbenga Harrison, John Nassy, Oluwabamisha Awolesi, and Romello Thorpe
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Patricia Dudding</i>	3:22-cr-1	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam	Dudding was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of other victims' funds that were sent to her bank accounts by her co-conspirators. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/huntington-woman-pleads-guilty-role-nigerian-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/huntington-woman-pleads-guilty-role-nigerian-fraud-scheme</a>	Guilty plea	
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Robert Jones</i>	3:21-cr-132	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	Jones was hired as a handyman for an older woman and then obtained her blank checks and forged her signature on the checks. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/putnam-county-man-sentenced-defrauding-elderly-citizens-and-local-bank">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/putnam-county-man-sentenced-defrauding-elderly-citizens-and-local-bank</a>	Sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment; Restitution ordered; Supervised release ordered.	



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## APPENDIX B

**Appendix B: Outreach and Professional Resources, Training and Meetings**

Component	Event Title & Description	Event Date	Approximate # of Attendees	Type of Participants/Attendees
Consumer Protection Branch	AARP Fraud Fighter on DOJ's elder fraud efforts	07/21/21	80	Older Adults
Consumer Protection Branch	AARP Facebook Live event on DOJ's elder fraud efforts	07/21/21	1500	Older Adults
Consumer Protection Branch	ACFCS Virtual Crime Conference presentation on fraud facilitators and money mules	08/05/22	1650	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	IAFCI National Conference presentation on fraud facilitators and elder fraud scams	08/24/21	100	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar to ICBA on Department's elder fraud efforts, common scams, and use of BSA data	09/22/21	75	Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	ABA Senior Protection Roundtable discussion of fraud facilitation, elder fraud scams, and use of BSA data	10/26/21	125	Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	AARP Tele-Town hall on money mules and scams	11/16/21	150	Older Adults
Consumer Protection Branch	FINRA Senior Roundtable discussion on DOJ's elder fraud efforts and collaborations	12/01/21	20	Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Federal News Network interview on money mules	12/14/21	Unknown	Unknown
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation at ABA/ABA FinCrime Conference on fraud	01/10/22	200	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	ACFCS Virtual Crime Conference presentation on fraud facilitators and money mules	01/27/22	325	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	ABA Roundtable on fraud facilitation	02/16/22	125	Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	ACFSC presentation on DOJ's approach to identifying scams	02/16/22	225	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar on money mules in collaboration with HHS	03/10/22	Unknown	Other state/local professionals
Consumer Protection Branch	Elder Justice Fellows meeting presentation on DOJ's elder fraud efforts	04/13/22	30	Other
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation to MDT units in New York on scams	05/04/22	20	Other state/local professionals; State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	NASAA Conference discussion on DOJ's collaborations to prevent and investigate elder fraud	06/08/22	15	Other
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation at RSA Conference on DOJ's elder fraud efforts	06/08/22	150	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
Consumer Protection Branch	University of Arizona Healthy Aging Conference presentation on DOJ's elder fraud efforts	06/08/22	75	Other state/local professionals; Industry/Private Sector



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Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar on crypto and elder fraud for NAPSA WEAAD event	06/15/22	Unknown	Other state/local professionals
Consumer Protection Branch	NCFTA Cyber Crime Conference presentation on DOJ's elder fraud efforts	06/22/22	130	State/local law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
COPS Office	Article titled "How a Local and Federal Law Enforcement Partnership Took Down Members of a Robocall Scamming Network," included in the October issue of the COPS Office <i>Community Policing Dispatch</i> , sent electronically to 10,447 subscribers, explained how scammers overseas steal millions of dollars a year from unsuspecting, often elderly, victims in the United States: reaching their victims by phone or on the internet, impersonating U.S.-based law enforcement or government personnel or representatives of American companies, and tricking individuals into handing over their money. To transfer and launder the stolen money, these overseas scammers often use U.S.-based individuals called "money mules." The article provided a case study with links to the EJI webinar titled Tackling Transnational Robocall Scams: The Importance of State and Federal Partnerships" on how local, state and federal law enforcement partnered to successfully bring down overseas scammers. The webinar featured DOJ's Assistant US Attorney Jolee Porter (Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force), SSA-OIG Senior Special Agent Jon Heslep, and Detective Margaret Moore (Aiken Department of Public Safety). <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/10-2021/robocall_scamming_network.html">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/10-2021/robocall_scamming_network.html</a> and <a href="https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/tackling-transnational-robocall-scams-importance-state-and-federal-partnerships">https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/tackling-transnational-robocall-scams-importance-state-and-federal-partnerships</a>	08/10/21	78	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	Article titled "New Year, New Elder Abuse Case Tools" included in the February issue of the COPS Office <i>Community Policing Dispatch</i> , sent electronically to 10,447 subscribers, highlighted the updated Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement (EAGLE) website, now easier to navigate and more comprehensive, and called attention to the recently published National Clearinghouse for Abuse in Later Life (NCALL) Elder Abuse Investigations: Training for Law Enforcement and Other Investigators, as well as the About Elder Abuse Investigations: Training for Law Enforcement and Other Investigators Online Modules, and EAGLE's other tools	02/10/22	125	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	Article titled "Join Us for the Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium: The Role of Decision-Making Capacity in Elder Justice Cases that Reach Civil and Criminal Courts" included in the March issue of the COPS Office <i>Community Policing Dispatch</i> , sent electronically to 10,447 subscribers, information about the upcoming Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium, with links to the symposium registration page and other resources such as the MDT webpage <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/03-2022/elder_justice_symposium.html">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/03-2022/elder_justice_symposium.html</a>	03/10/22	113	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	Article titled "Call to Action: Elder Abuse Prevention" included in the June issue of the COPS Office <i>Community Policing Dispatch</i> , sent electronically to 10,447 subscribers. The article described law enforcement resources including EAGLE, "Five Ways to get involved with WEAAD," several profiles of WEAAD warriors, and announced the COPS Office Community Policing Development Microgrants which can be used to support future projects. <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2022/Elder_Abuse_Prevention.html">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2022/Elder_Abuse_Prevention.html</a>	06/10/22	59	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	Article titled "Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium: Capacity for What" included in the June issue of the COPS Office <i>Community Policing Dispatch</i> , sent electronically to 10,447 subscribers, included a summary of and links to the presentations of the Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2022/Elder_Justice_Symposium.html">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2022/Elder_Justice_Symposium.html</a>	06/10/22	41	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private sector

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COPS Office	The National Sheriff's Association sent out a blast email to the 680 Triad Councils in 32 states, informing the approximately 17,000 volunteers throughout the United States of a new webinar resource titled "Safeguarding Seniors from Scams" funded through a COPS Office award <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKbah3mooll">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mKbah3mooll</a>	05/01/22	30	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Older adults; Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	The National Sheriff's Association sent out a blast email to the 680 Triad Councils in 32 states, informing the approximately 17,000 volunteers throughout the United States of a new resource. The newly revamped National Association of Triads is serving as a clearinghouse of information, best practices, and trends in crimes targeting older adults, and is working with state and local triads on national training. <a href="https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-triad">https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-triad</a>	06/01/22	2100	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Older adults; Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	The National Association of Triads consists of about 680 Triad Councils in 32 states with approximately 17,000 volunteers. Their quarterly newsletter has 780 subscribers and is supported by a COPS Office award <a href="https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-triad#Newsletter">https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-triad#Newsletter</a>	9/20-6/22	780	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Older adults; Industry/Private sector
EJI	Virtual (pre-recorded) conference presentation with the FTC and ACL titled "A Birds-Eye View of Elder Justice and Federal Resources" at the N4A Training Conference	07/21/21	Unknown	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Presentation titled "Benefits of and Starting an Elder Abuse MDT" to the Abuse of Elders & People with Disabilities Group in Washington State	08/20/21	12	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (multidisciplinary team members)
EJI	Conference presentation with James Foley (NW3C) titled "Crime Analysts Facilitating Elder Financial Exploitation Investigations" at the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACP) Training Conference	08/24/21	50	State/local law enforcement
EJI	Participation on a panel titled "Plenary Roundtable Discussion – Equity in Aging: The Impact of SDOH" at the January 2021 Healthy Aging Summit sponsored by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, US Department of Health and Human Services	09/08/21	1200	Other (Healthcare providers, researchers)
EJI	EJI webinar titled "Innovations in Guardianship: Maximizing Autonomy and Ensuring Accountability"	09/30/21	230	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Conference workshop with Candace Heisler and Karl Urban titled "Elder Abuse Perpetrators & the Criminal Justice System Response" at the 38th Annual [Texas] APS Conference	10/19/21	150	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	EJI webinar titled "Implementing the APS-Initiated Elder Abuse Restraining Order (AIRO)"	10/21/21	150	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Virtual Pre-Recorded presentation titled "Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Resources" at the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) 2021 Conference	11/08/21	300	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (multidisciplinary team members)
EJI	EJI webinar titled "Identifying and Prosecuting Power of Attorney Abuse"	11/18/21	200	Federal law enforcement; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Article in the USAO Victim Specialists Newsletter describing new resources, updates on the EJI website, and news in the elder justice field	01/24/22	250	Federal law enforcement
EJI	Presentation with Jennifer Camish titled "The Cognitive Science Behind the Concept of Financial Capacity" for the NAAG Elder Justice Working Group	03/24/22	30	State/local law enforcement
EJI	EJI blog titled "Elder Fraud Prevention" for the Juanita C. Grant Foundation Newsletter, describing three simple ways people can increase their financial safety by describing how to recognize and report financial scams <a href="https://preview.mailerlite.com/w4v8t5d0u9/1927609348649917063/o9e8/">https://preview.mailerlite.com/w4v8t5d0u9/1927609348649917063/o9e8/</a>	04/15/22	5832	Older adults

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EJI	In commemoration of Older American's Month, EJI blog titled "May Is Older Americans Month: Elder Abuse Is a Social Determinant of Health" for the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, US Department of Health and Human Services, describing how elder abuse is a social determinant of health <a href="https://health.gov/news/202204/may-older-americans-month-elder-abuse-social-determinant-">https://health.gov/news/202204/may-older-americans-month-elder-abuse-social-determinant-</a>	04/29/22	70000	Other (Health care providers, researchers)
EJI	Interview with the National Elder Justice Coordinator on SAFTA, featured in the APS TARC Newsletter	05/01/22	1150	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Presentation to students of the Georgetown Policy and Aging seminar on elder justice issues	05/05/22	5	Other (students)
EJI	Virtual presentation titled "MDT TAC Multidisciplinary Team Resources," provided to the California Elder Justice Coalition A*Team Project	05/24/22	15	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (multidisciplinary team members)
EJI	Conference presentation titled "Elder Abuse in Rural America" at the Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse	05/26/22	200	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	EJI e-blast commemorating World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), announcing six new elder justice resources	06/08/22	1000	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (elder justice professionals)
EJI	WEAAD webinar sponsored by NCEA titled "Federal Partners Take on the WEAAD 6-1-5 Challenge!," featuring resources and updates from five federal agencies	06/15/22	356	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (elder justice professionals)
EJI	EJI blog titled "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" for the Juanita C. Grant Foundation Newsletter <a href="https://preview.mailerlite.com/o0f9o1p0i9/1967471853760944430/v9g2/">https://preview.mailerlite.com/o0f9o1p0i9/1967471853760944430/v9g2/</a>	06/15/22	5832	Older adults
EJI	NCSC webinar, co-sponsored with EJI, titled "Judicial Guardianship Evaluation: A New Tool for Judges"	06/21/22	225	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (judges and court personnel)
EJI	EJI webinar titled "Trauma-Informed Counseling for Older Adults"	01/27/22	758	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Three-day virtual symposium titled "Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium: The Role of Decision-Making Capacity in Elder Justice Cases that Reach Civil and Criminal Courts"	4/19/22 - 4/21/22	1500	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Other (elder justice professionals)
EJI	Training titled "Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator Training", a 2-day intensive training for MDT Coordinators focused on essential team management and facilitation skills, provided to the grantees of the National MDT TTAC	4/26/22 - 4/27/22	10	Other (MDT Coordinators)
EJI	Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer's Role (plays across 6 Elder Abuse Roll Call Videos)	7/1/2021-6/30/22	4441	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	SAFTA Toolkit (downloads)	7/1/21-6/30/22	406	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
EJI	Finding the Right Fit (completed trainings)	7/1/21-6/30/22	759	
EJI	EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement) (unique users)	7/1/21-6/30/22	9430	
EJI	EAGLE Online Training for Law Enforcement (NW3C) (completed and passed)	7/1/21-6/30/22	303	State/local law enforcement

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FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	05/12/21	5	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	05/19/21	5	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	05/21/21	20	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	07/08/21	11	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	08/18/21	10	Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	08/18/21	10	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	09/15/21	10	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	09/22/21	6	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	10/13/21	9	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	10/20/21	7	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	10/21/21	10	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	11/09/21	30	Federal law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	11/18/21	53	Federal law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	11/22/21	4	Private sector, FBI
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	11/22/21	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	01/13/22	12	Consumers/Consumer groups; Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	01/18/22	5	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	01/19/22	16	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	02/10/22	12	Consumers/Consumer groups; Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	02/16/22	18	Industry/Private sector; Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	03/10/22	4	Consumers/Consumer groups; Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	03/15/22	5	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	03/16/22	10	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement

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FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	04/20/22	9	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	05/11/22	10	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	05/12/22	8	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	05/24/22	35	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	06/01/22	10	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	06/01/22	10	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	06/02/22	10	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	06/08/22	8	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	06/15/22	14	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Albany	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI	07/20/22	11	Industry/Private sector FBI; Federal, State, Local Law Enforcement
FBI: Anchorage	AARP Townhall	06/08/22	500	Older adults
FBI: Anchorage	In-person Elder Fraud Presentation	06/28/22	30	Older adults
FBI: Atlanta	Speech to Emory University's Osher Lifelong Living Institute re: elder financial fraud	04/01/22	30	Older adults
FBI: Atlanta	Speech to AARP of Gwinnett County re: elder financial fraud	04/01/22	50	Older adults
FBI: Baltimore	Project SAFE Working Group Meeting	03/17/22	30	Older adults
FBI: Baltimore	Elder Fraud Awareness Presentation to Citizens Academy Alumni Association	05/25/22	40	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Baltimore	Senior Fraud Awareness Educational Webinar	05/25/22	40	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Baltimore	Governor's Office for Community Initiatives: FC Recent Trends (Elder Fraud a portion of the presentation)	06/08/22	20	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Baltimore	Elder Justice Meeting with USAO BA and Public Safety Officials	06/27/21	30	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Baltimore	Elder Justice Meeting with USAO BA and Public Safety Officials	10/26/21	20	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Baltimore	Project SAFE Working Group Meeting	11/15/21	30	Older adults
FBI: Baltimore	Planning call with SSRA Wilmington to discuss future elder fraud presentation	12/09/21	2	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Birmingham	Elder Fraud presentation to Huntsville Citizen's Academy	04/01/22	35	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Birmingham	Met with and provided Elder Fraud and Money Mule Brochures	12/01/21	Unknown	Older adults
FBI: Birmingham	Met with and provided Elder Fraud and Money Mule Brochures	12/01/21	Unknown	Older adults



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FBI: Birmingham	Met with and provided Elder Fraud and Money Mule Brochures	05/01/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Birmingham	Presentation to Real Estate Investigators	10/01/21	50	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Boston	Elder Fraud Virtual Meeting - NH FAST (Financial Abuse Specialty Teams)	04/15/21	20	Consumers/Consumer groups; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private sector; Older adults; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Elder Fraud Awareness Briefing - Jamestown Senior Center	08/13/21	19	Older adults
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Fraud Awareness Briefing - impacting the elderly and other scams	10/13/21	150	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Elder Fraud Awareness Briefing - Nahant Council on Aging	12/09/21	20	Older adults
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Elder Fraud Virtual Meeting - NH FAST (Financial Abuse Specialty Teams)	12/10/21	20	Consumers/Consumer groups; Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private sector; Older adults; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Elder Fraud Awareness Briefing - Beech Street Center	05/13/22	20	Older adults
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Elder Fraud Awareness Briefing to SAGE Triad	07/14/22	4	Consumers/Consumer groups; Federal law enforcement; Older adults
FBI: Boston	Liaison/Tripwire with Organization Outside the FBI: Elder Fraud Awareness Briefing	06/20/22	12	Older adults
FBI: Buffalo	Presentation on recent Elder Fraud Schemes	10/01/21	20	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Buffalo	Elder Fraud Presentation to Sr. Citizens Center	02/01/22	40	Press Release
FBI: Buffalo	SSA spoke at a news conference for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	06/01/22	Unknown	Press Release
FBI: Buffalo	Local news live interview of WC-1 SSA on elder fraud scams	11/01/21	Unknown	Press Release
FBI: Buffalo	Financial Fraud Presentation the Southern Tier Women's Financial Conference	10/01/21	30	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Buffalo	PSA to YouTube and local news on grandparent scams	09/01/21	Unknown	Press Release
FBI: Charlotte	Elder Fraud PSA via social media featuring Judge Webster	03/01/22	Unknown	Press Release
FBI: Charlotte	Broadcast on Romance Scams/Elder Fraud	11/01/21	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Charlotte	Presentation in Moore County on Elder Fraud	10/01/21	50	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Charlotte	Romance Scams/Elder Fraud	09/01/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Chicago	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting	12/07/21	60	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Chicago	IL Fraud Working Group meeting	02/23/22	60	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Chicago	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting	03/08/22	25	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Chicago	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting 20-25	06/07/22	25	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Chicago	IL Fraud Working Group meeting	06/08/22	60	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Cincinnati	Senior Fraud Prevention Discussion	04/01/22	83	Older adults
FBI: Cincinnati	AARP Tele-Town Hall Fraud Meeting	07/01/21	630	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Cleveland	Fraud prevention/awareness briefing	04/05/22	20	Older adults; Industry/Private sector

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FBI: Cleveland	Fraud prevention/awareness briefing	07/22/21	200	Older adults
FBI: Cleveland	Cyber Safety/Elder fraud prevention/awareness briefing	10/21/21	185	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Cleveland	Cyber Safety/Elder fraud prevention/awareness briefing	10/27/21	25	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Cleveland	Fraud prevention/awareness briefing	10/29/21	20	Older adults; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Cleveland	Fraud prevention/awareness briefing	03/16/22	57	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Cleveland	Cyber Safety/Elder fraud prevention/awareness briefing	03/03/22	20	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Cleveland	APS Working Group: Fraud prevention/awareness briefing	07/01/21	Unknown	Older adults; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Cleveland	Safety Fair/Fraud prevention/awareness briefing	07/10/21	Unknown	Older adults
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	10/01/21	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	10/12/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Low Country Financial Crimes Working Group	10/19/21	7	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	11/04/21	2	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	11/09/21	25	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	12/02/21	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	12/13/21	4	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	01/11/22	20	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Provided Elder Fraud Presentation as part of Elder Fraud Initiative	01/13/22	14	Older adults
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Low Country Financial Crimes Working Group	01/18/22	7	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	04/12/22	28	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	04/12/22	2	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Low Country Financial Crimes Working Group	04/19/22	10	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	04/24/22	2	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	04/26/22	2	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in SAR Review Team Meeting	04/28/22	15	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	02/17/22	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	02/02/22	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	02/23/22	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	02/03/22	3	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Met with South Carolina Department of Corrections officials	02/08/22	4	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	02/08/22	25	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector



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FBI: Columbia	Provided Elder Fraud Presentation as part of Elder Fraud Initiative	06/02/22	50	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer group
FBI: Columbia	Local Newscast covered Elder Fraud Presentation given to Church Group	06/02/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Low Country Financial Crimes Working Group	06/21/22	8	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Provided Elder Fraud Presentation as part of Elder Fraud Initiative	06/29/22	100	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Low Country Financial Crimes Working Group	03/15/22	7	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Provided Elder Fraud Presentation as part of Elder Fraud Initiative	03/22/22	25	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	03/08/22	27	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Interviewed elderly fraud victim/provided money mule letter	05/13/22	4	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in Low Country Financial Crimes Working Group	05/17/22	7	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Columbia	Participated in SAR Review Team Meeting	05/19/22	15	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Participated in SAR Review Team Meeting	05/19/22	13	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Columbia	Provided Elder Fraud Presentation as part of Elder Fraud Initiative	05/04/22	34	Older adults
FBI: Dallas	Match Group (Match.com) Trust & Safety Conference	08/01/21	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Dallas	Elder Fraud Presentation at Office of Comptroller of Currency	08/01/21	15	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Dallas	Elder Fraud Presentation at Tyler Area Senior Citizens Association (TASCA)	03/22/22	25	Older adults
FBI: Dallas	Elder Fraud Presentation at the Heights Retirement Community Health Fair	05/22/22	100	Older adults
FBI: Dallas	Elder Fraud Abuse Summit at University of Texas-Tyler	11/21/22	30	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO);Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Dallas	Texas Adult Protective Services Annual Conference	10/21/22	200	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Dallas	Money Mules Targeting Senior Population	10/21/22	5955	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Detroit	Presentation to Michigan Bankers Association	08/17/21	82	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Detroit	Elder Justice Presentation to Daughters of American Revolution	02/25/22	30	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: El Paso	HCF Working Group	04/22/22	69	Federal law enforcement
FBI: El Paso	Community outreach/public awareness - Citizen's Academy Alumni Association	05/22/22	22	Consumers/Consumer groups; Other
FBI: El Paso	Public awareness/fraud prevention via FBI EP's Twitter account and media interviews. EP's PAO, via EP's Twitter account, warned the public about: Health Care Fraud, various scams and safety/precautions to be taken: Elder Fraud	03/11/22	21600 Twitter followers	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: El Paso	FBI El Paso Elder Fraud Coordinator provided two 1-hour presentations on how community members could protect themselves from common Elder Fraud scams, including health care fraud. Presentations were given at 5pm and 6:30pm MST at Harvest Christian Center, located in El Paso, TX 79912.	06/15/22	731	Older adults
FBI: Honolulu	Elder Fraud PSA <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/Houston/news/press-releases/elder-fraud-if-a-former-fbicia-director-can-be-targeted-so-can-you">fbi.gov.contact-us/field-offices/Houston/news/press-releases/elder-fraud-if-a-former-fbicia-director-can-be-targeted-so-can-you</a>	05/01/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage

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FBI: Indianapolis	Broadcast	08/03/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Indianapolis	In February 2022, SA interviewed by a local TV news station in Fort Wayne, IN, regarding romance scams <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/video/adults-over-60-scammed-out-of-17-billion-in-2021-fbi-says/">https://www.cbsnews.com/video/adults-over-60-scammed-out-of-17-billion-in-2021-fbi-says/</a>	02/01/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Indianapolis	Also in February 2022, SA was interviewed by WRTV (Indianapolis, IN) about online scams. This interview was ultimately part of a larger investigative reporting piece done by WRTV that started with a couple being scammed out of \$20,000. SA provided information about tools used by law enforcement to attempt to catch online scammers; the difficulties of catching online scammers, especially when they are located overseas; and tips/tricks for potential victims to protect themselves. <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/former-fbi-director-airs-warning-about-elder-fraud">https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/former-fbi-director-airs-warning-about-elder-fraud</a>	02/01/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Indianapolis	Broadcast <a href="https://www.wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/fbi-warns-hoosiers-to-beware-of-romance-scams/">https://www.wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/fbi-warns-hoosiers-to-beware-of-romance-scams/</a>	09/04/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Indianapolis	Broadcast <a href="https://cbs4indy.com/news/authorities-warn-of-resurgence-of-grandparent-scam/">https://cbs4indy.com/news/authorities-warn-of-resurgence-of-grandparent-scam/</a>	09/25/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Indianapolis	News <a href="https://cbs4indy.com/news/fbi-receives-reports-of-hoosiers-trying-to-buy-or-sell-fake-vaccine-cards/">https://cbs4indy.com/news/fbi-receives-reports-of-hoosiers-trying-to-buy-or-sell-fake-vaccine-cards/</a>		Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Indianapolis	News <a href="https://www.wrtv.com/news/coronavirus/fbi-indianapolis-opens-up-about-the-growing-issue-of-fake-covid-vaccine-cards">https://www.wrtv.com/news/coronavirus/fbi-indianapolis-opens-up-about-the-growing-issue-of-fake-covid-vaccine-cards</a>		Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Jacksonville	JK official Twitter account posted various ways to report Elder Fraud allegations <a href="https://mobile.twitter.com/FBIJacksonville/status/1537137976572100613">https://mobile.twitter.com/FBIJacksonville/status/1537137976572100613</a>	06/15/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Jacksonville	NBC News Elder Fraud promotion	06/01/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Los Angeles	Elder Fraud/ Financial Abuse- Working Group Meetings- Case Discussion	2021	20	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	Elder Abuse Prevention Program WISE & Healthy Aging	2021	20	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	Elder Fraud/ Financial Abuse- Working Group Meetings- Case Discussion	2021	20	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	Elder Fraud/ Financial Abuse- Working Group Meetings- Case Discussion	2021	20	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	Elder Fraud/ Financial Abuse- Working Group Meetings- Case Discussion	2021	20	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	VS interview discussing Romance Scam tactics in Spanish with Telemundo/ NBC Universal	02/17/22	176, 000	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Los Angeles	APS - Elder Fraud - LE Liaison Meet & Greet	01/22/22	4	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Los Angeles	Financial Fraud, Abuse, & Neglect: Serving Older Victims of Crime	03/22/22	Unknown	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	CalVets Presentation	05/21/22	50	Older adults
FBI: Los Angeles	LA County Roundtable- Elder Abuse	05/22/22	119	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Los Angeles	APS MDT Meetings	Monthly	20	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Louisville	FBI Louisville shared the extradition of a Nigerian National for Defrauding Elderly Victims via the official twitter feed <a href="https://twitter.com/FBILouisville">https://twitter.com/FBILouisville</a>	04/01/22	25.6K Followers	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Louisville	FBI Louisville tweeted raising awareness of Romance Scams for Valentine's Day <a href="https://twitter.com/FBILouisville">https://twitter.com/FBILouisville</a>	02/01/22	25.6K Followers	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Louisville	Presentation to McCracken County Senior Center in Paducah, KY regarding common elder abuse schemes	01/01/22	50	Older adults
FBI: Louisville	FBI Louisville tweeted raising awareness of Romance Scams <a href="https://twitter.com/FBILouisville">https://twitter.com/FBILouisville</a>	01/01/22	25.6K Followers	Other: Media Coverage

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FBI: Louisville	FBI Louisville tweeted about World Elder Abuse Awareness Day via the official twitter feed <a href="https://twitter.com/FBILouisville">https://twitter.com/FBILouisville</a>	06/01/22	25.6K Followers	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Memphis	FBI Memphis Community Engagement (Elder Fraud Presentation/Awareness)	07/19/22	Unknown	Older adults
FBI: Memphis	Elder Fraud Presentation/Awareness	07/19/22	Unknown	Older adults
FBI: Miami	Transnational Elder Fraud Task Force (USAO-led)	04/01/22	40	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Miami	South Florida Elder Fraud Working Group (FBI Miami-led)	02/06/22	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Miami	Ghana Initiative (Operation Golden Exchange; 163H-MM-3573712)	03/2022-06/2022	Unknown	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Miami	Series of 11 Tweets relating to World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) <a href="https://www.twitter.com/FBIMiami">https://www.twitter.com/FBIMiami</a>	05/24 - 06/15/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Miami	Broward County Elder Abuse Task Force (State Atty Office-led)	07/2021-06/2022	50	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Miami	Palm Beach Economic Crimes Meeting	07/21-06/22	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Milwaukee	Wisconsin Consumer Fraud Working Group Meeting	08/21/18	15	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement
FBI: Milwaukee	Native American Drug and Gang Initiative Oversight Board Meeting	11/15/18	15	Federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement, USAOs
FBI: Milwaukee	Local Law Enforcement Outreach	01/18/19	2	State/local law enforcement
FBI: Milwaukee	Banking Community Outreach	03/19/19	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Milwaukee	Financial Crimes Working Group	02/01/22	25	State/local law enforcement
FBI: Milwaukee	Wausau Channel 9 Zoom interview regarding dangers of online dating and romance scams	01/01/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Milwaukee	Financial Crimes Working Group	05/22/22	40	State/local law enforcement
FBI: Milwaukee	Financial Crimes Working Group	11/01/21	50	State/local law enforcement
FBI: Milwaukee	News media interview regarding counterfeit coupons. SSA provided background information regarding two previous counterfeit coupon investigations. The first investigation, codename Unlawful Redemption, identified over \$5 million in loss and led to 20 convictions. This investigation led to an investigation into International Outsourcing Services and identified over \$250 million in loss (318A- WM-42859). This investigation led to 11 individuals, include the CEO and eight top executives. SSA also provided tips and guidance regarding counterfeit coupons and submitting tips to the FBI.	11/01/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Minneapolis	The approximate one hour in-person presentation included an overview of the types of Financial Crimes the FBI investigates. The awareness brief focused on financial frauds scams, Elder Fraud scams, money mule awareness, and Health Care Fraud scams.	04/01/22	35	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Minneapolis	Presented in-person to Wright County Auditors concerning Elder Fraud, Affinity Scams, Money Mules. Provided attendees with Fraud case examples and red flags to look out for when conducting audits. Provided information to protect against the various white collar and cyber enabled frauds.	02/01/22	200	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Minneapolis	Students were provided a 1 hour block of training on Health Care Fraud, Money Laundering and Complex Financial Crimes. Topics included threats of health care fraud, securities fraud, theft by swindle, elder justice, wire/mail fraud schemes and other complex white collar crime topics. Students were educated about resources that can be used in combating and reporting on financial crimes. and criminal trials.	02/01/22	19	Industry/Private sector

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FBI: Minneapolis	In-person presentation to agricultural bankers at their annual bankers conference. Approximately 250 bank executives were in attendance. Topics addressed included Complex Financial Crimes, bank fraud, health care fraud, securities fraud, theft by swindle, elder justice, wire/mail fraud schemes and other complex white collar crime topics. Attendees were provided information about resources that can be used in combating and reporting on financial crimes	07/01/21	250	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Minneapolis	Each in-person presentation was approximately 1.5 hours long and covered the topic of white-collar crime, including investment fraud, spear phishing, and telemarketing fraud. The presentation also included information to be utilized to help prevent and respond to various scams, including information about IC3.gov and FTC.gov.	06/01/22	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Minneapolis	Presented in-person to employees and customers of Fidelity Bank. The presentation was approximately one hour and covered the topics of cyber-based threats, telemarketing/online scams, and money mules. Elder customers of the bank were identified as potential victims and what to look for to combat elder fraud. The audience was provided information to prevent phishing attempts and directed to report scams at IC3.gov.	06/01/22	90	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Minneapolis	Presented in-person to employees and client of Winthrop and Winestine (Winthrop). The presentation was approximately one hour fifteen minutes, and covered the topics of cyber-security threats, telemarketing/online scams, and money mules. The audience was provided information on how and why the elderly are often unwitting money mules. The topics covered elder fraud. The audience was provided information to prevent phishing attempts and directed to report scams at IC3.gov	06/01/22	50	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: Minneapolis	Presented in-person to members of Minnesota State Mankato's Beta Alpha Psi, as well as faculty advisors. The topics included an overview of IRS and FBI careers and requirements for employment, with a focus on financial frauds, and Elder Fraud, scams against their parents or grandparents, current scams and case examples.	03/01/22	35	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Minneapolis	Provided a 90 minute block of in-person training on Health Care Fraud, Complex Financial Crimes, and Cyber Crimes. Topics were focused on Elder Fraud and Cyber Crimes, but included threats of health care fraud, securities fraud, theft by swindle, Romance Scams, Investment fraud schemes and other complex white collar crime topics. Other speakers included MN Attorney General Keith Ellison (Virtually) and a representative from the MN AG Office.	05/01/22	50	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Minneapolis	AARP virtual Tele-Town Hall along with Lisa Jemtrud, Vice President of Community Relations for the BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. The call was moderated by Jay Haapala, Associate State Director of the AARP of Minnesota. The topics included current financial frauds, health care scams, and Covid scams affecting the elder population (Elder Fraud).	11/21/22	30	Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Minneapolis	Provided classroom presentation to students attending the Alexandria Technical Community College (ATCC) seeking to obtain law enforcement degrees. The students intend to become Minnesota State Peace Officers. 75 students were provided a 2 hour block of training on Health Care Fraud, and Complex Financial Crimes. Topics included threats of health care fraud, securities fraud, theft by swindle, elder justice, wire/mail fraud schemes and other complex white collar crime topics. Students were educated about resources that can be used in combating and reporting on financial crimes	10/01/21	75	Other: higher education
FBI: Minneapolis	Virtual presentation about fraud and complex financial crime investigations to students of a fraud examination course at North Dakota State University's Barry Hall, 811 2nd Ave. N., Fargo, ND. Fraud schemes included scams targeting the elder population (Elder Justice).	10/01/21	100	Other: higher education

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FBI: Minneapolis	Presented in-person to students and faculty at the University of St. Thomas, Opus College of Business, concerning Elder Fraud, Affinity Scams, Money Mules. Provided attendees with Fraud case examples and red flags to look out for. Provided information to protect against the various white collar and cyber enabled frauds.		30	Other: higher education
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile SA provided a training/awareness briefing to the Junior Auxiliary of the Eastern Shore (Baldwin County, AL) on the topics of Internet Safety and Elder Fraud.	10/20/21	20	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile PAS traveled to Ashland, (Clay County) AL, to provide a Elder Fraud presentation to members of law enforcement in the area. The event was hosted by the newly appointed District Attorney, Joe Ficquette. The Sheriff, Chief of Police for Lineville and Ashland were present with officers and deputies from both departments.	12/14/21	50	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile Twitter page tweeted: "Romance scams can break your heart and your bank account. Don't spend #ValentinesDay wondering what went wrong. Report these scams and attempted fraud to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov." The tweet also included a link to learn more at fbi.gov/romancescams.	02/14/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile Twitter page tweeted: "Not everyone on dating sites and apps is looking for love. Scammers use these platforms to build relationships with victims and persuade them to send money or share personal information. Never send money to someone you have only met online." The tweet also included a link to learn more at fbi.gov/romance scams.	02/02/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile Twitter page tweeted: "Don't let a romance scammer sweet you off your feet! Scammers try to quickly build relationships, gain victims' trust, and propose marriage before asking for money. Once they receive it, they disappear. Report fraud and attempted fraud to ic3.gov." The tweet also included a link to learn more at fbi.gov/romancescams.	02/28/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile SSA provided a training and awareness briefing to the FBI Mobile Citizens Academy. SSA covered all programs addressed by the FBI Mobile White Collar Squad to include: Civil Rights; Public Corruption; Financial Crimes and Intellectual Property Rights; Health Care Fraud; Money Laundering, Threat Finance, and Virtual Currency Exploitation; and Fraud Against the Government.	04/19/22	25	Industry/Private Sector
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile IA met with Elizabeth deShazo, President of the Exchange Club of Mobile, and approximately 15 other Exchange Club members. IA provided members of the Exchange Club with a presentation on elder fraud.	04/28/22	18	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile SAC and others traveled to the BOAT PEOPLE SOS (BPSOS) - CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT in Bayou la Batre, AL to conduct community outreach with the Vietnamese-American community. SSA provided an awareness briefing on Elder Fraud.	05/25/22	7	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Mobile	FBI Mobile SAC Paul Brown and others conducted a roundtable meeting with representatives of the Hispanic community. SSA provided an awareness briefing on Elder Fraud.	06/07/22	13	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: New Haven	Basic Elder fraud presentation in-person	10/01/21	70	Older adults
FBI: Newark	Four Seasons 55 and Older in-person and virtual presentation	04/11/22	150	Older adults
FBI: Newark	Ocean City AARP/ Ocean City Library in-person and virtual presentation	11/19/21	40	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Newark	Ocean City AARP/ Ocean City Library in-person and virtual presentation	12/10/21	40	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Newark	Virtual presentation at the New Jersey InfraGard Elder Fraud presentation	03/15/22	40	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Newark	Virtual presentation at the Fort Lee Community Library - Elder Fraud	04/11/22	30	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Newark	Cape May County Prosecutors Office/FBI Elder Fraud Presentation	05/18/22	30	Older adults

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FBI: Newark	National Council Of Jewish Women	05/18/22	30	Older adults
FBI: Newark	Cape May County Prosecutors Office/FBI Elder Frauds Presentation	05/25/22	80	Older adults
FBI: Newark	North Wildwood Police/FBI Elder Fraud Presentation	06/14/22	25	Older adults
FBI: Newark	NJ Disabled Veterans Convention	06/14/22	500	Older adults
FBI: Newark	Cape May County Prosecutors Office/FBI Elder Frauds Presentation	06/15/22	80	Older adults
FBI: Newark	Cape May Police Department	06/20/22	25	Older adults
FBI: Newark	Virtual presentation at the New Jersey Bankers Association - Elder Fraud Member guidance	06/09/22	30	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Norfolk	Romance Scam Awareness	02/01/22	25	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Norfolk	Romance Scams/Fraud Awareness	02/01/22	100	Older adults
FBI: Norfolk	Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation	05/01/22	30	Federal law enforcement
FBI: Norfolk	Elder Fraud Scams, red flags and vulnerabilities	05/01/22	20	Federal law enforcement; Older adults
FBI: Norfolk	Elder Fraud Scams- Targeting awareness and financial schemes	11/01/21	40	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Elder Fraud presentation to Mon Valley Chapter of Credit Unions	04/01/22	60	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Pittsburgh	Elder Fraud Presentation to Charleroi Golden Agers, Inc.	04/01/22	70	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Carnegie Mellon University Cyber/Elder Fraud Class Presentation	04/01/22	35	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Presentation to the Squirell Hill Senior Center	04/01/22	25	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Presentation to the Legal Symposium	02/01/22	22	State/local law enforcement
FBI: Pittsburgh	Presentation to Wealth Management and Attorneys	01/01/22	50	State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
FBI: Pittsburgh	Elder Fraud presentation to SW region Retired PA State Education Association	06/01/22	50	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Elder Fraud presentation to 6/17/2022 for the Sewickley Valley YMCA	06/01/22	75	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Carnegie Mellon University Cyber/Elder Fraud Class Presentation	03/01/22	30	Older adults
FBI: Pittsburgh	Elder fraud presentation to Retired Mon Valley Steelworkers	05/01/22	30	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Pittsburgh	Presentation to Banking Industry on Cyber/Elder Fraud	10/01/21	60	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Pittsburgh	Romance scam warning via a media outlet <a href="https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/romance-scams-in-the-air-during-valentines-day-part-two/">https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/romance-scams-in-the-air-during-valentines-day-part-two/</a>	02/01/22	1000	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Pittsburgh	Interview regarding telephone spoofing scams <a href="http://www.wpxi.com/news/local/greensburg-city-police-fbi-warn-about-spoofing-phone-scam-targeting-folks-our-area/7UFKAXWHASHQVISFBK4VQCY2EY/">http://www.wpxi.com/news/local/greensburg-city-police-fbi-warn-about-spoofing-phone-scam-targeting-folks-our-area/7UFKAXWHASHQVISFBK4VQCY2EY/</a>	11/01/21	1000	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Pittsburgh	Interview regarding cryptocurrency scams/ news article and televised story <a href="https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2022/02/28/fbi-cryptocurrency-scams/">https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2022/02/28/fbi-cryptocurrency-scams/</a>	02/01/22	1000	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Richmond	Elder Fraud Awareness Presentation given to members of the elderly community in support of the Henrico County Police Crime Prevention Seminar Series	10/18/21	Unknown	Older adults
FBI: Richmond	Elder Fraud Awareness Briefing provided as a training event for the AmeriCorps Seniors Program for those who work with seniors	10/22/21	Unknown	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Richmond	Community education through Elder Fraud Awareness Presentation Henrico County 1st Citizen's Academy	11/03/21	Unknown	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Richmond	Public/Private Outreach and training-Fraud Awareness training at VCU, Business School	02/28/22	Unknown	Industry/Private sector

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FBI: Richmond	Outreach Conducted/National Initiative-Elder Justice- Presentation made to the University of Richmond Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	04/15/22	Unknown	Industry/Private sector
FBI: Richmond	Outreach Conducted/National Initiative-Elder Justice-Presentation provided to the Rappahannock Church of Christ	04/15/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Richmond	National Priority Initiative-Elder Fraud Awareness Training-Henrico Country Police Department Senior Academy	05/02/22	Unknown	Older adults; State/local law enforcement; Other
FBI: Richmond	05/27/2022-Elder Justice National Priority Initiative-Outreach and Training Given-Presentation and training given to Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church, Charlottesville, VA.	05/27/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: Richmond	05/27/2022-Elder Justice National Initiative-Outreach and training provided to the Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol at the Senior Medicare Patrol Summer Symposium	05/27/22	Unknown	Older adults
FBI: Richmond	Significant Public Outreach-Elder Justice-TV Interview given to Richmond Local Channel 6 by SSA on Elder Fraud Awareness	07/12/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Antonio	Briefing to Edward Jones Investments	02/25/22	2	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Antonio	Briefing to the Independent Community of Bankers Association	03/02/22	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Antonio	Brief to bank executives related to Elder Fraud Financial Abuse	11/29/21	30	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation and EJTF concept - to visiting CID AD, DAD and staff	03/29/22	6	Federal law enforcement;
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation and EJTF concept - to visiting Bosnian LE and Prosecutors	06/15/22	25	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement;
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - FBI Financial Crimes Conference	06/23/22	300	Federal law enforcement
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - Scripps Ranch Community Center	06/28/22	50	Older adults
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - Bernardo Heights Country Club	10/13/21	60	Older adults
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - Bernardo Heights Country Club	10/13/21	60	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Private Partner	10/20/21	300	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Meeting - SDSD	10/26/21	2	State/local law enforcement
FBI: San Diego	NBC and Telemundo Interview regarding formation of EJTF	11/18/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Public Entity	11/03/21	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Private Partner	11/08/21	100	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Public Entity	11/09/21	150	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO); Industry/Private sector;
FBI: San Diego	Citizen Academy Presentation - Operation Golden Fraud	04/19/22	40	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - Elderhelp - volunteer organization to assist at risk Elders	04/19/22	60	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - San Diego Oasis (non-profit)	05/10/22	30	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - Sharp Grossmont Hospital - Geriatrics Nurse	05/06/22	50	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud Presentation - Rancho Bernardo Country Club	06/02/22	60	Older adults
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Law Enforcement	06/09/21	50	State/local law enforcement
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Law Enforcement	07/23/21	125	State/local law enforcement
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Law Enforcement	07/27/21	100	State/local law enforcement
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud briefing to District Attorney's Office	08/29/21	5	State/local law enforcement

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FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Law Enforcement	08/31/21	1	State/local law enforcement
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Law Enforcement	09/21/21	50	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: San Diego	Elder Fraud training to Law Enforcement	09/09/21	100	State/local law enforcement
FBI: San Francisco	SF FBI discussed the possibility of a partnership between the AARP, and the FBI, to provide an elder fraud briefing to the AARP community members.	03/05/21	2	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: San Francisco	Interview regarding Romance Scams with Sonoma Index-Tribune	02/10/22	Regional	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Francisco	Met with members of the Regional Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT) Task Force	02/22/22	5	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO); Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Francisco	Elder Fraud Prevention Presentation	05/05/22	35	Older adults
FBI: San Francisco	Elder Fraud Prevention Presentation	05/10/22	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Francisco	Elder Fraud Prevention Presentation	05/11/22	75	Older adults
FBI: San Francisco	Elder Fraud Prevention Presentation	05/17/22	10	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: San Francisco	SSA on VIA magazine discussing real estate fraud and scams	05/26/22	National	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Francisco	Elder Fraud Prevention Presentation	06/15/22	30	Older adults
FBI: San Francisco	SAC Discussing Romance Scams/Pig Butchering/Threat of Fraud on the LinkedIn Platform on CNBC	06/17/22	National/ Millions	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Francisco	Elder Fraud Prevention Presentation	07/07/22	35	Older adults
FBI: San Francisco	SF FBI emailed approximate 100 senior living facilities and senior centers within the San Francisco Division AOR, detailing elder fraud resources	FY22	100	Older adults
FBI: San Francisco	Interview regarding scams with NorthBay Biz magazine	FY22	Regional	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Francisco	Romance Scams Working Group Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)	FY22 Quarterly	National	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO);
FBI: San Francisco	Liaison contact with Anti-Scam Group Anti-Scam.org	FY22 Quarterly	National	Industry/Private sector; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
FBI: San Francisco	BEC Awareness Campaign with w/Private Sector Engagement/Cyber and Media, including Escrow Compromise	Ongoing Quarterly FY22	National	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Francisco	Charles Schwab Working Group in conjunction w/PSE	FY22	100	Industry/Private sector
FBI: San Juan	Flyer to inform about possible scams elder fraud	12/22/20	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Juan	Interview of FBI SSA regarding elder fraud	02/23/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: San Juan	AARP	07/22/21	2	Consumers/Consumer groups
FBI: San Juan	Local Credit Union Flyer	7/14-16/20	160	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: St. Louis	Background interview with ProPublica, nonprofit investigative newsroom, on elder fraud	01/26/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: St. Louis	Fox 2 News live interview on elder fraud	06/15/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: St. Louis	KMOX radio station live interview on elder fraud <a href="https://www.audacy.com/podcasts/total-information-am-311/elder-abuse-is-underreported-1465540034">https://www.audacy.com/podcasts/total-information-am-311/elder-abuse-is-underreported-1465540034</a>	06/15/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage



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FBI: St. Louis	Press conference on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmoZr1ESRvM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmoZr1ESRvM</a>	06/15/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: St. Louis	Elder fraud training to Fraud & Forensic Accounting class at St. Louis University	10/18/21	18	Other: higher education
FBI: St. Louis	Press conference on elder fraud/Seim conviction <a href="https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/webster-groves-woman-81-gets-probation-for-helping-romance-scammers/article_0bc4c83a-c27d-59a4-b63c-fdceb0f86127.html">https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/webster-groves-woman-81-gets-probation-for-helping-romance-scammers/article_0bc4c83a-c27d-59a4-b63c-fdceb0f86127.html</a>	12/03/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: St. Louis	Elder fraud training to Stifel Financial	12/09/21	42	Industry/Private sector
FBI: St. Louis	Elder fraud PSA featuring subject Glenda Seim <a href="https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/sl-money-mule-psa-110221.mp4/view">https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/sl-money-mule-psa-110221.mp4/view</a>	12/01/21	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Washington Field	Two SAs attended a fraud prevention expo at a senior living community; agents set up a table with flyers, which they handed out while answering questions from the residents of the community; agents also gave a presentation on fraud awareness and prevention	04/26/22	150	Older adults
FBI: Washington Field	Fraud prevention expo at a senior living community; agents set up a table with flyers, which they handed out while answering questions from the residents of the community; agents also gave a presentation on fraud awareness and prevention	04/26/22	150	Older adults
FBI: Washington Field	Interview by CBS Evening News focusing on elder fraud and the FBI's work with victims to mitigate the threat.	05/04/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Washington Field	Interview by CBS Evening News focusing on elder fraud and the FBI's work with victims to mitigate the threat	05/04/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Washington Field	Interview for a podcast focusing on a prior fraud case in which a number of the victims were elderly	06/14/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Washington Field	Interview for a podcast focusing on a prior fraud case in which a number of the victims were elderly	06/14/22	Unknown	Other: Media Coverage
FBI: Washington Field	Presentation on fraud awareness to a local chapter of retired FBI agents and answered questions	02/17/22	40	Older adults; Federal law enforcement
FBI: Washington Field	Presentation on fraud awareness to a local chapter of retired FBI agents and answered questions	02/17/22	40	Older adults
FBI: Washington Field	Fraud awareness presentation to clients of a wealth management firm as requested from the owner of the firm	03/10/22	30	Older adults
FBI: Washington Field	Fraud awareness presentation to clients of a wealth management firm as requested from the owner of the firm	03/10/22	30	Older adults
OVC	Webinar titled "National Elder Fraud Hotline Overview", providing a description of the National Elder Fraud Hotline, including frequently asked questions and commons scams, presented to University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.	07/22/21	66	Other (Health care providers)
OVC	Webinar titled "Providing Help, Restoring Hope: The U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline", providing a description of the National Elder Fraud Hotline, including frequently asked questions and commons scams, presented to the Elder Justice Task Force with the USAO Northern District of California.	09/09/21	48	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)

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OVC	Webinar titled "Combating Elder Fraud: The U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline", providing a description of the National Elder Fraud Hotline, including frequently asked questions and common scams, presented at 2021 Minnesota Elder Law Institute.	10/26/21	100	Other (Elder law attorneys)
OVC	Webinar titled "The U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline", providing a description of the National Elder Fraud Hotline, including frequently asked questions and common scams, presented to the NAPSA Scams Working Group as part of their monthly meeting.	05/26/22	48	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
OVC	Webinar co-presenting with OVW titled "Programs to Address Needs of Victims of Elder Fraud/Financial Exploitation," describing respective programs addressing elder fraud/financial exploitation to the National Association of Attorneys' General Senior Consumer Protection Working Group monthly meeting.	06/23/22	25	(Other: Attorneys General)
OVC	Through OVC TTAC's customized technical assistance, the Colorado Adult Protective Services (APS) state agency requested two consultants to deliver a two-part virtual training series on Elder Fraud and Exploitation and Vicarious Trauma on May 10, 2022, and June 14, 2022. The trainings focused on trauma-informed approaches to assist victims of fraud and neglect and strategies to promote resiliency across the staff.	5/10/22 & 6/14/22	67	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
OVC	The elder abuse module within the "Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online" training takes 45 minutes to complete and provides information about what elder abuse is, and how victims are affected by this crime. It includes issues related to the crime, such as prevalence and victim impact, as well as tips and strategies to help victims.	Available on demand	7279	Other (Victim advocates)
OVC	The Older Adults module of the "Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online: Specific Considerations for Providing Victim Services" takes 45 minutes to complete and provides information on older victims of crime, also known as adult victims of crime. It includes issues that victims may face, as well as tips and strategies to help victims.	Available on demand	6936	Other (Victim advocates)
OVC	OVC TTAC offers an interactive Web-based training program for legal aid and civil attorneys titled "Online Elder Abuse Training for Legal Service Providers", that has four modules (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Financial Fraud and Exploitation, Practical and Ethical Strategies, and What Lawyers Need to Know) that offer a variety of information, tools, and resources to identify and respond to elder abuse.	Available on demand	1808	Other (Civil legal and legal aid attorneys)
OVC	OVC TTAC offers an interactive Web-based training program titled "Polyvictimization in Later Life", a 6-hour web-based training presented in five modules. The purpose of the training is to strengthen awareness of polyvictimization in later life and to provide knowledge and skills of professionals to address the needs of older victims. The training addresses the context of polyvictimization; victims and perpetrators of polyvictimization; best practices to work with older adults affected by polyvictimization using trauma-informed, ethical, and culturally appropriate practices; and the latest research and best practices to serve this population.	Available on demand	3002	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
OVC	The OVC TTAC Regional Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Team conducted outreach to organizations that focus on providing services to older adults. Staff provided online resources and invited additional discussion about TTA opportunities.	03/01/22	32	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
OVW	Skill-building and knowledge base training titled "Elder Justice: Dynamics of Abuse in Later Life," presented to Wisconsin prosecutors.	07/22/21	60	Prosecutors
OVW	Presentation titled "Elder Justice: Dynamics of Abuse in Later Life," for the Talladega College Social Work Program.	07/22/21	25	Multidisciplinary group; college students
OVW	Presentation titled "Intimate Partner Violence in Later Life," at the statewide Colorado Victim Assistance staff in-service, discussing elder abuse dynamics and best practices for working with older survivors.	10/07/21	31	VA medical staff, Social workers, Chaplains, Administrative staff

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OVW	Presentation titled "Sexual Abuse in Later Life," at the statewide Texas APS Conference, covering the experiences of older victims of sexual abuse.	10/20/21	50	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
OVW	Workshop titled "Funding and Key Practice Opportunities for Building an Effective Response to Abuse in Later Life," at the NAPSA Conference, speaking on the OVW Abuse in Later Life grant program.	11/10/21	30	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
OVW	Workshop titled "Stalking in Later Life: Overlooked, Minimized, and Life Changing," at the NAPSA Conference, speaking on stalking in later life.	11/10/21	50	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO)
OVW	NCALL hosted a webinar titled "Stalking and Older Adults: An Overview", examining stalking in the context of elder abuse – its prevalence, dynamics, implications, and resources available for survivors.	01/25/22	59	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO), Other: Domestic violence and sexual assault programs and coalitions, Elder organizations
OVW	Presentation titled "Elder Justice: Dynamics of Abuse in Later Life," covering elder abuse overview, common forms of abuse, elder abuse dynamics, abuse in the context of COVID-19, common challenges faced by older victims of abuse, best practices for working with older survivors, and sustaining elder justice work into the future.	04/14/22	128	Other: LA IPV Learning Collaborative
OVW	Presentation titled "A Victim Centered Approach to Elder Abuse Investigations," at the End Violence Against Women International Conference.	04/20/22	55	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO), State/local law enforcement, Prosecutors
OVW	The presentation reviewed domestic homicides with older couples and the risk factors, missed opportunities to intervene, and lessons for violence prevention.	05/12/22	Unknown	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO), Other: Batterer Intervention Programs, Dual SA and DV Program, DV Coalitions, DV Program
OVW	Webinar titled "What Judges Should Know About Abuse in Later Life in LGBTQI+ Communities," providing an introduction for judicial officers on issues that arise in cases involving elder abuse in the LGBTQI+ community, including barriers to seeking help, relationship dynamics between partners and with adult children and other family, and perpetrator tactics.	05/27/22	16	Other: Court staff (Judicial officers), attorneys/law students
OVW	NCALL hosted the a series of 11 trainings for prosecutors titled "Tools and Strategies for Prosecuting Elder Abuse Cases." This series provided training on handling abuse in later life cases, investigating and prosecuting financial exploitation cases, neglect, capacity, undue influence, and medical evidence.	7/13/21 - 11/30/21	148	Prosecutors
OVW	The National Judicial Education Workshop on Guardianships and Elder Abuse will include five modules of self-paced work paired with six weekly live virtual sessions. The first session will prepare judges to navigate the course material. Each live session will feature judges, advocates, and geriatric professionals who will engage with judges in a small group setting to discuss strategies and promising practices for managing guardianships where abuse is a consideration or concern.	4/13/22, 4/8/22, 4/15/22	9	Judges and judicial officers
OVW	Presentation titled "Domestic Homicides involving Older Adults: Lessons Learned from Tragedies," reviewing domestic homicides with older couples and the risk factors, missed opportunities to intervene, and lessons for violence prevention.	4/27/22, 5/12/22	27	Other: Court staff
OVW	Virginia Legal Aid Society, introduced the concept of capacity as a continuum of abilities to be reviewed in the context of individual circumstances, discussed how ageist assumptions can lead to unfounded doubts about capacity, ways in which the effects of abuse can be misconstrued as signs of a lack of capacity, the link between lack of capacity and the risk for abuse, and how best to use professional evaluations of capacity and a roadmap for making capacity determinations, and alternatives to full guardianship.	3/2022, 4/2022	149	Judges, Lawyers, Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTCO), Guardians

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OVW	The Elder Abuse Investigations for Law Enforcement training modules provide law enforcement with investigative tools and strategies to enhance victim safety, promote offender accountability, and help build an effective case for charging in elder abuse cases. The 23 online training modules cover topics related to abuse in later life for a law enforcement audience. Available at <a href="https://elderabuseforlawenforcement.com/">https://elderabuseforlawenforcement.com/</a>	On-demand online training	3189	State/local law enforcement
OVW	National Tour on Elder Abuse: Maryland (Virtual)		7	Judges
OVW	Virtual training titled "Effectively Addressing Elder Abuse," designed to help court officials better identify and navigate issues of elder abuse in a variety of proceedings that may arise in Oregon courts.		246	Judges, Court staff, Mediators
OVW	Virtual training titled "Effectively Addressing Elder Abuse Across Case Types," designed to help court officials better identify and navigate issues of elder abuse in a variety of proceedings that may arise in Wisconsin courts.		60	Judges
OVW	Virtual training titled "Effectively Addressing Elder Abuse," designed to help court officials better identify and navigate issues of elder abuse in a variety of proceedings that may arise in New Mexico		23	Judges, Court staff
OVW	Presentation titled "Guardianship Nuts and Bolts," at the Maryland Judicial Conference, discussing how to identify elder abuse min cases; address how assumptions based on age can have harmful effects on older litigants in court; use frameworks that prioritize the autonomy and dignity of older adults while also minimizing the opportunity for and impact of elder abuse; and recognize evidence of dangerousness and potentially lethal violence in elder abuse cases.		22	Maryland Judges
USAO Alaska	Participated in an AARP Tele-Town Hall regarding elder fraud	11/03/21	400	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Alaska	Made a presentation in collaboration with the local FBI Fairbanks office on financial fraud to a local nursing home in Fairbanks, Alaska	06/30/22	20	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Sponsored by the FBI, participated in the Financial Fraud Seminar for State and Local Law Enforcement, a full-day training for state and local law enforcement (6 hours of AZ Post credit) with trainers from FBI HQ, USAO, State Attorney General's Office, FBI, US Postal Inspection Service, Arizona Adult Protective Services, Pima County Fiduciary, and two counselors with expertise on the aging brain	09/23/21	50	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Money Mule Initiative 2021 Pre-Op Briefing	11/02/21	75	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Arizona Adult Protective Services Monthly Interagency Meeting	11/03/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Arizona Adult Protective Services Monthly Interagency Meeting	12/01/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Bank Intelligence Monthly Meeting	12/16/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO Arizona	Attended the Arizona Adult Protective Services Monthly Meeting	01/06/22	50	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Arizona Adult Protective Services Monthly Meeting	02/02/22	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Incompetent Money Mule Roundtable	02/16/22	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector

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USAO Arizona	Attended the Bank Intelligence Monthly Meeting	02/17/22	20	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO Arizona	Attended the Arizona Adult Protective Services Monthly Meeting, with state, local, and federal law enforcement and prosecutors	03/02/22	20	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Arizona	Attended the Arizona Adult Protective Services Monthly Meeting, with state, local, and federal law enforcement and prosecutors	04/06/22	25	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO California, Central	Made a presentation at the Senior Safety Summit hosted by WISE & Healthy Aging, highlighting recent federal prosecutions against scam artists	04/19/22	15	Older adults
USAO California, Eastern	Made a presentation on Ransomware and Cryptocurrency for SacFAST, Sacramento group of social workers and law enforcement aimed at preventing elder abuse and elder fraud	11/10/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO California, Northern	Made a presentation with the FBI titled "Fraud & Neglect Prevention" to residents of a private Board & Care facility on preventing and recognizing financial scams, and stopping and reporting elder fraud and neglect	06/14/22	75	Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	In commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), the USAO for the District of Columbia (USAO-DC) organized a WEAAD event featuring an expert-led discussion on the intersection of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud committed against older Americans. The USAO-DC partnered with the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative, Department of Aging and Community Living, Adult Protective Services, and the Department of Insurance, Securities, and	06/15/22	50	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Florida, Middle	At a Fraud Prevention Forum, participated in outreach regarding common fraud schemes	06/22/22	30	Older adults
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - South District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at Demps Park in Miami, Florida	08/10/21	350	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department Northside District and Farm Share, where free food and flyers were distributed to members of the community at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida	08/19/21	400	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at Demps Park in Miami,	01/11/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Riviera Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at Demps Park in Miami, Florida	02/01/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida and the Office's Project Safe Neighborhood Initiative in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community.	02/08/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - Northside District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida	02/17/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to the community at the Salvation Army in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	02/24/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Riviera Beach Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Barracuda Bay Aquatic Complex in Riviera Beach, Florida	03/01/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Riviera Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at Demps Park in Miami, Florida	03/08/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnerships with the Miami-Dade Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida	03/17/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to the community at the Salvation Army in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	03/24/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Riviera Beach Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Barracuda Bay Aquatic Complex in Riviera Beach, Florida	04/05/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - South District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Wilbur B. Bell Park in Miami, Florida	04/12/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnerships with the Miami-Dade Police Department - Northside District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida	04/21/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Salvation Army in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	04/28/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Riviera Beach Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Wells Recreation Center in Riviera Beach, Florida	05/03/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - South District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at Demps Park in Miami, Florida	05/10/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - Northside District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida	05/19/22	300	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Riviera Beach Police Department and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Wells Recreational Center in Riviera Beach, Florida	06/07/22	400	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Disseminated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) flyer via an email blast to 200 local organizations	06/07/22	Unknown	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - South District and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Wilbur B. Bell Park in Miami, Florida	06/14/22	400	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	In commemoration of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), on June 15, 2022, WEAAD banners were placed on the intranet and Twitter pages, and Attorney General Merrick Garland's statement on World Elder Abuse and Awareness Day was posted on the Twitter page	06/15/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	In collaboration with US Postal Inspectors, participated in an in-person WEAAD Outreach Event at three different post office branches in the Southern District of Florida (Pembroke Pines, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami), distributing 2022 WEAAD and Money Mule flyers and answering questions	06/15/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Miami-Dade Police Department - Northside and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at the Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida	06/16/22	400	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in a food drive-thru hosted by the Violence Reduction Program for the Southern District of Florida, in partnership with the Broward County Sheriff's Office and Farm Share, where free food and elder abuse flyers were distributed to members of the community at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	06/24/22	350	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	Participated in the Public Safety Expo to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Pinecrest Police Department, held at the Evelyn Greer Park in Pinecrest, featuring local and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies, providing information and flyers on financial fraud, scams, and abuse	06/25/22	600	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Georgia, Middle	Made a presentation at the Elaine H. Lucas Senior Center in Macon, GA, titled "Fighting Financial Abuse for Elders", discussing identifying fraud scams, defining financial abuse, and tips on how to avoid becoming a victim by taking protective measures <a href="https://twitter.com/USAO_MDGA/status/1516480115290836995?cxt=HHwWhsDUzaqoz4sqAAAA">https://twitter.com/USAO_MDGA/status/1516480115290836995?cxt=HHwWhsDUzaqoz4sqAAAA</a>	04/19/22	40	Older adults
USAO Georgia, Northern	Attended the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting with local law enforcement officers to discuss local and state cases and federal collaboration	07/08/21	35	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)

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USAO Georgia, Northern	Attended the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting with local law enforcement in West Point to discuss local and state cases and federal collaboration	07/28/21	30	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Georgia, Northern	Attended the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting with local law enforcement in Hartwell to discuss local and state cases and federal collaboration	08/17/21	30	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Georgia, Northern	Appeared on a local radio show to discuss elder fraud	09/01/21	1000	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Georgia, Northern	Attended the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting with local law enforcement in Cobb County to discuss local and state cases and federal collaboration	09/14/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Georgia, Northern	Attended the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting with local law enforcement in Fulton County to discuss local and state cases and federal collaboration	09/30/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO, Georgia, Northern	In collaboration with law enforcement, participated in a WEAAD community outreach event at a local church in Atlanta, Georgia, that aimed to educate citizens about how to avoid falling victim to fraud-based schemes targeting older individuals.	06/15/22	75	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Guam	Hosted an outreach table at the mall featuring Human Trafficking and Stalking, as well as various DOJ Initiatives that affect older adults, including elder abuse, financial exploitation, and current scams, with packaged brochures for residents to take home	01/22/22	300	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Idaho	Attended the Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults (JAVA) monthly meeting	10/01/21	15	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Idaho	Attended the Idaho Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team meeting	11/17/21	10	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Illinois, Central	Attended the CDIL Healthcare Fraud Task Force meeting	09/08/21	43	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO Illinois, Central	Made a presentation on elder abuse prevention	10/01/21	50	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Illinois, Southern	Interview with AARP—Illinois titled "Scams Targeting the Elderly"	08/24/22	Unknown	Older adults
USAO Illinois, Southern	Presentation at Fairview Heights Police Department's Senior Academy on scams targeting older adults	10/06/22	Unknown	Older adults
USAO Indiana, Southern	Participated in the Northwest Indiana Bank Fraud Working Group meeting	07/14/21	Unknown	Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private Sector
USAO Indiana, Southern	Attended an FBI presentation on Money Mules and Elder Fraud for the Association of Public Treasurers	07/19/21	Unknown	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Indiana, Southern	Attended an FBI presentation on Money Mules and Elder Fraud to a group at First Source Bank	08/25/21	Unknown	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Indiana, Southern	Attended an FBI presentation on Money Mules and Elder Fraud to a class at Purdue University	09/10/21	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Indiana, Southern	Attended an FBI presentation on Money Mules and Elder Fraud to a class at Ball State University	09/27/21	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups



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USAO Iowa, Northern	Gave a presentation on Abuse In Later Life Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR)	08/11/21	75	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Iowa, Northern	Made a presentation at an Iowa Paralegal Association (IPA) Seminar	09/24/21	45	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Joint presentation with the USAO-Northern District of Iowa titled "Federal Perspective on Money Mules", given to the Abuse in Later Life Coordinated Community Response Team	07/08/21	100	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Made a Money Mule presentation to the Des Moines Association of Certified Fraud Examiners	10/08/21	20	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Made a presentation on financial crimes and elder financial exploitation to the Iowa Bankers Association	12/16/21	75	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Made a presentation on Money Mules to Northwest Bank employees	04/06/22	25	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Made a presentation on Money Mules and elder financial exploitation to Bank CLE	04/06/22	30	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Made a presentation to the Iowa State Bankers Association Compliance Officer meeting, discussing white collar crimes, Money Mules, and elder financial fraud	06/29/22	125	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	Attended the FISOA End of the Year meeting with bank security officers and state and local law enforcement to promote the EJI and provide relevant contact information, report on trends, and otherwise educate on the issues concerning elder justice.	12/02/21	20	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	Aging Issues Awareness Presentation	03/18/21	85	Social workers and health care workers, who work with senior citizens
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	Participated in Public Safety Day in which neighborhood kids and adults come together to talk with law enforcement and prosecutors about public safety, and hand out pamphlets providing resources for elder abuse victims and to report scams.	06/09/21	50	Consumers/Consumer groups; Other (Youth)
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	2021 DVEA Conference for AppalReD Legal Aid	09/03/21	400	Mental health workers, domestic violence advocates, counselors, medical aid, social workers, students, attorneys, nursing home personnel, public service, maybe some law enforcement
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	Made a presentation to Poydras Senior Home on ways to avoid being scammed	07/15/21	30	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	Made a presentation to attendees of the Jefferson Senior Center about internet scams and elder fraud resources	04/05/22	30	Older adults
USAO Maine	Attended the Maine Council on Elder Abuse Prevention in which law enforcement, consumer groups, and others, discussed issues surrounding elder abuse and elder fraud	03/11/22	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maine	Participated in the Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership, a group assigned by the Governor to create and implement programs to assist older adults residing in Maine	05/25/22	30	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maine	Made a presentation to the Maine Counsel on Elder Abuse Prevention regarding federal elder financial fraud efforts	06/03/22	45	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Maryland	Webinar presentation titled "Elder Justice Initiative and You," to the District of Maryland regarding the Elder Justice Task Force, reporting requirements, resources, and EJI website	10/14/21	30	Federal law enforcement
USAO Maryland	Attended the Elder Justice Task Force meeting, with a presentation on private equity ownership and involvement in nursing homes	04/14/22	25	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maryland	Participated in a panel presentation at Law Day for Seniors, providing an overview of fraud schemes and helpful hints for preventing fraud victimization	04/30/22	50	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Made a presentation titled "Federal Prosecution of Elder Financial Abuse" at the Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit, discussing notable elder fraud cases prosecuted by the US Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland and trends involving elder financial exploitation	06/02/22	25	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Maryland	Radio interview titled "Combatting Fraud Against Older Adults," with Shawn Perry of the Senior Zone, reviewing imposter scams, the importance of reporting fraud, the Department of Justice's National Elder Fraud Hotline, and tips for recognizing and avoiding scam	06/06/22	Unknown	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Participated in an AARP Tele-Town Hall discussing prevalent fraud schemes targeting older adults and how to avoid them, including resources for reporting	06/15/22	4964	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Virtual event with the Maryland Banker's Association, discussing the Elder Justice Task Force in Maryland and how banks can become involved, and Maryland's SARs task force which all work to prevent elder fraud and prosecute fraudsters who target older adults	06/16/22	30	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Made a presentation on the Consumer Fraud Task Force, given at the Better Business Bureau meeting	07/22/21	12	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Representatives from the USAO, the FBI, and the Secret Service met to brainstorm ideas for a Money Mule PSA	08/20/21	5	Federal law enforcement
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Arranged a press conference announcing the indictment of two Texas men for defrauding an older resident of the Eastern District of Missouri <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/two-texas-men-charged-stealing-over-million-dollars-romance-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/two-texas-men-charged-stealing-over-million-dollars-romance-scam</a>	09/08/21	12	Federal law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Attended the Quarterly Consumer Fraud Task Force meeting conducted by the St. Louis Better Business Bureau discussing consumer fraud issues	10/14/21	15	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Made a presentation on the Consumer Fraud Task Force to the Better Business Bureau's meeting of consumer advocates and law enforcement	10/14/21	12	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Participated in the creation of a Money Mule PSA, featuring an 81 year old Money Mule and issuing a warning to Money Mules involved in romance scams	11/16/21	7	Federal law enforcement
USAO Missouri, Eastern	The US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, the FBI, the US Postal Inspection Service - Office of Inspector General, and the US Secret Service conducted a press conference releasing a Money Mule PSA	12/03/21	12	Federal law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Attended the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) Planning Meeting in which members of the St. Louis Multidisciplinary Team began planning events for WEAAD 2022	02/23/22	6	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Radio interview conducted by St. Louis Public Radio titled "How a Kirkwood Octogenarian Became an International Money Mule", featuring romance fraud schemes and the sentencing of an 81 year old money mule involved in a romance scam <a href="https://news.stlpublicradio.org/show/st-louis-on-the-air/2022-02-24/how-a-kirkwood-octogenarian-became-an-international-money-mule">https://news.stlpublicradio.org/show/st-louis-on-the-air/2022-02-24/how-a-kirkwood-octogenarian-became-an-international-money-mule</a>	02/25/22	3	Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Missouri, Eastern	Participated in the network of advocates to coordinate WEAAD programing within the St. Louis Metropolitan area	03/23/22	8	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Made a Zoom presentation titled "Secrets Scammers Use to Start Online Relationships" at the OASIS Institute, designed to teach older adults tactics used by cybercriminals to strike up online conversations that lead to a "relationship" designed to drain the victim of their assets	04/29/22	12	Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Made a webinar presentation titled "Perspectives from the Field-Strategies to Identify, Report and Address Financial Exploitation", sponsored by the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Coalition as part of a WEAAD Lunch and Learn	06/06/22	45	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	As part of the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Coalition's WEAAD programming, participated in a webinar titled "The Unforeseen Consequences of Romance Fraud: When the Victim Becomes the Victimizer", with representatives from the FBI and the US Postal Inspection Service, discussing romance fraud victims who became victimizers and the efforts of law enforcement to intervene in these cases; and featuring the Money Mule PSA produced in the Eastern District of Missouri	06/08/22	119	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Members of the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Coalition and a Tech Support Member conducted a press conference and planted pinwheels in recognition of the 2,930 substantiated elder abuse calls reported for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area in 2021 <a href="https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/local/missouri-woman-tech-support-scam-prevent-future-victims/63-19ec9dd3-74b9-45e2-a0d7-5f1c235eb065">https://www.ksdk.com/article/news/local/missouri-woman-tech-support-scam-prevent-future-victims/63-19ec9dd3-74b9-45e2-a0d7-5f1c235eb065</a>	06/15/22	25	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Montana	Attended the Western Regional Elder Justice Council Kickoff Meeting in Missoula, Montana, including the Montana USAO Elder Justice Coordinator, Montana Legislators, the State Auditor, state and local prosecutors and law enforcement, Montana APS administrators, consumer protection agents, and elder justice coalition members, discussing the creation of the Western Montana Elder Justice Council and methods of identifying, preventing, and prosecuting elder financial exploitation	11/15/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Montana	Attended the Southcentral Regional Elder Justice Council Kickoff Meeting in Bozeman, Montana, including the Montana USAO Elder Justice Coordinator, the State Auditor, state and local prosecutors and law enforcement, Montana APS administrators, consumer protection agents, and elder justice coalition members, discussing the creation of the Southcentral Montana Elder Justice Council and methods of identifying, preventing, and prosecuting elder financial exploitation	11/17/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation titled "How to Avoid Scams Targeting the Elderly" at the Elder Center on Fulton Street in Brooklyn, NY	06/27/22	5	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation titled "How to Avoid Scams Targeting the Elderly" at the Elder Center in Queens, NY	07/13/22	25	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation titled "How to Avoid Scams Targeting the Elderly" at the Elder Center in Staten Island, NY	07/26/22	20	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation titled "How to Avoid Scams Targeting the Elderly" at the Elder Center in Forest Hills, NY	08/03/22	25	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation titled "How to Avoid Scams Targeting the Elderly" at the Elder Center in Jackson Heights, NY	08/09/22	10	Older adults
USAO New York, Northern	Made a presentation to the South Mall Towers Resident Meeting in Albany, NY	09/21/21	60	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)

**Appendix B: Outreach and Professional Resources, Training and Meetings**

Component	Event Title & Description	Event Date	Approximate # of Attendees	Type of Participants/Attendees
USAO New York, Northern	Made a presentation to older residents of DeWitt, NY, titled "Protect Your Golden Years" describing Money Mules and fraud impacting older adults <a href="https://twitter.com/NDNYnews/status/1502354757029179402?s=20&amp;t=MDhdKNAT8oONYal7MI4VKg">https://twitter.com/NDNYnews/status/1502354757029179402?s=20&amp;t=MDhdKNAT8oONYal7MI4VKg</a>	03/10/22	4	Older adults
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	Made a presentation at the Friendship Café, arranged by the St. Saviour's Church - Meals on Wheels program, describing elder fraud	10/27/21	15	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	Made a presentation on elder fraud	12/14/21	18	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO North Carolina, Western	Created a financial fraud PSA, released to commemorate 2022 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) <a href="https://twitter.com/USAO_WDNC/status/1537027789823651841">https://twitter.com/USAO_WDNC/status/1537027789823651841</a>	06/15/22	Unknown	Older adults
USAO Ohio, Northern	Made a presentation titled "Financial and Cyber Fraud Update: What Every CFE Needs to Know for 2022" to Certified Fraud Examiners in Ohio, highlighting fraud trends and providing case examples	06/23/22	150	Industry/Private Sector
USAO Oregon	Co-hosted with law enforcement agencies a banker's meeting, with various presentations addressing outreach to older adults and elder abuse SARs	06/06/22	100	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Published information on elder justice in the WDPA Victim Service Provider Newsletter	01/07/22	Unknown	Federal law enforcement
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Attended liaison meeting with the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging	01/14/22	Unknown	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Published information on elder justice in the WDPA Victim Service Provider Newsletter	02/01/22	Unknown	Federal law enforcement
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Attended the monthly liaison meeting with Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging in which all the local partners listen in and share information on topics involving elder justice	02/11/22	Unknown	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Published information on elder justice in the WDPA Victim Service Provider Newsletter	02/17/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	As part of an article covering a local grandparent scam, the FBI gave an interview to the reporter on the challenges in investigating elder fraud <a href="https://www.wpxi.com/news/top-stories/2-men-who-ried-scam-elderly-woman-out-12k-rearrested-after-release/T2HFZCFG5FEZFPQJUGTB5NYNE/">https://www.wpxi.com/news/top-stories/2-men-who-ried-scam-elderly-woman-out-12k-rearrested-after-release/T2HFZCFG5FEZFPQJUGTB5NYNE/</a>	03/04/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Published information on elder justice in the WDPA Victim Service Provider Newsletter	03/04/22	Unknown	Federal law enforcement
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	In collaboration with US Postal Inspectors, participated in an in-person presentation to the Bethel Park Community Watch Group and answered questions from community members and the police chief	03/07/22	Unknown	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	In collaboration with US Postal inspectors, made a presentation at a Congressional Briefing	03/10/22	Unknown	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)

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Component	Event Title & Description	Event Date	Approximate # of Attendees	Type of Participants/Attendees
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	In collaboration with US Postal Inspectors, met with staff and the Director of the Jeannette Public Library to discuss recent scams and consumer fraud trending in the area, along with the distribution of pamphlets and fraud prevention materials to those in attendance	03/11/22	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Attended the liaison meeting with Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging in which all the local partners listen in and share information on topics involving elder justice	03/11/22	Unknown	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	Published information on elder justice in the WDPA Victim Service Provider Newsletter	03/25/22	Unknown	Federal law enforcement
USAO Puerto Rico	In collaboration with state counterparts, participated in a panel titled "Federal Investigation and Prosecution of Elder Financial Exploitation" at a two-day conference titled "Advantage Congress", sponsored by the University of Puerto Rico Law School, discussing common fraud schemes, how to avoid being a victim, and how to report incidents	04/28/22	75	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector
USAO South Carolina	Attended a meeting of the Senior Centers of Cherokee County and led the older adults in attendance in a game of Elder Fraud Bingo.	06/15/22	100	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	Joint presentation with the Northern District of Texas to advocacy groups in North Texas discussing elder abuse and financial exploitation	10/01/21	30	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Texas, Eastern	In collaboration with the Northern District of Texas and the FBI-Dallas office, participated in a PSA titled "Texas Officials Warn of Money Mule Schemes"	10/29/21	375	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO); Industry/Private Sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Texas, Eastern	Via Facebook live stream and in-person, made a presentation titled "Protecting Yourself from Fraud" to older adults at the Senior Center in Sherman, Texas, discussing the most prevalent scams currently affecting older Americans	04/28/22	50	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	Made a presentation to the Hamptons Retirement Community on financial fraud awareness	05/26/22	6	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	Made a presentation titled "Protecting Seniors Against Fraud" to attendees at a local senior living center, augmented by the attendance of local media to help spread the message <a href="https://easttexasradio.com/u-s-attorneys-office-joins-texoma-senior-citizens-to-combat-elder-financial-abuse/">https://easttexasradio.com/u-s-attorneys-office-joins-texoma-senior-citizens-to-combat-elder-financial-abuse/</a>	06/16/22	12	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	In collaboration with the US Secret Service, made a presentation to the Tyler, Texas, Rotary Club on financial fraud awareness	06/23/22	16	Older adults
USAO Virgin Islands	Made a presentation at an Elder Abuse Workshop sponsored by the St. Thomas Federal Credit Union	06/15/22	50	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Virginia, Western	Made a presentation regarding human trafficking at an Elks Club, and distributed brochures on the Elder Justice Initiative, COVID scams, medical and personal identity theft, among other issues	09/29/21	Unknown	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Virginia, Western	Made a presentation on human trafficking titled "Human Trafficking: A Community Response", and distributed several brochures related to various elder justice topics (e.g., tech support scams, imposter scams, money-wiring scams, identify theft, etc.)	03/16/22	Unknown	Older adults
USAO West Virginia, Northern	Attended the 4th Quarter Meeting of the International Association of Special Investigation Units	11/04/21	30	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTCO)



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## APPENDIX C

**Appendix C - Grants**

Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description	Amount
COPS Office	National Sheriffs' Association to re-establish the National Association of Triads	2020-CK-WX-0039	National Sheriffs' Association	The COPS Office funded the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) to re-establish the National Association of Triads. Triads are a national community policing concept that partners law enforcement agencies with volunteer groups and community services to educate older adults on crime and fraud, with the goals of reducing crime against the elderly and eliminating the unwarranted fear of crime. There are about 680 Triad Councils in 32 states with approximately 17,000 volunteers. The newly-revamped National Association of Triads serves as a clearinghouse of information, best practices, and trends in crimes targeting older adults and is working with state and local triads on national training. Since the program's launch in January 2021, the NSA has hosted the "Understanding the Challenges That Affect the Older Adult for Law Enforcers" webinar in May 2021 (29 participants) and the "Safeguarding Seniors from Scams" webinar in May 2022 (30 participants) and has been producing a quarterly newsletter. To date, the program website has had over 2,100 hits and the newsletter goes out to more than 780 recipients. The NSA has drafted a Triad Manual, which is currently in peer review.	\$80,000.00
COPS Office	Douglas County Sheriff's Good Neighbor Program	2020-CK-WX-0016	Douglas County (Nevada) Sheriff's Office	The Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Good Neighbor program began with one volunteer and one client, in 2020 with grant funding it grew despite the world-wide pandemic. The DCSO Good Neighbor Program has processed 221 completed and interviewed clients in the community since the inception of the program. The program generated calls for service generating criminal reports which resulted in the protection of seniors from either neglect, abuse or exploitation. Four of these calls for service were generated for critical welfare checks that resulted in the immediate protection of the senior, and assisted in the process of legal guardianship for the safety and protection a senior with dementia. The seniors were transported to a mental health facility, evaluated by professionals, and later placed into a senior living facility by the Douglas County Public Guardian.  Volunteers and the peace officer supervising the program assisted seniors with completing applications for temporary protection orders, which were served, and when needed the offending party was removed from the residence. During this award there were 10 applications for protection orders received and approved by East Fork Justice Court. The peace officer followed up with the protected persons. The Department has made 3 community presentations and created a website DCSOGoodNeighbor.com to increase awareness of the services. DCSO Good Neighbor program has partnered with a faith-based organization to fill some social service needs and gain more volunteers in the future. They are working on making program self-sufficient.	\$55,062.00



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Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description	Amount
OVC	Enhancing Trauma Informed Responses to Older Adult Victims of Financial Exploitation	15POVC-21-GG-01082	Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health – Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center	Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center will utilize a four-pronged approach—direct services, education and awareness, prosecution, and training and technical assistance—to address the emotional and monetary impact of financial exploitation of older adults to the greatest extent possible and to have a multidisciplinary team well-versed in all aspects of financial exploitation and victim response.	\$299,710
OVC	Elder Abuse E-MDT	15POVC-21-GG-01078	New Hampshire Department of Justice	The New Hampshire Department of Justice proposes funding a dedicated person to serve as a liaison between the NH Attorney General’s Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit, the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, and the Bureau of Security Regulations in effort to better identify and respond to older adults who experience financial exploitation and abuse and hold offenders accountable.	\$375,000
OVC	Empowered Aging's Expanded Solano County Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) - Strengthening Elder Justice throughout the County	15POVC-21-GG-01081	Empowered Aging	Empowered Aging seeks to transform Solano County's response to elder abuse by strengthening its existing victim-focused Solano County Elder Abuse MDT to address systemic barriers limiting identification and response to older adults who experience financial exploitation and other forms of abuse	\$375,000
OVC	Philadelphia Elder Abuse Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team	15POVC-21-GG-01085	City of Philadelphia	The Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, in collaboration with Penn Memory Center, Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly, SeniorLAW Center, and Philadelphia Corporation for Aging propose developing a new Philadelphia Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team to improve coordination between medical professionals, advocacy organizations, legal services organizations, and prosecutors to better serve older victims of crime and improve the participants’ ability to investigate and prosecute cases of senior financial exploitation.	\$375,000
OVC	Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Project FY21	15POVC-21-GG-01083	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, a federally recognized tribe located in northeast Nebraska, proposes developing a multidisciplinary team of professionals, from within and outside the Tribe, to ensure elders who reside on the Winnebago Reservation, who have been subjected to abuse, particularly financial exploitation, do not fall through the cracks while their range of needs are being addressed.	\$373,789
OVC	Holistic Approach to Leading Transformation of Elder Abuse (HALT-EA)	15POVC-21-GG-01084	Community Advocates for Family & Youth	Community Advocates for Family & Youth will unite multiple service organizations, government agencies, medical personnel, forensic accountants, and law enforcement investigators and prosecutors into an organized and active E-MDT that can engage and coordinate regularly to evaluate both recently-reported cases under investigation or sustained, as well as other cases considered longstanding and unresolved incidents where older victims are being abused, neglected or financially exploited within Prince George’s County, Maryland.	\$370,962

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Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description	Amount
OVC	2021 Oklahoma E-MDT for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse	15POVC-21-GG-01079	Oklahoma Attorney General	The Oklahoma District Attorneys Council proposes to improve case outcomes for older and vulnerable adults by minimizing additional trauma, restoring safety and security to victims, and holding more offenders accountable for crimes of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation by funding two county DA offices to coordinate a case review E-MDT and prosecute cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older and vulnerable adults.	\$375,000
OVC	Enhancing the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center: Building Capacity for Person-Centered Case Review	15POVC-21-GG-01076	University of Southern California	The purpose of this project is to enhance the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center through the addition of tools to improve the investigative capability for addressing complex cases of financial exploitation and the bolstering person-centered culture and processes by hiring a forensic accountant and integrating forensic accounting services such as fraud investigation, witness interviews, completing investigative reports, identifying deceptive behavior, and suspect motivations.	\$375,000
OVC	Breaking Down Barriers: A Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Strengthening California's Elder Justice System	15POVC-21-GG-01077	Community Partners	Community Partners will create a state-level, enhanced multidisciplinary team in California to address systemic barriers that local MDTs encounter but lack the capacity to address. These include inconsistencies in how statutes and regulations are implemented, interpreted, or enforced; service gaps; confusing, overlapping, or conflicting roles and responsibilities of agencies that respond to abuse; unequal access to services; discriminatory practices; unmet training needs; failure to enforce laws, regulations, or penalties; barriers to restitution recovery and compensation; and the need for policy reform.	\$375,000
OVC	Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse	15POVC-21-GG-01080	Metropolitan Family Services	The Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services will enhance their multi-disciplinary Financial Exploitation Intervention Team to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively service and support victims of financial exploitation in Cook County, Illinois by identify gaps in services for elders experiencing financial exploitation, seek and screen cases with the multidisciplinary group, review and resolve issues, coordinate direct service efforts and comprehensive response to victims' needs.	\$375,000
OVW	Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later	15JOVW-21-GK-00039-ALLX	Alexandra House, Inc.	Alexandra House and its partners will maintain and build capacity to offer targeted services to victims of abuse in later life; develop collaborative strategies across programs serving victims in later life; increase and enhance outreach efforts in Anoka County; institutionalize the abuse in later life trainings targeting criminal justice and victim service professionals; and continue to maintain and enhance Anoka County's Coordinated Community Response to abuse in later life.	\$300,000

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Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description	Amount
OVW	Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life	15JOVW-21-GK-00038-ALLX	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	This project will provide training for law enforcement and prosecution personnel and multidisciplinary audiences on recognizing and responding to cases involving older victims of domestic and sexual violence, stalking, neglect and exploitation; provide direct services for the support of older victims; and continue the Coordinated Community Response teams meeting across the state with a focus on systemic change to support older victims and hold their abusers accountable.	\$279,250
OVW	Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life	15JOVW-21-GK-00036-ALLX	Center for Elder Law & Justice, Inc.	The project will provide training to assist criminal justice professionals in addressing instances of abuse in later life, provide services for victims of abuse in later life, establish and support a multidisciplinary collaborative community response to victims of abuse in later life, conduct cross-training for stakeholders to better serve victims of abuse in later life.	\$400,000
OVW	Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life	15JOVW-21-GK-00037-ALLX	County of San Diego	The project will provide training to assist criminal justice professionals in addressing instances of abuse in later life; provide services for victims of abuse in later life; establish and support a multidisciplinary collaborative community response to victims of abuse in later life; coordinate and implementing cross-training for stakeholders, including victim service providers and advocates, LGBTQ services staff, victim serving staff from rural communities, staff that serve individuals with limited English (Spanish speaking), and social services staff serving older adults to better serve victims of abuse in later life.	\$400,000
OVW	Abuse in Later Life Resource Center	15JOVW-21-GK-02196-MUMU	End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.	The Resource Center will deliver training and technical assistance on abuse in later life to OVW grantees and sub grantees, and potential grantees and subgrantees.	\$250,000



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## APPENDIX D

## Appendix D: Acronyms

Acronym	What the Acronym Stands For
AAA	Area Agency on Aging
AARP	American Association of Retired Persons
ACL	Administration for Community Living
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
AG	Attorney General
ALL	Abuse in Later Life
APG	Agency Priority Goals
APS	Adult Protective Services
APS TARC	Adult Protective Services Technical Assistance Resource Center
BEC	Business Email Compromise
CFPB	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
COACH	Comprehensive Older Adult and Caregiver Help
COPS	Community Oriented Policing Services
CPB	Consumer Protection Branch (Civil Division)
CRT	Civil Rights Division (Civil Division)
DOJ	Department of Justice
EAGLE	Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement
EAPPA	Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act of 2017
EJA	Elder Justice Act
EJC	Elder Justice Coordinators
EJCC	Elder Justice Coordinating Council
EJI	Elder Justice Initiative
E-MDTs	Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams
EOUSA	Executive Office for United States Attorneys
FASTs	Financial Abuse Specialist Teams
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FINRA	Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
HHS	Health and Human Services
IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police
IADLEST	International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training
IC3	Internet Crime Complaint Center
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
JOA	Justice for Older Adults
MDT TAC	Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center
MDTs	Multidisciplinary Teams

MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Units
MLARS	Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (Criminal Division)
N4A	National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (now USAging)
NAAG	National Association of Attorneys General
NACJD	National Archive of Criminal Justice Data
National TTA Center	National Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Training and Technical Assistance Center
NCALL	National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
NCEA	National Center on Elder Abuse
NCJRS	National Criminal Justice Reference Service
NCSC	National Center for State Courts
NCVC	National Center for Victims of Crimes
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NIPEA	National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse
NSA	National Sheriffs' Association
NW3C	National White Collar Crime Center
OJP	Office of Justice Programs
OVC	Office for Victims of Crimes
OVC TTAC	Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center
OVW	Office on Violence Against Women
PII	Personal Identifying Information
PIN	Personal Identification Number
POA	Power of Attorney
POST	Peace Officer Standards and Training
PSA	Public Service Announcement
SAA	State Administering Agencies
SAFE	Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders
SAFTA	Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting
SALT	Seniors and Law Enforcement Together
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health
SRT	Supervised Release Term
USAO	United States Attorney's Office
USPIS-OIG	U.S. Postal Inspection Service – Office of Inspector General
VWC	Victim-Witness Coordinator
WEAAD	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day