

NAPSA Scam Advice Forum

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Topic: Fraud Criminals Using Local Couriers to Collect Money

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National Elder Fraud Hotline 1-833-372-8311

National federal hotline for adults 60 and over in reporting fraud and providing support and resources/safety tips. Many languages.

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

AARP ReST Program Support for victims and family members of these frauds: To register or for more information <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/voa-rest-program/>

Cybercrime Support Network: Free romance imposter fraud 10 week on line peer support program <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/>

Report Fraud to Local Police/APS as Well as One or More of These Federal Govt. Databases/Agencies

- www.ic3.gov FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center
- www.reportfraud.ftc.gov Federal Trade Commission
- www.identitytheft.gov Report Identity Theft to the FTC
- <https://www.uspis.gov/report> U.S Postal Inspection Service
Or report 1-877-876-2455
- If Crypto Investment Confidence Fraud/Financial Grooming/Crypto-Romance Investment - contact your local U.S. Secret Service office, in addition to filing an IC3 report.
 - <https://www.secretservice.gov/contact/field-offices>

IC3.gov related warnings

- Scammers Use Couriers to Retrieve Cash and Precious Metals From Victims of Tech Support and Govt. Impersonation Scams <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2024/PSA240129>
- Phantom Hacking (Enhanced Tech Supports): <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230929>
- Increase in Tech Support Scams Targeting Older Adults and Directing Victims to Send Cash Through Shipping Companies <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230718>
- Chinese Police Imposters Incorporate Aggressive Tactics to Target US Based Chinese Community <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2024/PSA240103>

Recent News Reports Involving Local Couriers

- Uber is helping investigators look into account that sent driver to Ohio home where she was killed. <https://apnews.com/article/uber-driver-scam-killed-e0e3762b94d465eef31511ad76ce3733>
- NC Lyft Driver caught up in grandparent scam saved grandfather from losing \$6,500 <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/crime/article288433941.html>
- Sixteen people charged with conspiracy to defraud hundreds of elderly Americans of millions of dollars <https://oig.ssa.gov/news-releases/2024-05-02-sixteen-people-charged-with-conspiracy-to-defraud-hundreds-of-elderly-americans-of-millions-of-dollars/>
- West Covina man arrested for allegedly attempting to pick up money from elderly victims who were defrauded in phishing scheme <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/west-covina-man-arrested-allegedly-attempting-pick-money-elderly-victims-who-were>
- Sixty Minutes: What it sounds like to be targeted in a grandparent scam. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/what-being-targeted-by-grandparent-scam-sounds-like-60-minutes/>
- When cybercrime leaves the web: FBI warns that scammers could come right to your door. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2024/01/31/fbi-warning-cybercriminals-couriers/72408046007/>
- Grandparent scam probe leads to 14 arrests, 56 charges (Canada) <https://www.bradfordtoday.ca/police-beat/grandparent-scam-probe-leads-to-14-arrests-56-charges-opp-8619140>
- Ontario (Canada) man who allegedly visited home posing as Interpol officer charged with fraud <https://globalnews.ca/news/10495784/ontario-man-who-posed-interpol-officer-charged-fraud/>