

NAPSA Scam Advice Forum Sept 2024

Topic: Supporting Those Victimized in Celebrity Romance Imposter Frauds

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Sign up for Steve's weekly 'www.Bakerfraudreport.com' for news/trends/arrests/prosecutions worldwide on transnational frauds/scams.

National Elder Fraud Hotline (US DOJ) 1-833-372-8311

National federal hotline for adults 60 and over to report fraud and providing support and resources/safety tips. Help with filing IC3 and FTC reports. Many languages.

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

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/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>

FBI Guidance For Crypto-Currency Scam Victims in Completing an IC3 report

<https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230824>

Cybercrime Support Network Crypto-Currency Scams & Romance Scams

<https://www.fightcybercrime.org>

- Romance Scams: <https://fightcybercrime.org/scams/imposter/romance-scams/>
- How To Do A Reverse Image Search to Look for 'Stolen' Images
<https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/how-to-reverse-image-search-from-any-device/>

- Recovery support group: <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/>
- Helping a Loved One: <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/how-to-approach-a-loved-one-involved-in-a-romance-scam/>

Celebrity Romance Frauds

- AARP warning on Celebrity Romance Imposter Fraud
 - <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2021/crooks-celebrities-impostors.html>
 - <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/fake-celebrity.html>
 - Perfect scam podcast
<https://www.aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam/info-2024/korean-celebrity-romance-scam.html>
- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warning
 - <https://consumer.ftc.gov/consumer-alerts/2018/08/scammers-impersonate-celebrities-social-media>
- Videos of victim stories involving celebrity romance criminals
 - Jacob Soboroff <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWWa3EJp5kg>
 - Kiana Reeves is not in Love With You- Becky Holmes interview about her book.
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrdYefNO7hQ>
 - Kiana Reeves <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlxUem-b70k&t=48s>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzrqM5jHPlw&t=28s>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzrqM5jHPlw&t=45s>
 - <https://talesfromthecollection.com/2023/02/14/celebrity-impostor-scam/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlxUem-b70k>

Articles and Resources of Interest

- Investigation into criminals impersonating Keanu Reeves
 - <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-09-03/keanu-reeves-love-scam>
- **Advocating Against Romance Scammers** <https://advocatingforu.com/>
 - A Loved One's Guide, Changing policy/laws, World Romance Scam Prevention Day and other tools <https://advocatingforu.com/resources>
- **Identity Theft Resource Center** 888-400-5530 <https://www.idtheftcenter.org>

Use of AI

- <https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/deepfake-scams-arrived-fake-videos-spread-facebook-tiktok-youtube-rcna101415>
- Example of celebrity voice generator (can say what is programmed including victim's name <https://www.tryparrotai.com/ai-voice-generator>)

Did the perpetrators manipulate you into being a money mule/money mover?

- US Postal Inspection Service- information on money movers/ money mules
 - <https://www.uspis.gov/news/scam-article/money-mule>
- Video of Glenda- a victim and money mule arrested and prosecuted
 - <https://www.fbi.gov/video-repository/sl-money-mule-psa-110221.mp4/view>
- AARP interview with victim manipulated into being a money mule
 - <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2021/money-mule-romance-scam.html>

Free National Online Support Programs (for all ages)

- **AARP Fraud Victim Support Program** Support for victims and family members of these frauds: To register (you don't have to be AARP member, no age restriction)
 - https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-victim-support-group/?cmp=RDRCT-CSN-FRD-NEW-SUPPORT_GROUP_PAGE
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- **Cybercrime Support Network** Free romance imposter 10 week online peer support
 - <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/>
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- **GiveAnHour** Monthly free support programs for fraud victims and family members.
 - <https://giveanhour.org/financial-fraud/>
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- **Cathy Wilson, Therapist Lifepaths Counseling**
<https://www.scamsurvivorhealing.com/>
 - Free video series for victims of romance imposter frauds
 - <https://www.scamsurvivorhealing.com/video-1/>
 - How to locate a good therapist
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gkre3HGamsU>
 - Online course for advocates, law enforcement and other supportive roles.
 - <https://lifepaths-school-7a8b.thinkific.com/courses/healing-from-being-scammed-advocates-LE>

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