

## **NAPSA Scam Advice Forum October 2024**

### **Topic: Tech For Good: Innovations Driving Scam Prevention**

Speaker: Nicola Staub is the Co-Founder and CEO of Cybera, a startup at the forefront of fighting scams, in providing a leading platform for victim support and information sharing. He is also an ambassador for the nonprofit ScamHelp.org and the Global Cyber Alliance.

**Co-Hosts:** Steve Baker and Debbie Deem

Sign up for Steve's weekly '[www.Bakerfraudreport.com](http://www.Bakerfraudreport.com)' for news/trends/arrests/prosecutions worldwide on transnational frauds/scams.

**National Elder Fraud Hotline (U.S. 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. Language line.

<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](http://www.ic3.gov)    FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center
- [www.reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov)    Federal Trade Commission
- [www.identitytheft.gov](http://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>

**SCAMHELP.ORG** <https://www.scamhelp.org/> in collaboration with CYBERA  
<https://www.cybera.io/>

- **Report a Scam:** <https://www.scamhelp.org/report-a-scam-with-scamhelp>
- **Free Benefits**
  - Scams involving Crypto Transactions
    - Free Consultation and Case Assessment with pre-vetted Crypto Tracing Expert if loss is above \$10,000 (→ Do you need a Crypto Tracing Report? "<https://www.scamhelp.org/articles/why-you-need-a-crypto-tracing-report>). Fee if hired.
    - Free support reporting your case to law enforcement.
  - Scams involving Wire Transfers
    - Quality check of your Case and Case Summary (Criminal Report) to facilitate reporting to law enforcement and beneficiary institutions, improving your chances of recovering assets.
  - Access to additional resources, provided by SCAMHELP.ORG.

**Federal Trade Commission** What to Know About Crypto Currency and Scams  
<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-cryptocurrency-and-scams>

**BBB** Investment Scams: Crypto and Romance Scams Are On The Rise  
[https://www.bbb.org/all/scamstudies/investment\\_scam\\_study/investment\\_scam\\_study](https://www.bbb.org/all/scamstudies/investment_scam_study/investment_scam_study)

**Recovery Scam Warnings: Increasingly, there are legitimate tracing services.**

- Commodities Futures Trading Commission (US Govt. site)
  - Don't be Revictimized by Recovery Scams  
<https://www.cftc.gov/LearnAndProtect/AdvisoriesAndArticles/RecoveryFrauds.html>
- Crypto Scam Recovery Services: A Comprehensive Guide
  - <https://coinmarketcap.com/academy/article/6431f9f5-fd6a-414b-b6fa-6a8581cf0203>
- AARP Three Ways You Can Recover Money Stolen by Scammers
  - <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2023/recovering-stolen-money.html>

## Tax Implications in Investment Frauds

- Tax Notes ‘Pig Butchering’ Theft Losses May Evade TCJA Restrictions
  - <https://www.taxnotes.com/featured-news/pig-butchering-theft-losses-may-evade-tcja-restrictions/2024/08/07/7kkq9>
- Senate Subcommittee on Aging – ‘Scammed Then Taxed’  
<https://www.casey.senate.gov/news/releases/scammed-then-taxed-casey-unveils-new-report-showing-how-republican-tax-law-further-devastated-scam-victims>

## Free National Online Support Programs (for all ages)

- **AARP Fraud Support Group** 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](https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-victim-support-group/?cmp=RDRCT-CSN-FRD-NEW-SUPPORT_GROUP_PAGE)
- **Cybercrime Support Network** Free romance imposter fraud 10 week online peer support program.
  - <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/>
- **GiveAnHour** Monthly free support programs for fraud victims and family members.
  - <https://giveanhour.org/financial-fraud/>
- **Cathy Wilson, Therapist Lifepaths Counseling**  
<https://www.scamsurvivorhealing.com/>
  - Free video series for victims of romance imposter and other frauds/scams.
    - <https://www.scamsurvivorhealing.com/video-1/>