

FBI FRAUD ALERT



If you or a loved one were solicited through a computer pop-up, social media site, dating site, text, email, or phone call by someone you have never met, and answer "YES" to one of the following questions, you may have been <u>targeted by a SCAM</u>.

- Have you been asked to invest in cryptocurrency or in gold futures?
- Has someone claiming to be a bank or government agency requested money, or for you to liquidate your accounts, in order to clear you of a crime or secure your accounts?
- Has someone claiming to be a tech or customer support representative requested money to remove a virus or child pornography from your computer or secure your account?
- Has someone contacted you claiming a family member is in danger or jail, and you must send money now to avoid further harm?
- Has someone you never met claimed to be romantically interested in you but requests you send them money or something else of value?
- Have you ever been directed to withdraw cash to purchase gold or silver bars to give someone else?
- Has someone sent individuals to your home or directed you to meet in a public place to drop off or pick up money, or other items of value, to deliver to an unknown person?
- Has someone asked you to obtain cash to either purchase gift cards or deposit in a cryptocurrency ATM—or given you a QR code to deposit money into an ATM?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please go to www.ic3.gov

for additional resources or to file a complaint with the FBI INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER (IC3).

Persons 60 and older may call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at (833) 372-8311 for assistance in filing with IC3.