

# Attorney General's Annual Report to Congress on Department of Justice Activities to Combat Elder Fraud and Abuse

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# FOREWORD

BY DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFFREY ROSEN

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The American public has faced many challenges this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with those challenges impacting our elderly particularly hard. This disease has not only endangered seniors' physical welfare; it has also led many to a state of increased isolation and vulnerability. Unfortunately, bad actors have used the pandemic as an opportunity to exploit an already vulnerable population. At a time when seniors need to focus on protecting their own health and well-being, scammers now threaten their psychological and financial security. Criminals who capitalize on this pandemic to reap illicit profits or otherwise prey on Americans are reprehensible, and their crimes will not be tolerated.

The Department has taken swift action to combat this misconduct. We directed all U.S. Attorneys to work closely with state and local authorities to detect, investigate, and prosecute offenses related to the pandemic. To that end, I further directed each U.S. Attorney's Office to appoint a Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator to serve as the legal liaison for the district on matters relating to the Coronavirus, to supervise prosecution of Coronavirus-related crimes, and to conduct outreach and awareness. The Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator in each office works closely with the Elder Justice Coordinator to ensure particular consideration and protection of the elderly.

To improve and further the detection of criminal conduct related to the pandemic, the Department urged Americans to report incidents of suspected fraud schemes to the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF), either by calling the hotline (1-866-720-5721) or by emailing the NCDF at [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov). The NCDF receives complaints and forwards them to the appropriate law enforcement agency and U.S. Attorney's Office as well as Justice Department litigating and law enforcement components to identify, investigate, and prosecute fraud schemes.

When the pandemic first hit, the Department began receiving reports of individuals hoarding vital medical supplies in order to make windfall profits at the expense of public safety and the health of fellow citizens. In response, the Department established the COVID-19 Hoarding and Price Gouging Task Force to develop effective enforcement measures and best practices and to coordinate the nationwide investigation and prosecution of these exploiters. Each of the 94 U.S. Attorney's offices and each relevant Department component designated an experienced attorney to serve as a member of the task force.

Despite exceptional challenges, our prosecutors and agents have worked diligently and resourcefully to raise public awareness of the rise of criminal activity related to the coronavirus. U.S. Attorney's offices and law enforcement officers turned to media outlets and virtual mediums to educate seniors and warn them about the escalating trend of coronavirus-related scams.

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Unprecedented times such as these truly amplify the significant work of the Department's Elder Justice Initiative. As outlined further in this report, the Department and its allies did not stand idly by but took swift and unparalleled action to identify, investigate, prevent, and prosecute illicit activity and protect older American's peace of mind. In times of crisis, it is even more vital that we work together to protect the vulnerable and preserve justice.



# INTRODUCTION

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR

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Crimes committed against older Americans have alarmingly increased in recent years. What makes these crimes particularly heinous, is not only the vulnerability of the victims, not only the breach of trust involved but also the victims' stage of life. The financial, physical, and emotional impacts of these crimes are devastating and often irreversible.

As the Internet and other technology play a greater role in Americans' daily lives, seniors are especially vulnerable. We have seen a rise in perpetrators singling out the elderly utilizing cyber fraud schemes and robocalls. These offenders are often overseas, working under the umbrella of transnational criminal organizations.

The Department of Justice remains steadfastly committed to wielding the might of its resources to uncovering and stopping these criminals, both at home and abroad. I have directed the FBI, every U.S. Attorney's office, and the thousands of law enforcement officers they represent, to aggressively prosecute elder fraud and abuse cases.

For the past two years, the Department conducted record-breaking sweeps of fraudsters who targeted the elderly. This year, I am proud to announce that we broke records once again, with 400 defendants from around the globe charged – a 54 percent increase – for causing over one billion dollars in losses.

Unfortunately, it is not just cold-blooded fraudsters who take advantage of the elderly. To address the failure of care seniors have encountered in nursing home facilities, the Department launched the National Nursing Home Initiative this spring. This initiative investigates those entrusted with providing care to our loved ones but who instead put profits before residents.

As outlined further in this report, our efforts do not stop there. We understand that raising awareness is vital to accomplishing our goal. Combined with increased partnerships, outreach, and resources, the Department is devoted to providing direct support to victims and restoring their sense of security.

Protecting senior citizens from exploitation has been and will remain a department priority. With our federal, state, local, tribal, and international partners, we will continue to advance our efforts and escalate the fight against those who target our elderly. Collaboration is paramount, and together we are bringing justice and peace of mind to America's seniors.



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BY EOUSA ELDER JUSTICE COORDINATOR SHERI H. MECKLENBURG

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In 2020, the Elder Justice Initiative continued its mission, stronger than ever, to prosecute and protect against elder fraud and abuse. For the last 15 months of my almost 14 year tenure as a federal prosecutor, I have had the privilege of serving as the Elder Justice Coordinator for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys, leading the Elder Justice Coordinators (EJCs) from the 94 U.S. Attorney's offices, and working closely with the attorneys throughout the Department of Justice who share in the leadership of the Elder Justice Initiative. I have had the privilege of working closely with Antoinette Bacon, the Department's Elder Justice Coordinator before she recently was appointed United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and was inspired by her tireless commitment and stellar leadership in protecting our elderly from fraud and abuse day after day. I have witnessed the outstanding work of dedicated agents, attorneys, victim advocates and support staff who have investigated and prosecuted the disturbing cases of elder abuse described in this report, who make it their mission to protect the elderly victims of fraud and abuse and to pursue the criminals here and abroad. This report also describes the many, many outreach efforts of our United States Attorneys, the EJCs and other attorneys and agents around the country, designed to educate our elderly about fraud and prevent them from becoming victims. As you read this report, you cannot help but be impressed with the attorneys, agents and others who have built this program and made it a success, and it is a tribute to them that it thrives and grows stronger every day, week, month and year.

This has been a particularly challenging year for our elderly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The disease has not only threatened their physical welfare, but the proliferation of fraud triggered by the pandemic also has preyed on the psychological and financial well-being of the elderly. Too many are scared, isolated and vulnerable. Although the pandemic made it more difficult for our agents, attorneys and support staff to pursue the perpetrators and protect the elderly, as you review this report you will see that our elder justice team vaulted right over those obstacles and came up with new and creative ways to achieve our goals of prosecution and protection against elder abuse. In addition to the pandemic-related fraud, this year we saw horrific challenges to residents of nursing homes, and Attorney General Barr responded with a Department of Justice National Nursing Home Task Force to identify and pursue nursing homes that fail to provide adequate care for their elderly residents.

Despite the challenges, we once again had a record-breaking number of enforcement actions, and, as in past years, we could not have done it without the collaboration and cooperation of our incredible federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners. Our valuable private-sector partners also continued to work alongside us through the pandemic in vital ways. Our expanded outreach with our many partners also engaged the community in this effort, and with community engagement and support, we continued to enhance our collective ability to protect America's seniors from fraud and abuse.

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Once again, our efforts to bring perpetrators to justice remained at the forefront of our mission, but we still recognize that prosecution alone is not the answer. That is why the Department continues to emphasize education and outreach to a greater degree than ever before. Our team has strived to alert the public to the enhanced threats of fraud and to provide training, resources and tools to our team and our partners to bolster their efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. Likewise, by reaching out directly to seniors, community members, and caregivers, the Department and our partners have worked to prevent seniors from ever becoming victims in the first place or, where someone has fallen prey, to end the cycle of victimization. As you read this report, you will see many examples of how our team creatively adapted its efforts at outreach and education in this now largely virtual world.

While prosecuting these crimes and advancing prevention efforts are key to bringing justice to abused older Americans, it remains important to provide the resources necessary to help victims recover and ultimately regain their sense of safety and well-being. This report highlights the Department's continued efforts to support victims, including implementing the new DOJ Elder Justice hotline, which employs trained case managers and refers victims to resources where appropriate.

We realize that, despite our successes, there is much more work to be done. As our population ages and as stories of victimization reach our national headlines with unfortunate frequency, the Department is continuing to expand its resources to ensure we are prepared to meet the rising enforcement demand. The pandemic has highlighted the vulnerability of our elderly population, and we know that we must work twice as hard to protect the elderly in difficult times such as these.

Together, the Elder Justice team and its partners have built a mission with momentum. Law enforcement is becoming more effective, more sophisticated, and better coordinated. Our prosecutors' dedication increases every year. Those who seek to prey upon our elderly should know that the Department of Justice remains committed to bringing perpetrators of elder fraud and abuse to justice and to protecting America's seniors. Our goal is that America's seniors should rest easy, and that those who seek to prey upon our seniors should not.



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# PROGRAMMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

## A. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2020: June 15, 2020

### *i. White House Roundtable on Fighting for America's Seniors*

Protecting America's seniors from fraud and abuse has been and remains one of the Administration's top priorities.

On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), President Trump convened a special meeting with his top advisors, including Vice-President Mike Pence, to discuss challenges facing America's seniors and the landmark steps the Administration is taking in response.

Attorney General William Barr, Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie, CMS Administrator Seema Verma, Chief Postal Inspector of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service Gary Barksdale, and Counselor to the President KellyAnne Conway discussed how collectively we can identify and combat elder fraud and abuse and provide support to victims and their families.

The President began by discussing his "ironclad commitment to protecting and caring for America's seniors." With regard to combatting elder fraud, the President noted, "My administration is working tirelessly to stop the depraved criminals who seek to defraud American seniors, of which there are many," citing that in only three years, the Department of Justice has

charged nearly 1,000 defendants involving over \$2.2 billion in fraud against America's seniors. The President also touted the newly launched Elder Fraud Hotline, which in its first three months, fielded approximately 1,800 calls. Equally important is a focus on ending elder abuse in America's nursing homes. The President announced delivery of "\$81 million for increased inspections and provided every Medicare-certified nursing home with shipments of personal protective equipment," along with the mandate that nursing homes report coronavirus cases directly to CDC, residents, and family members.

Attorney General Barr thanked the President for his commitment to protecting Americans of all ages, including those in their golden years. He observed, "In recent years, fraud directed against older Americans — especially over the Internet — has grown distressingly common. Seniors lose billions of dollars a year to these frauds, with the average reported individual loss exceeding \$34,000. And many of the perpetrators are not fellow Americans, but transnational criminal organizations — ruthless cartels located overseas that steal hard-earned savings from some of our finest and most vulnerable citizens." Attorney General Barr highlighted specific steps the Justice Department is taking to stop it, including the launch of the highly effective Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force. Earlier this year, Attorney General Barr announced a Nursing Home Initiative, which is focused on some of the worst nursing homes around the country and those owners and operators who have profited at the expense of their residents.

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Attorney General Barr rightly noted, “While we have accomplished much, we know there is work to be done.... The Department of Justice will continue to use all tools at our disposal to meet that important goal.”

A link to the President’s remarks can be found here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-roundtable-discussion-fighting-americas-seniors/>.



*President Trump met with advisors to discuss the steps the administration is taking to combat elder fraud and abuse. The full roundtable is available for viewing online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1o2RIA2gBE>.*

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A link to Attorney General Barr's remarks can be found here: <https://www.justice.gov/pa/speech/attorney-general-william-p-barr-delivers-remarks-white-house-summit-protecting-seniors>.

***ii. Office for Victims of Crime Awards \$2 Million Dollar Law Enforcement Training Grant to Commemorate WEAAD<sup>1</sup>***



*"The Department is fully committed to helping our law enforcement partners better recognize and combat these reprehensible crimes, bring the perpetrators to justice and begin to repair the damage and restore victims."<sup>2</sup>*

**-Katharine T. Sullivan**  
Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs

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Under a new grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), awarded in time to commemorate WEAAD, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded close to \$2 million dollars for the development of training for law enforcement to improve identification of and response to elder fraud victims. This national-scope training and technical assistance grant was awarded to the National White Collar Crime Center to

work with the International Association of Chiefs of Police to identify current training, tools, and practices being used to address elder fraud. The project will study current resources available and responses to elder fraud in a rural and an urban jurisdiction in two of the Department's Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force<sup>3</sup> districts and will develop and deliver trainings for law enforcement to improve the response to elder fraud tailored to the particular needs of different types of jurisdictions. The trainings will be tested, evaluated, and revised as needed and then made available to rural and urban law enforcement agencies nationwide. The Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force brings together the resources and expertise of the Department's Consumer Protection Branch, the United States Attorney's offices for six federal districts, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other law enforcement personnel.

***iii. Elder Justice Initiative Training Webinar***

In celebration of WEAAD, the Department's Civil Fraud section in conjunction with the COPS Office presented a webinar entitled Lifting Up Voices: Law Enforcement WEAAD Celebration (June 18, 2020) to a national audience in appreciation of law enforcement's elder justice work during COVID-19. The webinar featured Officer Steven McGhee of Paradise Valley, Arizona,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/office-victims-crime-awards-nearly-2-million-respond-elder-fraud>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh241/files/media/document/ojp-news-06152020.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/task-forces>



*Officer Steven McGhee of Paradise Valley, Arizona*

describing a day-long elder abuse AZ-POST-certified training conducted in his state based in part on the EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement). The National Center on Elder Abuse, the Elder Justice Initiative,

and the COPS Office each enumerated their elder abuse tools and resources for law enforcement. The COPS Office promoted the webinar through social media on Facebook (with over 9,700 followers) and Twitter (over 16.4K followers).

*iv. Around the Country*

**Multidisciplinary Team WEAAD Webinar Series – Eastern District of Missouri**

In honor of WEAAD, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Missouri joined federal and state law enforcement partners, social service agencies and consumer groups for a webinar series designed to educate the elderly and their caretakers about financial exploitation.

Overall, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Missouri reached over 300 people through these webinars.



“Because elderly victims are frequently unwilling to discuss financial matters with their children, or are too embarrassed to report the fraud to law enforcement, the entire community needs to be vigilant and proactive in protecting them. The Elder Justice Initiative provides the resources that help us confront these predators.”

**Jeffrey B. Jensen, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri**

## World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15

# LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR SERIES

Join us throughout the month of June for a series of **free** webinars designed to heighten awareness of elder abuse risk factors in the current pandemic.

- **Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:00 –12:45 pm**  
*“Protecting the Vulnerable During a Pandemic - Practical Considerations”*
- **Wednesday, June 10, 2020 12:00 –12.45 pm**  
*“Elder Financial Exploitation During a Pandemic”*
- **Friday, June 19, 2020 12:00 –12:45 pm**  
*“Social Isolation as a Risk Factor for Elder Abuse”*
- **Wednesday, June 24, 2020 12:00 –12:45 pm**  
*“Invitation for Engagement: Fraud Bingo and Youtube Videos”*

### HOW TO JOIN A WEBINAR

THE WEBINARS WILL START PROMPTLY AT 12:00 PM  
ON EACH OF THE DATES MENTIONED ABOVE.  
TO REGISTER PLEASE REPLY TO [elderprotect.stlmdt@gmail.com](mailto:elderprotect.stlmdt@gmail.com).  
PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH WEBINAR(S) YOU PLAN TO  
ATTEND WHEN REGISTERING.



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### **WEAAD Flyers – Eastern District of North Carolina**

In honor of WEAAD, on June 15, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina hosted a webinar with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Postal Service and Internal Revenue Service, to educate seniors about how to avoid fraud schemes. The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina further marked WEAAD by distributing approximately 300 brochures through the Martin Street Baptist Church, warning the elderly about financial scams and exploitation, elder abuse, and COVID-19 scams.

### **WEAAD Webinars on COVID-19 – Middle District of Florida**

In conjunction with WEAAD, the Middle District of Florida United States Attorney's Office participated in two virtual outreach events regarding Elder Abuse Trends in the COVID-19 Era – one on June 12, 2020 for the Orlando, Florida area (hosted by AARP Orlando) and one on June 15, 2020 for the Tampa, Florida Area (hosted by the Senior Connection Center). More than 230 devices logged into the events, which were also broadcasted and are still available on social media.<sup>4</sup>

### **COVID-19 Fraud Awareness Flyers – Southern District of Florida**

In honor of WEAAD, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida mailed flyers to approximately 300 seniors educating them about fraud schemes and how to protect themselves, and informing them about the Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline and the Department of Justice COVID-19 Hotline.

### **B. Presidential Proclamation on Older Americans Month, 2020**

President Trump issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring May 2020 as "Older Americans Month." The Proclamation lauded the Department of Justice's "unprecedented action against transnational fraud schemes that target seniors, the networks of 'money mules' that move stolen funds from Americans' bank accounts to overseas fraudsters, and telephone companies that knowingly facilitate billions of fraudulent robocalls."

The Presidential Proclamation "call[ed] upon all Americans to honor our elders, acknowledge their contributions, care for those in need, and reaffirm our country's commitment to older Americans this month [May] and throughout the year." As this report demonstrates, the Department of

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<sup>4</sup>The Tampa event is available online at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rHIIfy-M0Plxx5VAJ3eQllOMLoAGu9VCT/view> and the Orlando event is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOODbWENL8M>.



PROCLAMATIONS

## Proclamation on Older Americans Month, 2020

Issued on: April 30, 2020



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Older Americans are cherished and invaluable members of our society, deserving our utmost respect, gratitude, and admiration. During Older Americans Month, we pause to draw upon the wisdom, spirit, and experience older adults bring to our families, our communities, and our Nation. We also recognize that during this time of crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic, we can persevere and prevail by emulating the resolve, tenacity, and determination of America's more experienced individuals who have endured and overcome life's most challenging times.

Older Americans have built our economy, defended our freedom, and shaped our Nation's character. They have raised families and dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for future generations. They sacrificed in times of hardship and took pride in a job well done. Many served honorably in our Armed Forces during some of the darkest times in the history of our Republic. Older Americans have lived lives of service and sacrifice, bound by devotion to the sacred principles of our country. Although no one could begrudge them rest and respite during their retirement years, having worked decades to support and grow their families and nurture their communities, many older Americans spend their time volunteering for those in need, mentoring young people, or learning new skills. They pour love into their extended families, places of worship, and neighborhood centers, and offer profound perspective and insight gleaned from years of life lessons.

Justice continues to work tirelessly, using every available tool to keep seniors safe. We hope this work inspires others around the country to join with us and stand up against elder fraud and abuse.

Elder fraud has been and continues to be a priority for the Department of Justice. Having these landmark initiatives recognized in a Presidential Proclamation is a true honor and is a reflection of the outstanding work by every member of the Department's Elder Justice team.

### **C. Elder Justice as an Agency Priority Goal**

In recognition of the serious threat that transnational elder fraud schemes pose to the financial security of older Americans, the Attorney General has designated Prevent and Disrupt Transnational Elder Fraud as one of

the Department's four FY 2020 through FY 2021 Agency Priority Goals (APG) under the President's Management Agenda. Each of the Department's APGs – Prevent and Disrupt Transnational Elder Fraud; Combat Cyber-Enabled Threats and Attacks; Violent Crime Reduction, Specifically Gun Violence; and Combat the Opioid Crisis – represent the highest implementation-focused, performance improvement priorities of DOJ leadership. As required under the Government Performance Results Act Modernization Act and OMB Circular A-11, the APGs represent high priorities for both the Administration and the agency, have high relevance to the public, reflect the achievement of key agency missions, and will produce significant results over a twelve to twenty-four month period. Through the APG process, the Department established two year goals for Prevent and Disrupt Transnational Elder

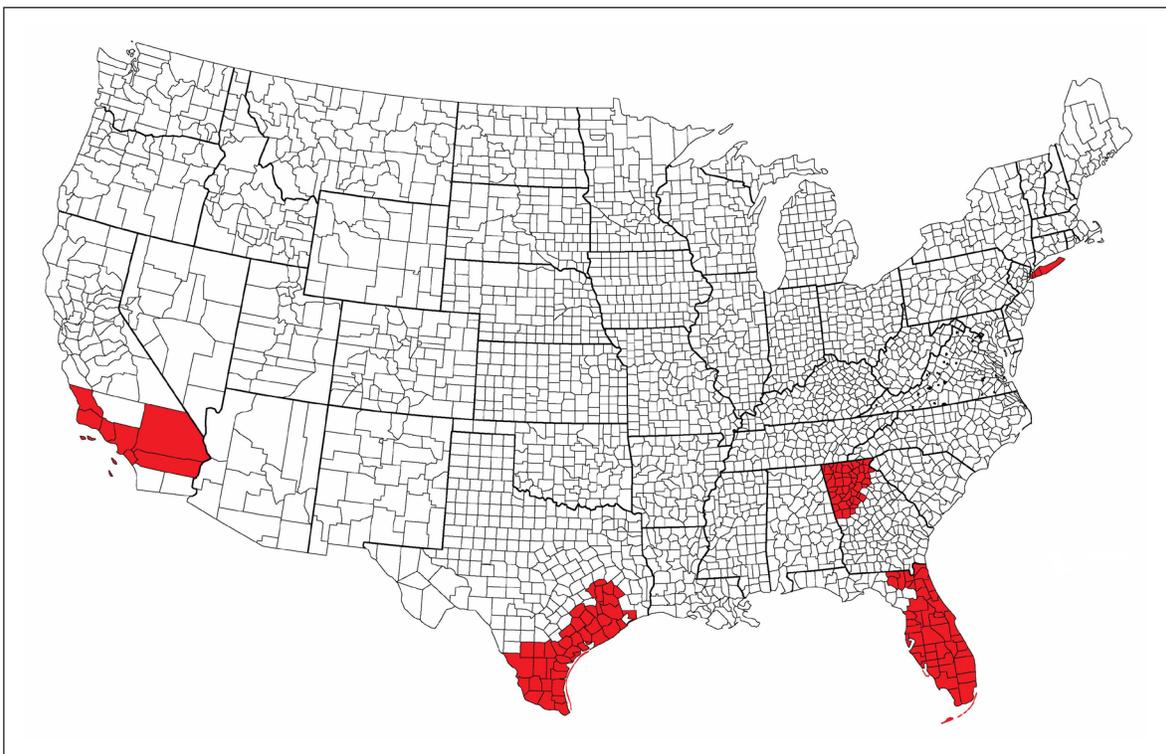
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Fraud, developed an implementation plan that identified strategies to achieve those goals as well as risks that could impact the implementation, along with metrics and milestones to monitor our progress on a quarterly basis in order to ensure that we are making progress and adjust when needed. Since the beginning of FY 2020, DOJ has begun executing its action plan to protect the nation's elder population from fraud. To date, we have exceeded our 2020 quarterly goals. Each of the Department's APG implementation plans and updates are made publicly available on <https://www.performance.gov/justice/>.

#### **D. Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force**

To combat the rise of Transnational Criminal Organizations operating overseas, Attorney

General Barr established the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force in June 2019. The Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force is a joint law enforcement effort comprised of the Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch, the United States Attorney's offices for six federal districts (Central District of California, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida, Northern District of Georgia, Eastern District of New York, Southern District of Texas), the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, along with other organizations. The Strike Force focuses on investigating and prosecuting foreign-based fraudsters who disproportionately prey on older Americans through the use of telemarketing, mass-mailing, and tech-support fraud schemes.



*In addition to law enforcement and Consumer Protection Branch personnel, the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force consists of prosecutors from six U.S. Attorney's offices, highlighted above.*

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Over the past year, the Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch worked closely with Department leadership to spearhead the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force. Branch personnel served as a resource for Strike Force prosecutors and agents on both civil and criminal matters, providing guidance, resources, and sample pleadings for use on specific matters. Branch analysts combed through voluminous data to find important leads and referred those leads to Strike Force districts for investigation. The Branch also worked closely with industry representatives to identify large-scale transnational criminal organizations victimizing American seniors and ensure that these promising tips reached Strike Force personnel ready to take action.



*"The Consumer Protection Branch is proud to advance the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force's mission to protect American seniors from foreign fraud threats. Working closely with our partners, we are doing more*

*than ever before to safeguard seniors' savings and peace of mind."*

**-Gustav Eyley**

Director

Consumer Protection Branch

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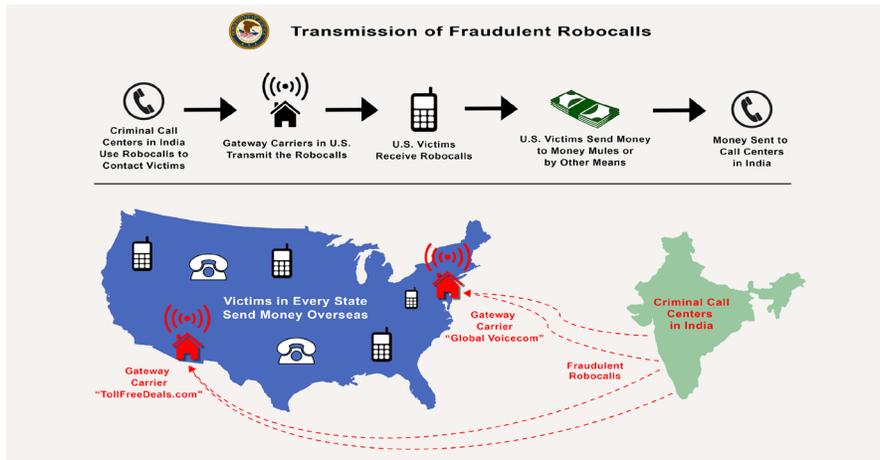
On the enforcement front, the Consumer Protection Branch took decisive action in several Strike Force districts, including cases in the Eastern District of New York designed to halt fraudulent robocalls from foreign countries. In January 2020, the Branch filed civil actions for temporary restraining

orders in two landmark cases against five companies and three individuals allegedly responsible for carrying hundreds of millions of fraudulent robocalls to American consumers. The two complaints, filed in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of New York located in Brooklyn, allege that the companies were warned numerous times that they were carrying fraudulent robocalls — including government- and business-imposter calls — and yet continued to carry those calls and facilitate foreign-based fraud schemes targeting Americans. The calls, most of which originated in India, led to massive financial losses to elderly and vulnerable victims across the nation.

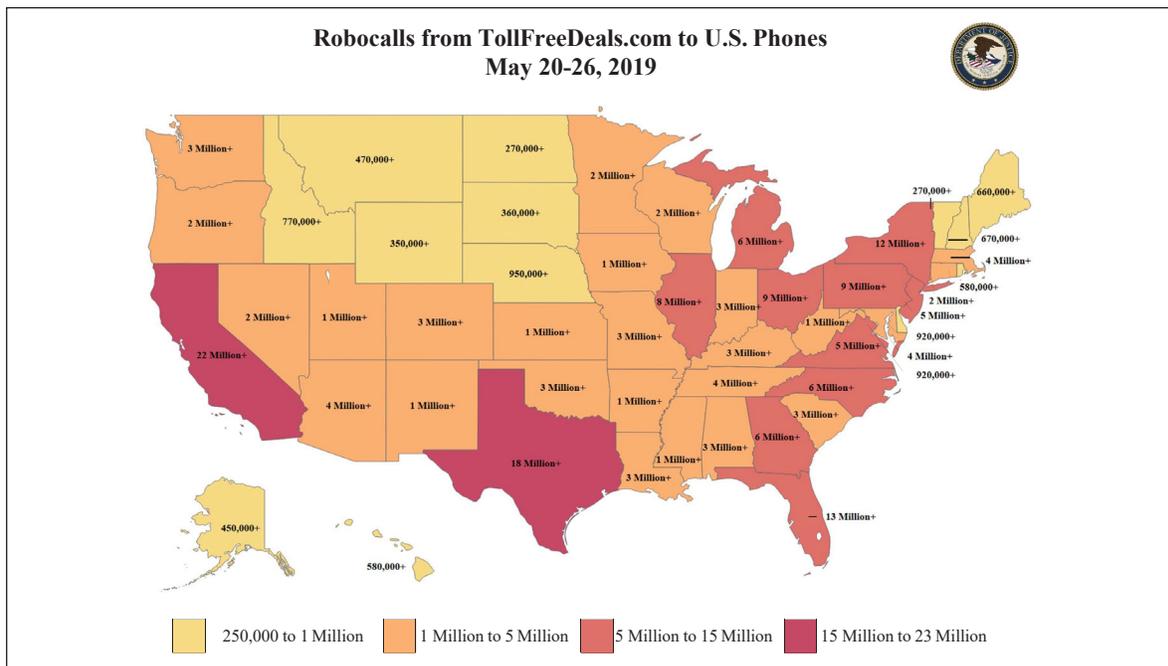
In each case, the Department of Justice sought an order immediately halting the defendants' transmission of unlawful robocall traffic. Both of the Department's cases resulted in favorable permanent injunctions. In one of the cases, the judge handling the case issued a judicial opinion discussing his important findings on the marketplace that facilitates fraudulent robocalls. The court noted that "the telecommunications 'intermediary' industry is set up perfectly to allow fraudulent operators to rotate telephone numbers endlessly and blame other parties for the fraudulent call traffic they carry," that the United States "demonstrat[ed] probable cause to conclude that defendants' business is permeated with fraud," that "multiple individual victims in the United States suffered significant fraud losses," and that "[e]very day that the defendants' actions in this vein continue, the public is at risk of harm in the form of additional high-dollar fraud losses."

## STOP FRAUDULENT ROBOCALLS

Two of the largest carriers of fraudulent robocalls in the US  
 Sample 23-day period, 720M robocalls



International criminal call centers operate by using domestic gateway carriers to transmit robocalls to American citizens.



Within a 23-day period, one company carried 720 million robocalls to American consumers, reaching every state. The map above describes the number of robocalls transmitted to each state.

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As part of its Strike Force efforts, the Consumer Protection Branch also initiated charges against foreign-based perpetrators of transnational elder fraud schemes. In August 2019, prosecutors obtained a 14-count indictment in San Antonio, Texas, charging five individuals with coordinating an identify-theft and fraud scheme targeting service members and veterans. The charged defendants, who were based both in the Philippines and the United States, are alleged to have used the stolen personal identifying information (PII) of thousands of military members to access Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs benefits sites and steal millions of dollars. To date, two defendants have pleaded guilty to charges in the case and one was sentenced in July 2020 to 46 months in prison.

Branch prosecutors also charged major facilitators of transnational elder fraud schemes, including several who must be extradited from foreign countries. In August 2019, four individuals were charged with engaging in a massive fraud scheme in which their company – PacNet Services Ltd. – processed payments from victims of numerous international mass-mail fraud campaigns. The defendants each were charged in the District of Nevada with one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit

money laundering, and multiple counts of mail fraud and wire fraud.

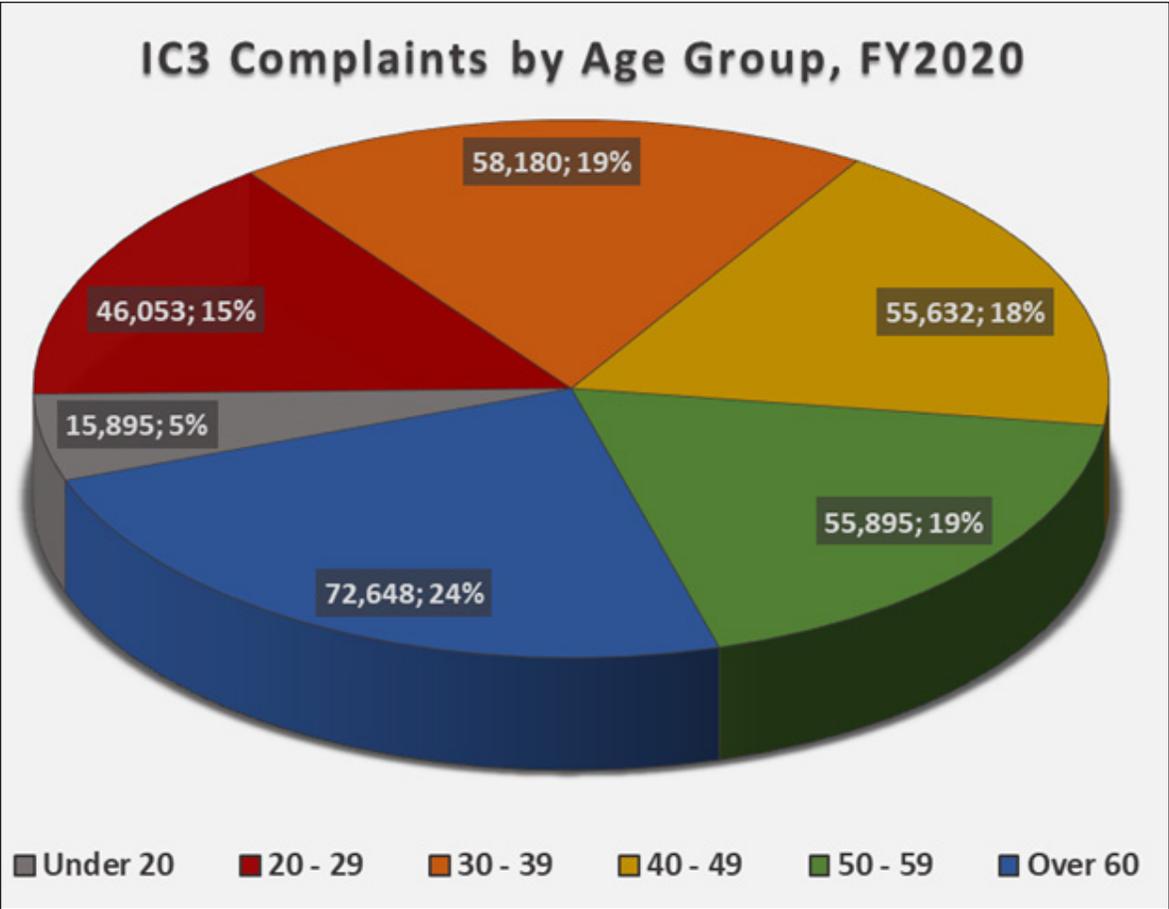
### ***FBI IC3 Recovery Asset Team***

The FBI established the IC3 (Internet Crime Complaint Center) Recovery Asset Team (RAT) in February 2018 to streamline communication with financial institutions and assist FBI field offices with the recovery of 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.

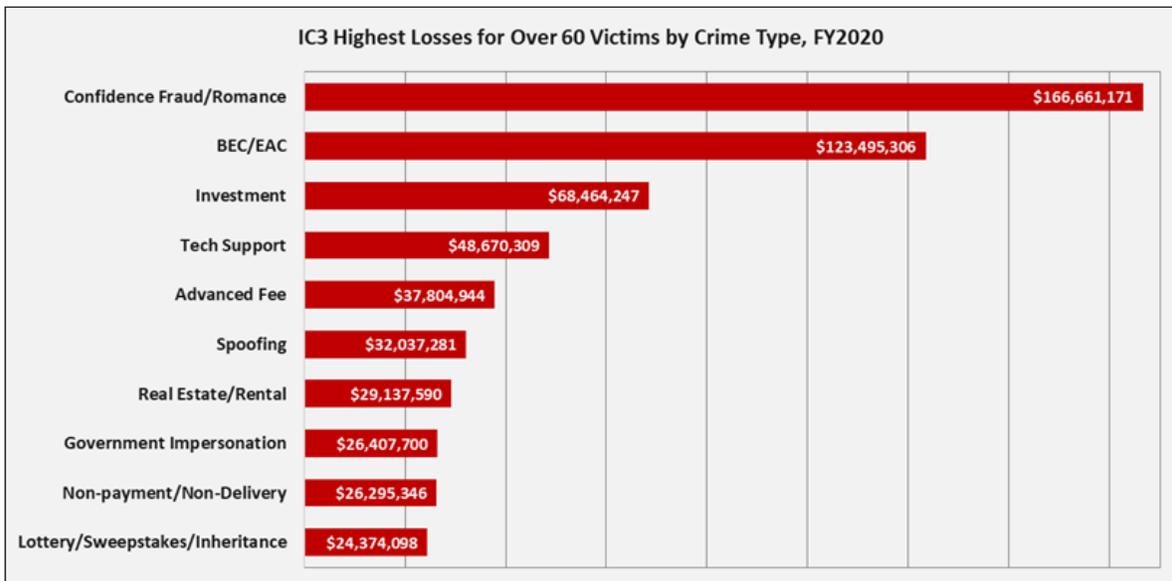
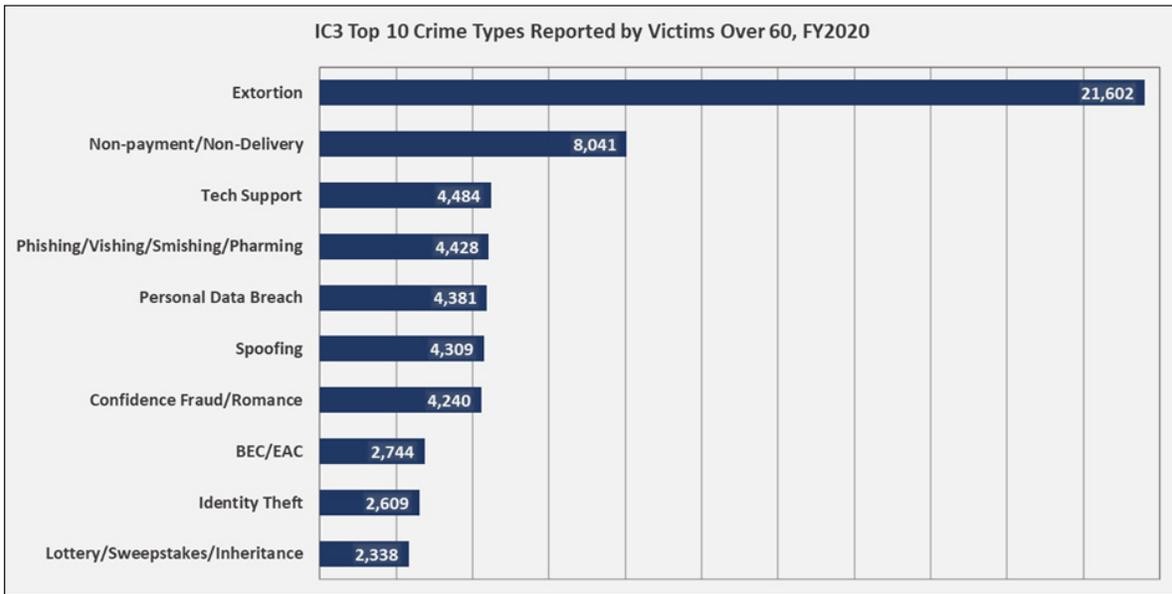
Between October 2019 and June 2020, IC3 received 304,303 complaints. 72,648 of these complaints involved victims over the age of 60, which was the largest age group reported to IC3. IC3 RAT processed 972 of the reported complaints, with a reported loss of \$373,590,962.80 dollars.<sup>5</sup> RAT recovered \$325,434,527.00 dollars from the total reported loss, leading to an 87% success rate. Of the 972 incidents worked by RAT, 58 incidents involved victims over the age of 60 (excluding individuals who are reporting on behalf of a business). The reported loss for these victims totaled \$6,990,837.77 and RAT recovered \$5,733,814.86, for a success rate of 82%.

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<sup>5</sup> Not all complaints reported to IC3 met the criteria to initiate the Financial Fraud Kill Chain (FFKC). For FY20, 972 incidents met the criteria to initiate the FFKC, which the FBI then pursued.



*For the fiscal year 2020, the FBI's IC3 Recovery Asset Team received 72,648 complaints from victims 60 years of age and older with reported losses of \$586,088,414. For the complaints received by the FBI IC3, the elderly were the most common victims.*



*Extortion was the most commonly reported criminal activity, but seniors lost more due to romance scams, approximately \$166,661,171.*

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## E. Elder Justice Summit: Keeping Seniors Safe<sup>6</sup>



*AG Barr gives remarks in Sun City Center, Florida, at the Department's Elder Justice Summit: Keeping Seniors Safe.*

On March 3, 2020, Attorney General William P. Barr, then Presidential Advisor KellyAnne Conway, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, the United States Attorneys for all three Districts in Florida, and the Director of the President's Domestic Policy Counsel Joe

Grogan spoke to seniors at a Florida senior community center on combatting elder fraud schemes. Conway introduced Attorney General Barr and other prominent speakers for the "Keeping Seniors Safe Summit," stating, "This is about protecting our seniors from pernicious predatory behavior."<sup>7</sup>

With hundreds of senior citizens in attendance, Attorney General Barr and multiple law enforcement partners announced the largest coordinated sweep of elder fraud cases in history, surpassing last year's nationwide sweep. Attorney General Barr announced that the cases during this sweep involved more than 400 defendants from around the globe, who caused losses of more than \$1 billion dollars. Attorney General Barr stated, "It has become clear that a substantial part of the fraud against



*The American Legion USS Tampa Post 5 and the Sun City Center Men's Chorus present the colors and National Anthem at the Keeping Seniors Safe Summit.*

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-william-p-barr-announces-results-department-justices-2020-elder-fraud>

<sup>7</sup> A livestream of the Summit is available for viewing at:

Part I: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/video/justice-department-hosts-summit-elder-justice-keeping-seniors-safe>

Part II: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/video/justice-department-hosts-summit-elder-justice-keeping-seniors-safe-part-2>

Part III: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/video/justice-department-hosts-summit-elder-justice-keeping-seniors-safe-part-3>

Part IV: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/video/justice-department-hosts-summit-elder-justice-keeping-seniors-safe-part-4>

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elders is conducted by transnational criminal organizations. For this reason, we have now expanded our enforcement efforts to have global reach.” In addition to the Department’s unprecedented criminal actions against the perpetrators, the Department also used civil enforcement tools, bringing landmark civil actions against those allegedly responsible for carrying out hundreds of millions of fraudulent robocalls, leading to massive financial losses to elderly across the nation. “In a one-week period, they placed over 13 million fraudulent robocalls in Florida alone,” Attorney General Barr said. He also described the Department’s initiative to halt the flow of money to the foreign perpetrators by going after “money mules” who send the

money to the foreign perpetrators, disrupting more than 600 money mules during the two-month initiative. Finally, stressing the need to report fraud on the elderly, Attorney General Barr announced the launch of the Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline, where case managers refer the matters to law enforcement where appropriate and provide services to victims as needed. The number is 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311).

### F. Elder Fraud Hotline

The Department of Justice launched the *National Elder Fraud Hotline* on March 3, 2020. The hotline, managed by the Office for



*From left to right: Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, Attorney General Barr, then Presidential Advisor KellyAnne Conway, and the Director of the President’s Domestic Policy Counsel Joe Grogan at the Keeping Seniors Safe Summit.*

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Victims of Crime, helps older adults who may be victims of financial fraud. The hotline is staffed with experienced case managers who provide personalized support to assist callers in reporting suspected fraud to the relevant agencies and offer resources and referrals to other appropriate services as needed. If requested, case managers will also complete a complaint form for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internet Crime Complaint Center for Internet-facilitated crimes, or submit a consumer complaint to the Federal Trade Commission, when applicable.

Case management staff have previous experience as Adult Protective Services social workers/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 providing telephonic case management, coordination, and referrals.

From the launch through June 30, 2020, the hotline received 2,320 calls,<sup>8</sup> 1,893 of which reached hotline staff. The hotline was first announced by Attorney General Barr at the Keeping Seniors Safe - Elder Justice Summit, and since then, it has been highlighted at the White House Fighting for Seniors Roundtable, and the Expert Q&A Webinar<sup>9</sup> hosted by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center.<sup>10</sup> Public service announcements are forthcoming, and additional marketing and outreach efforts are underway. In addition, as discussed below, the outreach by the United States Attorney's offices often highlighted the hotline.

- Phone: 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311)
- Hours of Operation: 6:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m., eastern time, 7 days a week
- Website: [www.justice.gov/stopelderfraud](http://www.justice.gov/stopelderfraud)



## **NATIONAL ELDER FRAUD HOTLINE**

**1-833-FRAUD-11**

**1-833-372-8311**

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<sup>8</sup>The total number of calls (2,320) includes those that dropped, were disconnected, or came from people who left voicemails that did not require a callback.

<sup>9</sup><https://ovcttac.adobeconnect.com/p07v8ow4oybc/?proto=true&html-view=false>

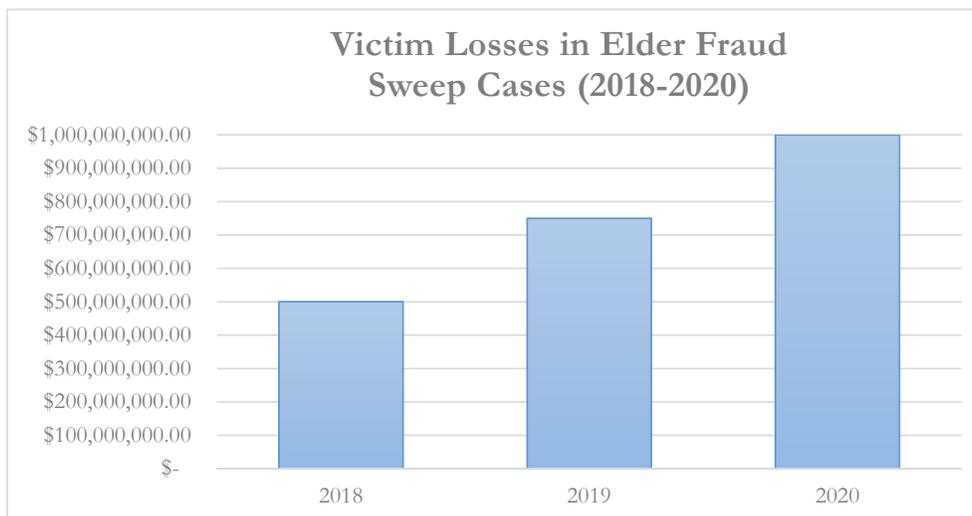
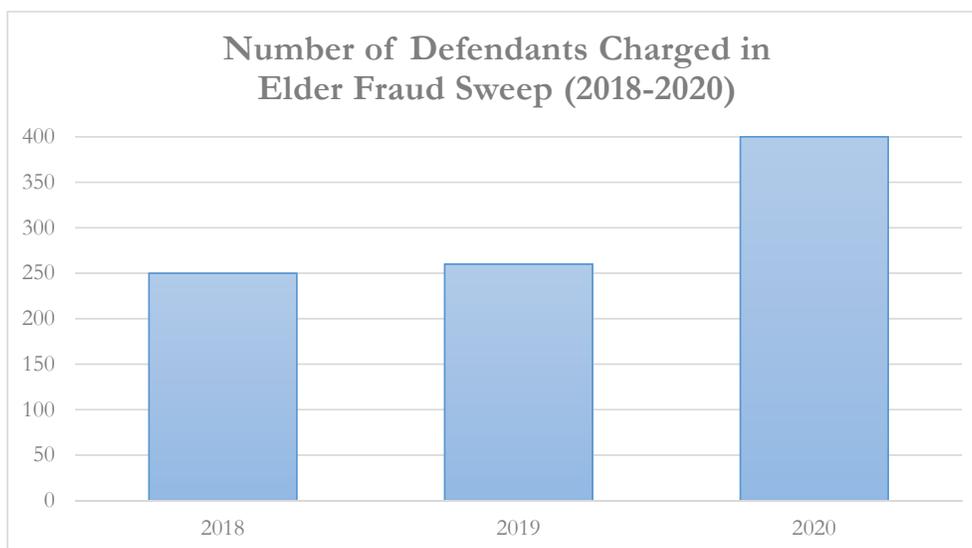
<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ovcttac.gov/>

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## G. Annual Elder Fraud Sweep<sup>11</sup>

In March 2020, Attorney General William P. Barr, FBI Director Christopher A. Wray, and Chief Postal Inspector Gary R. Barksdale announced the results of the largest coordinated sweep of elder fraud cases in history. From March 2019 through

March 2020, prosecutors charged more than 400 defendants, far surpassing the 260 defendants charged in cases during the prior year's sweep. In each case, offenders allegedly engaged in financial schemes that targeted or largely affected seniors. In total, the charged elder fraud schemes caused alleged losses of over a billion dollars.



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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departement-justice-charges-unprecedented-number-elder-fraud-defendants-nationwide-and>

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The Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force prosecuted more than one quarter of the defendants charged as part of the announced sweep. Prosecutors in Strike Force districts brought cases against more than 140 sweep defendants.

The Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch coordinated the 2020 Elder Fraud Sweep and United States Attorney's offices in every federal district took part in the sweep.<sup>12</sup> Many federal prosecuting offices filed cases against perpetrators and/or facilitators of elder fraud. Others conducted outreach to law enforcement, community groups, seniors, or private industry. Other United States Attorney's offices demonstrated exceptional devotion to the cause of elder justice by both filing cases and conducting outreach.

#### **H. National Nursing Home Initiative<sup>13</sup>**

Attorney General William P. Barr announced on March 3, 2020, the launch of the Department of Justice's National Nursing Home Initiative, which coordinates and enhances civil and criminal efforts to pursue nursing homes that provide grossly substandard care to their residents.

This Initiative is focused on some of the worst nursing homes around the country

and the Department has, as of the date of this Report, initiated investigations into multiple individual nursing facilities as part of this effort.

The Department considers a number of factors in identifying the most problematic nursing homes. For example, the Department identifies nursing homes that consistently fail to provide adequate nursing staff to care for their residents, fail to adhere to basic protocols of hygiene and infection control, fail to provide their residents with enough food to eat so that they become emaciated and weak, or inappropriately use physical or chemical restraints to restrain or otherwise sedate their residents. These care failures cause residents to suffer in pain and to be exposed to great indignities. Care failures cause residents to develop pressure sores down to the bone, to lie in their own waste for hours, to starve because they cannot reach the food on their trays and to remain unwashed for weeks at a time. Nursing homes that provide grossly substandard care also force vulnerable elderly residents who cannot leave the facilities to live in filthy and dangerous conditions where there are leaks in the roofs, mold is found growing and rodents found living in residents' rooms. These are some of the actions and the inactions that the Department intends to pursue.

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<sup>12</sup> State by state information on the elder fraud cases and education and prevention outreach efforts highlighted by the sweep announcement can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/civil/elder-fraud-sweeps-2020>.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-william-p-barr-announces-results-department-justices-2020-elder-fraud>



*“Our Nation’s mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers come to nursing homes at the time in their lives when they are most vulnerable and in need of care. Nursing homes that provide*

*grossly substandard care that leaves our seniors dehydrated, unbathed, with pressure sores, and starved for dignity will be brought to justice by the dedicated public servants in the department’s National Nursing Home Initiative.”*

**-Susan C. Lynch**

Senior Counsel for Elder Justice  
Civil Division

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The National Nursing Home Initiative reflects the Department’s larger strategy and commitment to protecting our nation’s seniors, coordinated by the Department’s Elder Justice Initiative in conjunction with the United States Attorney’s offices. The Department has assembled teams of prosecutors and investigators in multiple

districts nationwide prepared to take on these cases. In a series of Webinars and Discussion Sessions since March 3, 2020, the Department has trained Health Care Fraud Coordinators and other Assistant U.S. Attorneys nationally on matters related to case development and investigation. The Department has engaged in significant outreach and coordination with our federal partners at HHS-OCIG and CMS and the Regional CMS offices to identify nursing homes that have significant quality issues and should be investigated. The Department also supports the efforts of state and local prosecutors, law enforcement, and other elder justice professionals to combat elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation, with the development of training, resources, and information. The Department has provided training to and coordinated with the Medicaid Fraud Control Units and other state partners to ensure that we are working together to identify appropriate targets and coordinate investigative efforts.



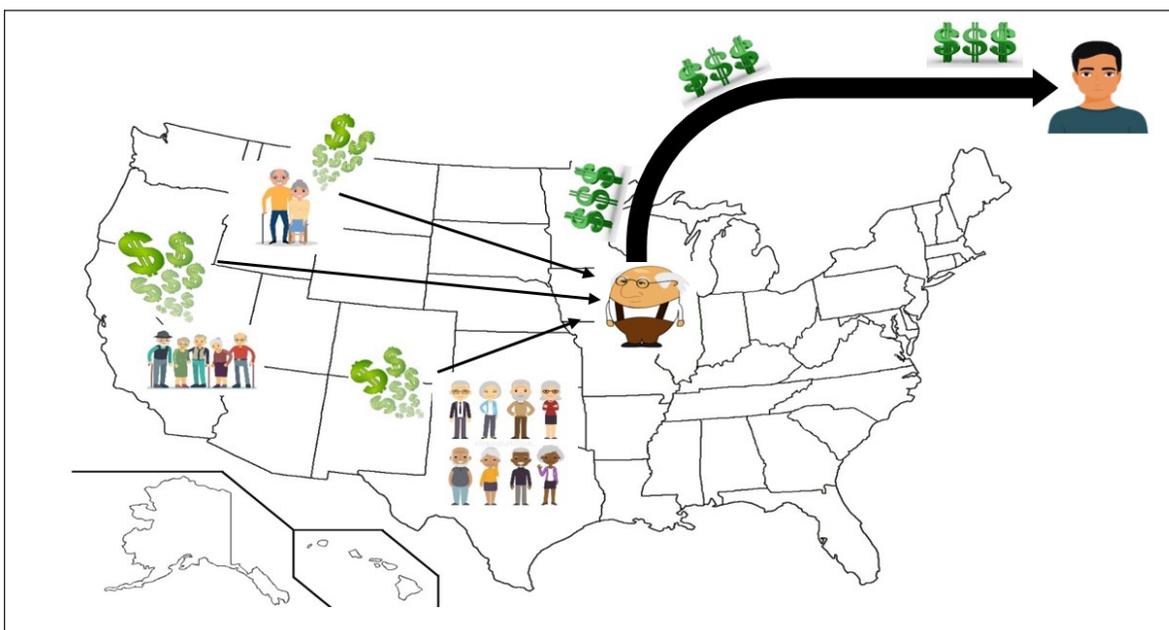
*U.S. Attorney BJay Pak (NDGA) moderates a panel entitled, “What Can Be Done to Prevent and Detect Abuse in America’s Nursing Homes” at the Keeping Seniors Safe Summit.*

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## I. Money Mule Initiative<sup>14</sup>

In December 2019, Attorney General William P. Barr and law enforcement partners announced the results of a concentrated effort across the country and around the world to halt money mule activity. Money mules assist fraud schemes by receiving money from victims, many of them elderly, and forwarding proceeds to foreign-based perpetrators. During the two-month initiative in October and November 2019, U.S. law enforcement disrupted mule networks that spanned from Hawaii to Florida and from Alaska to Maine. Actions addressed a variety of elder fraud scheme types, including grandparent scams, romance scams, lottery and sweepstakes scams, IRS

and Social Security Administration imposter scams, veteran and social security benefit redirection scams, and technical-support scams. The FBI, the Postal Inspection Service, and the Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch coordinated this year's money mule initiative, which brought together a broad coalition of additional law enforcement partners, including the U.S. Secret Service, the IRS Criminal Investigation, the Department of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the Social Security Administration Office of Inspector General, and the Office of the Attorneys General for the States of Indiana and Wyoming. The United States' initiative was timed to coincide with the European Money Mule Action (EMMA).



*In a two-month period, DOJ took action against 600 money mules. Mules operate in every state.*

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<sup>14</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-landmark-money-mule-initiative>

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During the 2019 money mule initiative, actions ranging from search warrants, criminal charges, interviews and warning letters were taken to halt the conduct of over 600 domestic money mules, spanning over 85 federal districts, exceeding the 2018 money mule initiative. Law enforcement conducted interviews with more than 500 individuals who recently served as money mules for fraud schemes, and served warning letters on most of those individuals. The letters warned recipients that they could be prosecuted if they continue aiding and abetting fraud schemes. The Department of Justice also tripled the number of criminal prosecutions brought against money mules as compared to last year's initiative. Ultimately, more than 30 individuals were criminally charged, at least in part for their roles in receiving victim payments and providing the fraud proceeds to accomplices, including the following cases brought by members of the Department's Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force:

- On November 27, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia announced an indictment against Nnamdi MgBodile for his alleged role in a romance scam and business email compromise fraud;

- On November 25, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida announced an indictment against alleged perpetrators of a veteran and social security benefit redirection scam, which involved extensive use of money mules; and

- On November 14, 2019, the Department's Consumer Protection Branch announced the indictment of six individuals for an alleged mass mailing fraud scheme in which a co-conspirator was charged with knowingly receiving payments from elderly victims and supplying them to scheme leaders.

Additional criminal cases were brought as part of the two-month initiative by the United States Attorney's offices in the Eastern District of Texas, the Eastern District of Kentucky, the District of Alaska, the District of Arizona, the Criminal Division's Fraud Section, the Northern District of Oklahoma, the Southern District of New York, the District of Puerto Rico, the Eastern District of Missouri, the District of Delaware, and the District of Rhode Island.

## **J. COVID-19 and Elder Justice**

Almost immediately with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an onslaught of fraud in connection with the pandemic. Fraudsters peddled fake Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), fake tests and fake treatments. With the heightened susceptibility of the elderly to COVID-19, older Americans were understandably frightened and, in light of the shut-down, older Americans became even more isolated. This made them particularly vulnerable to fraudsters who tried to peddle fake PPE, fake tests and fake cures. It made them particularly vulnerable to imposter schemes where fraudsters offered the elderly assistance, for a fee, with obtaining benefits such as

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social security benefits that allegedly were held up due to the virus. Being isolated and lonely increased the seniors' vulnerability to romance schemes, and given the increased reliance on computers to communicate, seniors became even more vulnerable to tech schemes. Moreover, the virus severely disrupted the ability of family to watch over their elderly relatives and to intervene in any fraud schemes.

As a result of the pandemic, the elderly became even more likely targets of fraud. Yet, at the same time, enforcement and outreach became more difficult. Agents and prosecutors were forced to interview many victims and witnesses, and even targets, virtually. Prosecutors had to present their evidence to grand juries that convened irregularly and rarely, and had to press the cases before courts through virtual means. This Report describes continued, aggressive enforcement against those fraudsters using the pandemic to prey on the elderly. This Report also describes a variety of creative outreach used during the pandemic to try to protect the elderly and prevent elder

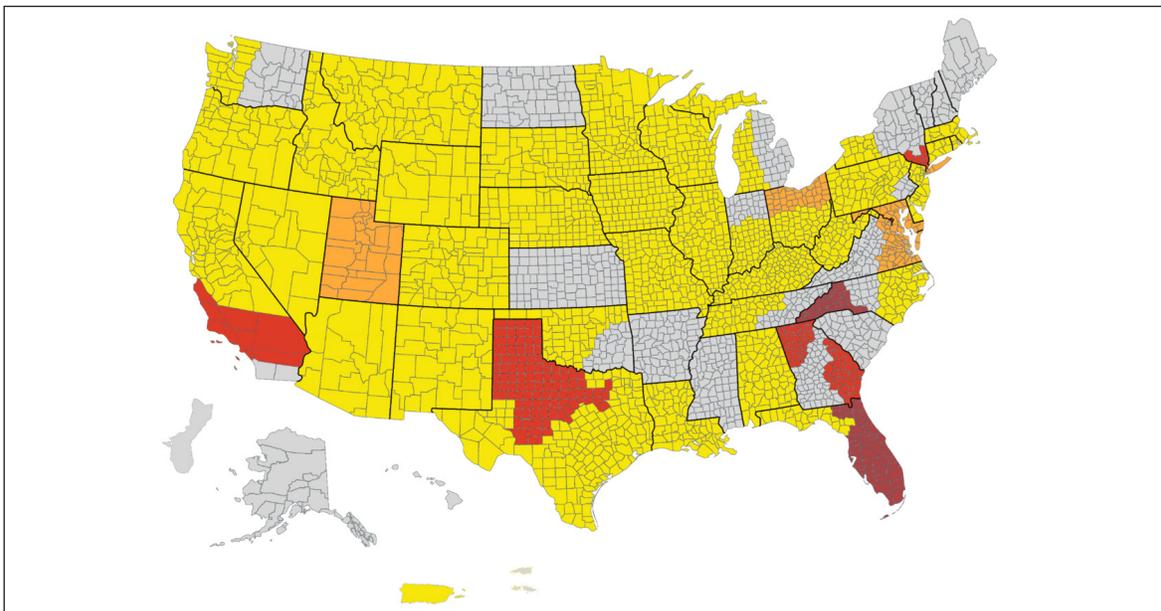
fraud, showing that despite the difficult circumstances, the Department rose to the challenge and continued our mission to protect the elderly from these fraudsters. The Department of Justice, including the United States Attorneys, the Elder Justice Coordinators (EJCs), their colleagues, and victims' advocates worked with other agencies and organizations to step up outreach at a time when outreach was particularly challenging. The shutdown cancelled most in-person outreach events, but because of our strong partnerships and long-term relationships, the Department was able to work with partners to get the word out without in-person meetings. Our employees learned to reach seniors and spread the word about elder fraud through virtual events, brochures, press releases and articles, public service announcements and other media. As this Report shows, the prosecutors and other Department of Justice employees charged with protecting the elderly did not let up on enforcement or outreach, but instead pivoted to meet the fraudsters head-on.



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# ELDER JUSTICE CASE HIGHLIGHTS

## A. Overview



*Yellow districts had 1-5 cases, orange districts had 6-10 cases, bright red districts had 11-15 cases, and dark red districts had 16 or more, up to 24 (Western District of North Carolina).*

During the reporting period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, the Department brought enforcement actions in almost 300 criminal and civil cases that targeted or disproportionately affected seniors in 68 federal judicial districts.<sup>15</sup> See Appendix A. Examples of cases and case types are outlined in the following section.

In addition to the cases detailed in Appendix A, the Department is actively pursuing other matters that we are unable to include in this report due to their procedural status (e.g.,

they are filed under seal or are in the grand jury stage).

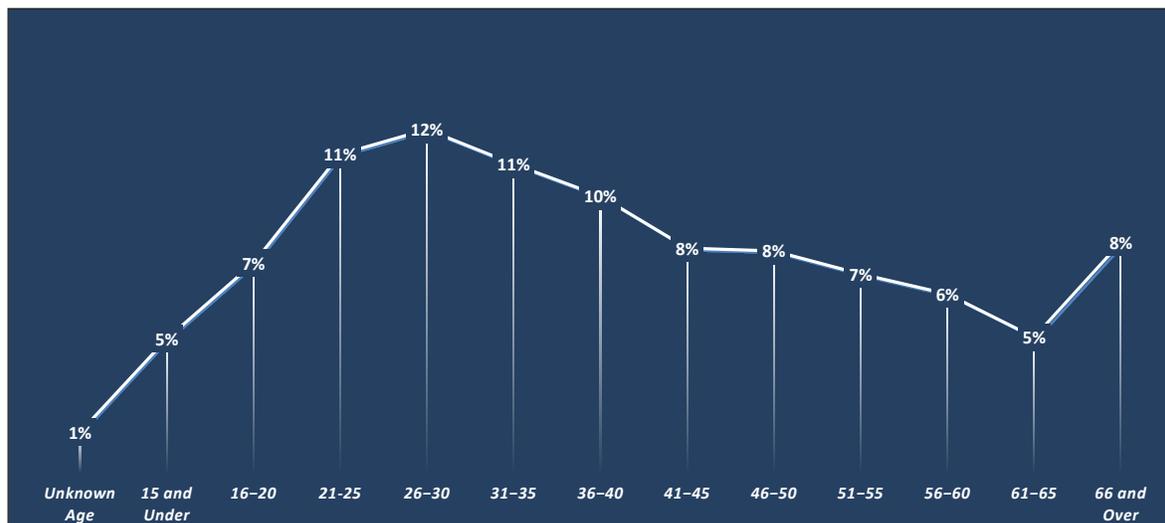
According to the most recent publicly available data from the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), 26% of all victims of crime known to law enforcement are 51 years of age or older.<sup>16</sup> Larceny continues to be the most commonly reported offense against senior victims but other offense types include physical abuse, burglary, financial exploitation, and more.

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<sup>15</sup> Although it appears that the number of charged cases went down from 2019 to 2020, a direct comparison is not valid. The Congressional Report filed in 2019 included cases that had activity during the reporting period, whether charging, disposition or sentencing, and thus included cases charged prior to that time. The 2020 Congressional Report includes USAO cases charged only during the reporting period, not cases charged previously, to avoid double-counting cases reported in the 2019 Congressional Report.

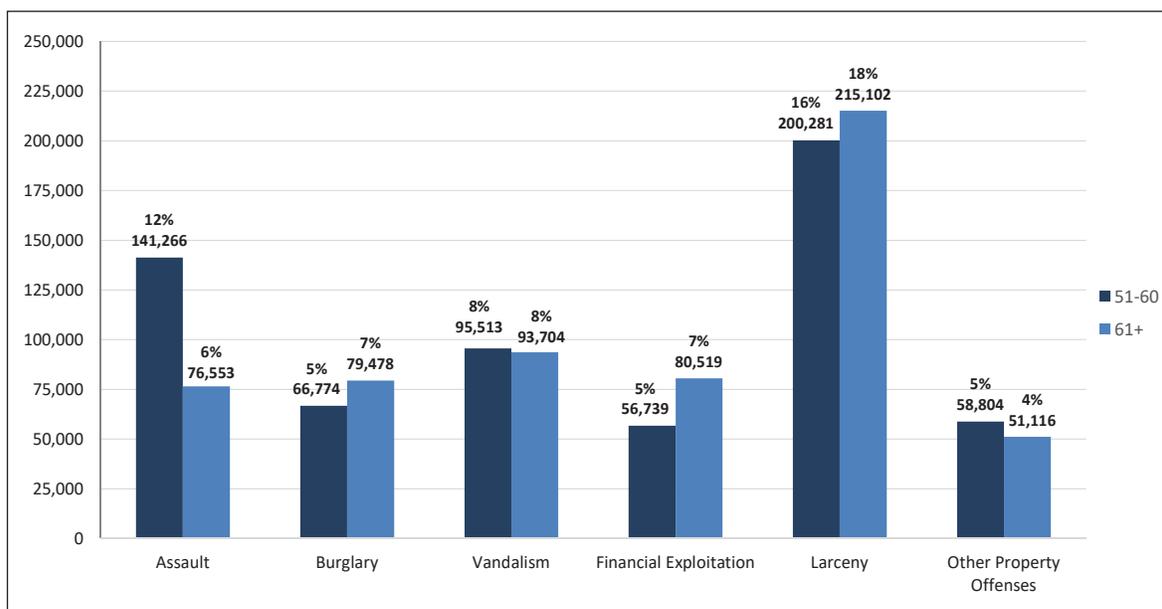
<sup>16</sup> This includes data only for individuals and law enforcement officer victims. It does not include business, financial institution, government, religious organization, or other victim types. Victims are counted once for each offense type to which they are connected.

## Victims of Crimes Known to Law Enforcement by Age<sup>17</sup>



Source: 2018 FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System. Percentages are based on the total number of complaints received into NIBRS.

## Victimizations Involving Elderly Victims, By Type of Offense



Source: 2018 FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System. Percentages are based on the total number of complaints received into NIBRS for elderly victims, age 51 and over.

<sup>17</sup> We expect that by the time this report is published, more recent figures will have been released. <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/nibrs>

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## B. Case Highlights

### Fraud Cases

#### *Telemarketing Fraud*

*U.S. v. Cheedie, et al.* (Southern District of New York)<sup>18</sup>

In November 2019, ten individuals were charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with a telemarketing scheme targeting the elderly. According to the indictment, from at least 2012 until at least November 2019, the defendants carried out a wide-ranging telemarketing scheme that defrauded hundreds of victims (“Victims”) throughout the United States, many of whom were over age 70, by selling the Victims so-called “business services” (the “Business Opportunity Scheme”), and then targeting those same Victims in a “Debt Relief Scheme.” Two of the defendants also are each charged with obstruction of justice resulting from their deletion and attempts to delete data on devices seized by law enforcement in a lawful search.

In order to perpetrate the Business Opportunity Scheme, the defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a widespread, coordinated effort to traffic in lists of potential victims, or “leads.” Some of the leads came through a website referred to by co-conspirators as the “Money Sucking Website.” The defendants then targeted Victims with the sale of “services” purporting to make the management of Victims’

businesses more efficient or profitable, including tax preparation or website design services, notwithstanding that many Victims were elderly and did not own a computer or have a business. At no point did the Victims actually earn any of the promised return on their intended investment.

In addition, certain defendants told the Victims that the Victims had qualified for a government grant, often in connection with starting a small business, and that the Victims should purchase the business services offered as part of the Business Opportunity Scheme as a way to earn money while waiting for the grant money to be received. In fact, no such government grants existed. When there were no more services to sell as part of the Business Opportunity Scheme and/or a Victim had reached the maximum limit on his or her credit cards, the defendants and their co-conspirators preyed on the Victims with a new scheme, by offering to consolidate or settle the Victims’ debt in exchange for an up-front payment (the “Debt Relief Scheme”). The perpetrators of the Debt Relief Scheme did not settle or consolidate the debt.

#### *Mass-Mailing Fraud*

*U.S. v. Newman* (District of Connecticut)<sup>19</sup>

In March 2020, Norman Newman was charged with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and multiple counts of wire fraud, for knowingly providing lists of potential victims to perpetrators of fraudulent mass-

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<sup>18</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/10-defendants-charged-manhattan-federal-court-running-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/list-broker-indicted-facilitating-elder-fraud-schemes>

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mailing schemes that tricked consumers into paying fees for falsely promised cash prizes and purportedly personalized “psychic” services. Newman allegedly furnished consumers’ names and addresses to fraudster clients for more than 11 years, knowing that the clients were mailing hundreds of thousands of deceptive prize notifications that misled victims into believing that they would receive a cash prize or personalized services upon payment of a fee. Many of the victims were elderly and vulnerable. According to the indictment, Newman worked in the offices of a list-brokerage company from 2005 until September 2016, when agents of the United States Postal Inspection Service searched the company’s offices and seized the lists, resulting in the Civil Division’s Consumer Protection Branch obtaining a federal court order enjoining the company from list brokerage usage related to sweepstakes- and astrology-themed notifications.

### ***Government Imposter Scam***

*U.S. v. Choksi, et al.* (Eastern District of Virginia)<sup>20</sup>

In November 2019, a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia returned an indictment charging a married couple with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, in connection with their roles in a sophisticated fraud scheme that primarily targeted the elderly. The husband was also charged with aggravated identity theft. According to court documents and allegations in the indictment, the husband and wife were part of a criminal conspiracy

who had members that impersonated law enforcement officials to trick and coerce victims into mailing and shipping cash to other conspiracy members. The schemes generally started with “robocalls”, in which the callers typically warned a victim of some type of serious legal problem, and that if the victim did not immediately take a particular action demanded by the caller, then there will be drastic consequences, including the arrest of the victim, significant financial penalties, or cessation of government benefits. The fraudsters almost invariably instructed the victim that, in order to prevent these dire consequences, the victim must pay money, by wire transfer or cash, to some purported government entity.

The conspiracy operated cells in multiple states, including New Jersey, California, Indiana, Texas, Illinois and Minnesota. In one particular alleged scheme, members of the conspiracy impersonated DEA agents and advised one victim that a vehicle located near the southwest border contained cocaine and her bank information. The fraudsters then convinced this victim to surrender half the cash in her bank accounts “in good faith” allegedly until a thorough investigation could be completed to clear her name of any criminal activity.

According to the indictment, the husband used counterfeit driver’s licenses to identify himself when picking up cash shipments from victims, and then made multiple deposits of that cash into bank accounts controlled by conspiracy members. The indictment also alleges that the wife tracked shipments of cash sent by victims through the websites

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<sup>20</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/minnesota-couple-charged-international-elder-fraud-scheme>



“The law enforcement agencies on the Strike Force in the Southern District of Texas are cooperating on investigating fraudulent schemes and scams against our elderly citizens throughout the nation, and they are leading to significant Indictments in our District. We anticipate many more investigations and Indictments in the coming months of major cell groups that are defrauding elderly citizens of millions of dollars. Working together, we believe we will make a significant impact in our District in prosecuting these fraudsters and protecting our elderly citizens.”

**Ryan K. Patrick, U.S. Attorney for the  
Southern District of Texas**

of FedEx and the U.S. Postal Service, and made multiple deposits of victims’ cash into conspiracy-controlled bank accounts.

*U.S. v. Patel, et al.* (Southern District of Texas)<sup>21</sup>

In January 2020, an Indian national, Hitesh Patel, entered a guilty plea in the Southern District of Texas to for his role in operating and funding India-based call centers which defrauded thousands of victims out of millions of dollars between 2013 and 2016, targeting mostly South Asian immigrants and the elderly. Specifically, the defendant pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud as well as a general conspiracy to commit identification fraud, impersonating a federal officer or employee, access device fraud, and money laundering.

Patel and his conspirators perpetrated a complex scheme in which employees from call centers in Ahmedabad, India, impersonated officials from the IRS and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

(USCIS), Canada Revenue Agency and Australian Tax Office personnel as well as payday loan and U.S. government grant and debt collection agencies. Posing as these officials, Patel’s co-conspirators threatened U.S. victims with arrest, imprisonment, fines or deportation if they did not pay money allegedly owed to the government. Those who fell victim to the scammers were instructed on how to provide payment, including by purchasing general purpose reloadable (GPR) cards or wiring money. Upon payment, the call centers would immediately turn to a network of “runners” based in the United States to liquidate and launder the fraudulently-obtained funds. Patel received monthly income and expense reports to his personal email from the call centers and used his Indian cell phone number to access GPR cards through automated telephone systems on many occasions. Patel admitted in his plea that he was accountable for fraud proceeds in the amount of approximately \$25-\$65 million.

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<sup>21</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/indian-national-convicted-role-call-center-scam-victimized-thousands-us>

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Patel was extradited from Singapore in April 2019 to face charges in this large-scale telefraud and money laundering scheme. Singapore authorities apprehended Patel at the request of the United States pursuant to a provisional arrest warrant in September 2018 after Patel flew there from India. Sentencing is pending.

A total of 24 domestic defendants associated with this transnational criminal scheme had been convicted previously and sentenced to up to 20 years in prison in the Southern District of Texas, District of Arizona and Northern District of Georgia. They also were ordered to pay millions of dollars in victim restitution and money judgments and to forfeit seized assets. Some defendants were removed from the country based on their illegal immigration status, while another defendant had his U.S. citizenship revoked due to a separate conviction for immigration fraud. Charges remain pending for other India-based defendants.

### **Romance Scams**

*U.S. v. Iro, et al.* (Central District of California)<sup>22</sup>

In August 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California announced a 252-count federal grand jury indictment charging 80 defendants, most of whom are Nigerian nationals, with participating in a massive conspiracy to steal millions of dollars through a variety of fraud schemes and launder the funds through a Los Angeles-based money laundering network. The indictment alleges that the 80 defendants and others used various online fraud schemes – including romance scams and other schemes targeting the elderly – to defraud victims out of millions of dollars.

A “romance scam” is a type of online fraud that occurs when an individual user of an internet dating website is targeted for fraud by an imposter posing as a potential paramour. The scammer creates a fake online dating profile that depicts photographs



“The Strike Force in Los Angeles works closely with our state, local, and federal law enforcement partners to find hidden connections among victims and schemes in order to build cases targeting bad actors here and abroad. Our outreach and educational events provide information on active scams to our law enforcement partners, elder justice organizations, and directly to potential victims to help them avoid getting scammed in the first place. All of these law enforcement efforts are designed to defend the hard-earned savings of older Americans against criminal organizations.”

**Nicola T. Hanna, U.S. Attorney  
for the Central District of California**

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<sup>22</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/massive-international-fraud-and-money-laundering-conspiracy-detailed-federal-grand-jury>

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of an attractive man or woman alongside descriptions of the fictitious person. The scammer then uses this fake persona to express romantic interest in the victim in order to trick him or her into sending money to the scammer. The scammer frequently targets vulnerable individuals who possess significant financial assets, such as retired widows or widowers.

The money was sent to a variety of bank accounts controlled by co-conspirators. The indictment and criminal complaint allege that the schemes resulted in the fraudulent transfer of at least \$6 million in fraudulently-obtained funds – and the overall conspiracy was responsible for the attempted theft of at least an additional \$40 million.

*U.S. v. Adebara, et al.* (Northern District of Oklahoma)<sup>23</sup>

In November 2019, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Oklahoma unsealed an indictment charging ten men with conspiring to launder illegal proceeds that were obtained as a result of Nigerian romance scam operations. Seven suspects were apprehended in three states. Three other defendants remain at large.

The indictment alleges the co-conspirators coordinated with unknown individuals overseas who had assumed false identities on online dating websites and social media platforms with the intent to defraud victims. The overseas individuals, who were in Nigeria, contacted victims online, and told the victims they were U.S. residents working abroad. At the early stages of the “romance,” the offenders requested relatively small

gifts from the victims, such as iTunes gift cards and cell phones. As the relationships continued, the requests sought increasingly larger sums of money, with the claimed purpose that the funds were needed to complete overseas projects or to return to the United States. The victims were directed by the online romance scammers to send funds to the defendants’ bank accounts, and the defendants funneled the money to other accounts that they operated. These accounts allegedly were opened under various aliases in order to obscure the source of the fraudulently obtained funds. In a further attempt to conceal the source of the money, the co-conspirators also purchased salvaged vehicles and car parts to export overseas, usually to Nigeria, the indictment alleges. The Criminal Division Frauds Section worked on this investigation with the Northern District of Oklahoma.

*U.S. v. Agbi* (Southern District of Indiana)

In August 2019, a grand jury sitting in the Southern District of Indiana returned an indictment against Edward Agbi for fraud in connection with a romance scheme. The indictment alleges that between February 1, 2018 and March 1, 2019, a group of people targeted an elderly male victim, with one of the offenders posing as a single woman on an internet dating site. After pretending to develop a relationship with the victim, the female asked the victim to send her money on multiple occasions. The defendant acted as a “money mule” by receiving some money at his residence in Indiana, including a package of \$20,000 cash, with the intent of forwarding the money to other participants in the scheme.

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<sup>23</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndok/pr/10-men-involved-nigerian-romance-scams-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy>

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“The Eastern District of New York has a diverse population that includes a large number of senior citizens who may be vulnerable targets for foreign-based fraud rings utilizing a variety of wire and mail schemes that can result in catastrophic financial losses to the victims. The Transnational Elder Fraud Task Force brings together investigative resources from the local, national, and international law enforcement communities to unwind these schemes and hold accountable the overseas predators and their enablers in the U.S.”

**Seth D. DuCharme, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York**



***Investment Fraud***

*U.S. v. Cucinella* (Eastern District of New York)<sup>24</sup>

In August 2019, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York announced that John Cucinella, the former investment manager of Mackrow Asset Management Group (Mackrow), a purported asset management firm located in Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to securities fraud in a scheme that targeted vulnerable victims, including the elderly. As part of his plea, Cucinella agreed to forfeit \$948,530 that he misappropriated from investors.

According to court filings and facts presented at the plea proceeding, between approximately March 2015 and April 2018, Cucinella falsely represented to Mackrow investors, many of whom were elderly, that their funds would be used to invest in pre-initial public offering (pre-IPO) shares of private companies, including a company purportedly that manufactured bug spray. In a brochure that Cucinella

provided to clients, Mackrow was described as “providing you all the resources of a true financial concierge.” During the same time period, Cucinella transferred more than \$400,000 from the Mackrow account to bank accounts he controlled, and spent approximately \$108,000 for credit card payments and \$40,000 at a Mercedes-Benz dealership in Brooklyn. More than 80 individuals invested a total of approximately \$778,000 with Mackrow, and received only \$80,818 in return.

*U.S. v. Stow* (Middle District of Tennessee)<sup>25</sup>

In June 2020, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Tennessee announced charges against a former investment firm vice president for stealing \$933,500 from two elderly clients. A criminal Information charged Fredrick M. Stow, 65, with securities fraud, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft. According to the charging documents, beginning in 1982, Stow acted as the registered representative for three brokerage accounts owned by a client who was a retired airline pilot and WWII

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<sup>24</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/brooklyn-man-pleads-guilty-investment-scheme-defrauded-elderly-victims>

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdtn/pr/mid-state-securities-broker-charged-witjh-stealing-elderly-clients>

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era veteran. Stow changed firms numerous times and the client elected to move his accounts with Stow each time. Over time, Stow inserted himself into the personal and financial affairs of this client and in the later years of the client's life, he frequently visited him at his home, where he lived alone but received full-time nursing care.

In October 2015, Stow began misappropriating funds from this client's IRA account by forging wire transfer letters of authorization to permit transfers from the client's IRA account to a SunTrust Bank account that Stow owned jointly with his wife. Stow also began selling securities in the client's IRA account and transferring the proceeds to Stow's own bank account.

At the time of this client's death at the age of 98 in March 2018, Stow had made 74 unauthorized transfers and had stolen more than \$900,000 from him. The charging documents also allege that within weeks of this client's death, Stow stole \$32,000 from another elderly brokerage customer, by transferring money from the customer's brokerage account to another bank account that Stow owned.

*U.S. v. Cohen, et al.* (District of Maryland)

In November 2019, the Criminal Division's Fraud Section unsealed an indictment charging 15 individuals for their roles in a scheme to defraud victims in the United States and abroad by fraudulently marketing approximately \$140 million in financial instruments known as "binary options."

The indictment alleges that, beginning in 2014, the defendants and their co-conspirators worked for an Israel-based company named Yukom Communications (Yukom), which they used to sell and market binary options to victims through two websites, known as BinaryBook and BigOption. According to the indictment, the defendants and their co-conspirators misled investors, many of whom were elderly, in a variety of ways, including by falsely claiming to represent their interests when, in fact, the owners of Yukom profited when the victims lost money; by misrepresenting the expected return on investments through BinaryBook and BigOption; by providing victims with false names and qualifications and falsely claiming to be working from London; and by misrepresenting whether and how victims could withdraw funds from their accounts.

### ***Bank Fraud***

*U.S. v. Gallego* (Western District of Texas)<sup>26</sup>

In September 2019, former Austin Capital One bank employee, Paola Gallego, was sentenced to five years in federal prison for stealing over \$1 million from an elderly bank customer. Court records and testimony show that beginning in April 2014, Gallego began servicing the accounts of an elderly couple. Gallego told one of her victims that if the spouse should die, another family member could take control of the money in their bank account—approximately \$4.4 million. In September 2016, Gallego assisted the victim in putting \$400,000 into a new account at a second bank. Over the

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<sup>26</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/former-bank-employee-austin-sentenced-federal-prison-stealing-over-one-million-dollars>



*Paula Gallego used the money she stole from the elderly victim to build a new pool.*

next two weeks, Gallego spent \$94,779.13 of the victim's money on Gallego's own personal and family expenditures including a \$50,000 wire transfer to a bank account at a third bank controlled by Gallego, and also used \$20,586.81 to make an online credit card payment to an account in the name of her mother.

Gallego and her victim subsequently opened another joint checking account, this time at J.P. Morgan Chase (Chase Bank), where she falsely told a Chase Bank employee that she was her victim's caretaker and a stay-at-home mother. Between October 14, 2016 and April 20, 2017, Gallego's victim withdrew \$1.2 million from the joint Capital One account via cashier's checks with the understanding that Gallego would deposit those funds into their joint account at Chase Bank for investment purposes. Instead, Gallego deposited those checks into her own Chase Bank account and used the money for personal expenses, including purchasing a Range Rover Sport HSE, shopping for

personal items, a Hawaiian vacation, making home improvements including a pool, making mortgage payments, paying off a family member's credit card balances, and purchasing a Volkswagen Passat for her parents.

At sentencing, the court imposed a five-year prison term and ordered Gallego to pay a monetary judgment forfeiture in the amount of \$1.2 Million; pay \$1,403,979.13 in restitution to Capital One Bank (which had reimbursed the victims for their losses); and be placed on supervised release for a period of four years after completing her prison term.

### ***Home Repair Fraud***

*U.S. v. Garcia and Smith-Flores* (Middle District of North Carolina)<sup>27</sup>

In April 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of North Carolina charged two individuals in a

<sup>27</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdnc/pr/chapel-hill-couple-federally-charged-elder-fraud-home-repair-scheme>

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criminal complaint with conspiracy to commit wire fraud in connection with a home repair scheme. The complaint alleges that from on or about September 2015 to and including April 2020, Jorge Alberto Garcia and Helen Smith-Flores, both of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, approached elderly, retired individuals at their private residences in Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties, offering home improvement services. Garcia—who never had a state general contractor’s license—offered to perform home improvement projects and these elderly individuals would, in turn, pay him prior to the completion of any construction work via personal checks, credit cards, or withdrawals from investment accounts.

Garcia developed personal relationships with these elderly victims, calling them “Momma” and “Poppa,” and encouraged them to solicit their neighbors to engage his services in home improvement projects for their residences, as well. However, Garcia would not complete the contracted home improvement projects. Garcia also solicited loans from some of the elderly individuals for whom he had already contracted to perform home improvement projects, separate and apart from those projects, but he would not repay any loans in full. When the contracting victim, a concerned relative of that person, or a local law enforcement officer confronted Garcia about the payments, Garcia and Smith-Flores would respond in the following ways: a) Garcia would promise to send workers to complete

the project but never fully completed the project; b) Garcia or Smith-Flores would return a small percentage of the monies paid for the project; and/or c) Garcia or Smith-Flores would write a personal check to the contracting individual that would be returned by the issuing bank as lacking sufficient funds.

Review of records from bank accounts known to be controlled by Garcia and/or Smith-Flores for the time period spanning February 2016 through November 2019 indicates that, as a result of the above-described scheme to defraud, Garcia and Smith-Flores obtained a total of approximately \$2,200,000 from more than fifty victims.

### ***Tech Support Fraud***

*U.S. v. Bagdon* (Middle District of Florida)<sup>28</sup>

In December 2019, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida announced the indictment of Linda Bagdon charging money laundering arising out of a variety of fraud schemes targeting the elderly, including a Tech Support scheme. The indictment alleges that the scheme’s perpetrators misled victims into believing that they had a computer virus through false and fraudulent and at times threatening misrepresentations, and led the victims into believing that they had to pay to have it fixed. According to the indictment, Bagdon retrieved and received fraud

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<sup>28</sup> Indictment available at: <https://www.justice.gov/civil/page/file/1253851/download>.



“Our district’s Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force has brought together agencies and resources from throughout the district, and across the state, to dismantle international and domestic networks who prey upon vulnerable senior citizens in MDFL and elsewhere. These collaborations and partnerships have yielded innovative ideas, tools, techniques, and practices to help us keep our seniors safe.”

**Maria Chapa Lopez, U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida**

proceeds of victims made to money service businesses, deposited the fraud proceeds into third-party bank accounts and passed cash proceeds to co-conspirators.

***Grandparent Scam***

*U.S. v. Taylor* (Northern District of Ohio)<sup>29</sup>

In March 2020, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio announced wire fraud charges against Oreatio Cecil Taylor, in connection with defrauding an 86-year-old woman out of \$7,000. The complaint states that Taylor called the victim and told her that her granddaughter was being arrested and required \$7,000 for bond. Taylor put a female on the phone who began to cry, convincing the victim it was her granddaughter. Taylor then went to the victim’s home to pick up the money.

Taylor later called the victim again, stating that her granddaughter was facing more

serious charges resulting in a higher bond, and needed more money. Relatives of the victim contacted law enforcement, who were waiting in the victim’s home for Taylor, and arrested him there.

***Veteran Scam***

*U.S. v. Brown* (Western District of Texas)<sup>30</sup>

The United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas and the Department of Justice Civil Division Consumer Protection Branch jointly worked on an investigation that led to the charges and pleas against multiple defendants who stole personal information of thousands of U.S. military personnel and veterans, mostly elderly and disabled veterans. On October 29, 2019, Fredrick Brown, a former civilian medical records administrator for the U.S. Army at the 65th Medical Brigade, Yongsan Garrison, South Korea, pled guilty in the Western District of Texas to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one

<sup>29</sup> <https://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/oh-summit/3i-and-sagamore-hills-police-arrest-mana-4er-he-allegedly-tricked-86-year-old-woman-out-of-7-000>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/five-fraudsters-indicted-million-dollar-scheme-targeting-thousands-us-servicemembers>

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count of conspiracy to launder monetary instruments in connection with his role in the identity-theft and fraud scheme. Brown admitted in his plea that from July 2014 to September 2015, he stole personal identifying information (PII) of thousands of military members, including names, social security numbers, DOD ID numbers, dates of birth, and contact information. Brown admitted to capturing the PII by taking digital photographs of his computer screen while he was logged into the Armed Forces Health Longitudinal Technology Application. Brown further admitted that he subsequently provided that stolen data to co-defendants, who exploited the information in various ways to access Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs benefits sites and steal millions of dollars. Sentencing is pending for Brown.

On December 5, 2019, another defendant, Trorice Crawford, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to launder monetary instruments in connection with the scheme, for his role in recruiting individuals to accept the deposit of stolen funds into their bank

accounts and then send the funds through international wire remittance services to the defendants and others. On July 9, 2020, the court imposed a sentence of 46 months on Crawford, followed by three years supervised release and also ordered Crawford to pay restitution of \$103,700. The remaining defendants – Robert Wayne Boling, Jr (a U.S. citizen), Allan Albert Kerr (Australian citizen) and Jongmin Seok (South Korean citizen), are all in custody abroad on varying charges, and it is anticipated that the United States will seek extradition.

### ***Sweepstakes Scam***

*U.S. v. Brown* (District of Maryland)<sup>31</sup>

In March 2020, the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Maryland announced that a federal jury convicted Keno Romario Brown on federal charges of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, wire fraud, and mail fraud, in connection with a scheme to defraud more than 100 elderly victims through an advance fee scheme. Specifically, Brown falsely represented that the victims



“We are working to combat the financial exploitation of older and vulnerable adults by bringing impactful cases and through targeted outreach with our community and law enforcement partners. We see this as our duty and our responsibility to protect our greatest generation and provide them with the tools necessary to stop these nefarious crooks in their tracks.”

**Robert K. Hur, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland**

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<sup>31</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/fraudster-convicted-after-federal-trial-scamming-more-100-elderly-victims-through-lottery>

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had won a lottery or sweepstakes and demanded taxes or other fees before the victims could receive the prize.

According to the evidence presented at trial, Brown and two co-conspirators contacted victims and falsely stated that they were representatives of Company 1 or Company 2, which sponsored a lottery or sweepstakes. Brown and his co-conspirators misrepresented to victims that they had won a prize sponsored by Company 1 or Company 2, but in order to collect the prize, the victims had to pay advance fees and taxes to Brown or his co-conspirators. The conspirators directed the victims to send the advance fees and taxes electronically, or through an interstate mail carrier to “runners” who received the fraudulent proceeds and provided them to Brown and his co-conspirators. Evidence was presented that Brown used physical abuse to control at least one of the runners.

The trial evidence proved that to launder the fraud proceeds, Brown and a co-conspirator obtained debit cards using the personal information of elderly individuals without their knowledge or consent, and deposited the fraud proceeds onto those debit cards.

### ***Lottery Scam***

*U.S. v. Luton* (District of Colorado)<sup>32</sup>

The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Colorado announced on February 21, 2020, that a Jamaican national living in Brooklyn, New York had been convicted at trial for his role in a lottery scheme that

targeted an elderly woman. After a four-day jury trial in federal court in Denver, Leonard Luton, age 43, was convicted of one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and eight counts of aiding and abetting mail fraud. Luton is scheduled for sentencing on October 15, 2020.

According to court documents and facts presented at trial, Luton and another Jamaican national conspired to convince an elderly victim that she had won a \$2.8 million dollar lottery and a Mercedes Benz. They told the victim that in order to receive her winnings, the victim needed to pay thousands of dollars in “fees.” Throughout 2018, one of Luton’s co-conspirators directed the victim to mail multiple packages containing cash and cashier’s checks to addresses that, unbeknownst to the victim, belonged to Luton’s friends. The victim also was directed to purchase and mail six iPhones as part of the scheme.

The evidence admitted at trial established that in October of 2018, one of Luton’s co-conspirators went to the victim’s door at 1:30 a.m., identified himself as an FBI agent, showed her a fake FBI badge, and directed her to hand over a package containing \$65,000 in cash. In January of 2019, Luton was arrested at the victim’s residence when he arrived to pick up more cash. Upon his arrest, Luton was in possession of one of the iPhones purchased by the victim. Financial records from the victim and Luton also established Luton’s involvement in the scheme. In total, the victim lost more than \$700,000.

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<sup>32</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-co/pr/jamaican-national-convicted-stealing-more-700000-estes-park-senior-through-lottery-scam>

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## ***Tax Fraud***

*U.S. v. Kellem* (District of Massachusetts)<sup>33</sup>

In September 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts announced that Jeffrey Kellem, 49, pleaded guilty to four counts of wire fraud and one count of filing a false tax return in connection with embezzling \$1.6 million from elderly clients and failing to pay taxes on the embezzled funds. Kellem used his position as an accountant for an elderly client, and the estate of a deceased client, to steal more than approximately \$1.6 million for his own use. Kellem transferred his clients' funds, without their authorization, to bank accounts he opened and controlled. He also failed to report more than \$500,000 in income from the funds he took on his tax returns. As a result, in 2017, Kellem avoided paying taxes totaling more than \$150,000.

On December 4, 2019, a federal court in Boston sentenced Kellem to 42 months in prison, three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,289,002 and a fine of \$250,000.

## ***Money Mule Cases***

*U.S. v. Hannan and Jennings* (Eastern District of Texas)<sup>34</sup>

In October 2019, a federal grand jury sitting in the Eastern District of Texas returned an indictment against Pamela Sue Hannan, 66, of Sherman, Texas, and Pamela Sue

Jennings, 68, of Houston, Texas, charging both defendants with conspiracy to commit money laundering. On August 6, 2020, both defendants pled guilty to conspiring with foreign co-conspirators to operate an unlicensed money transmitting business. Each defendant faces a maximum of 5 years in federal prison.

According to the indictment, Hannan and Jennings laundered funds received from victims of romance scams and other fraudulent schemes on behalf of their co-conspirators, who were based outside of the United States. The main victim, and other victims, were elderly. In order to facilitate the scheme, Hannan and Jennings opened bank accounts in the names of businesses which purported to provide legitimate services. In reality, these businesses were used to facilitate the money laundering scheme. Together, Hannan and Jennings received more than \$880,000 from victims of the schemes. The majority of the funds they received were subsequently transferred overseas to their co-conspirators.

*U.S. v. Odiahi* (Western District of Wisconsin)<sup>35</sup>

On January 15, 2020, Emmanuel Odiah, a citizen of Nigeria residing in Dallas, Texas, pled guilty to an indictment returned in the Western District of Wisconsin for money laundering in connection with a wire-fraud scheme that targeted the elderly.

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<sup>33</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/newton-accountant-sentenced-wire-fraud-and-filing-false-tax-return>

<sup>34</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/two-texas-women-indicted-money-laundering-scheme>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwi/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-fraud-scheme>

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While in the United States on a visa, Odiah laundered money for a network of individuals in Nigeria and Ghana perpetrating computer-based fraud schemes, including romance schemes, against elderly victims throughout the United States. Odiah's role was to help collect, conceal, and redirect the proceeds using bank accounts he maintained under two fake identities in the United States. He was able to keep a percentage of the fraud proceeds as a fee for his assistance. As part of the scheme, Odiah opened and maintained seven U.S. bank accounts to launder fraud proceeds. He opened these accounts using fraudulent passports in the names "James Princeton" and "Ryan Greg Mornson." Between 2017 and 2019, more than \$600,000 in fraud proceeds were deposited into these accounts. Once money was deposited, Odiah, posing as Princeton and Mornson, used a series of smaller, less conspicuous financial transactions to distribute fraud proceeds to those perpetrating the fraud schemes overseas.

On May 20, 2020, the court sentenced Odiah to 54 months in federal prison. In announcing the sentence, the Court found that although Odiah's role in the charged scheme was limited to money laundering, Odiah was aware that the money being deposited into his bank accounts was fraud proceeds from vulnerable victims. The Court also considered the tremendous psychological and financial devastation to victims caused by romance fraud and other computer-based fraud schemes.

### ***Guardianship Fraud***

*U.S. v. Derby* (Northern District of Iowa)<sup>36</sup>

In September 2019, a married couple, H. David Derby and Patti Derby, each pled guilty in the federal district court for the Northern District of Iowa to one count of wire fraud. In their plea agreements and at their sentencing hearings, the evidence showed that the Derbys stole over \$200,000 from H. David Derby's mother between September 2013 and September 2017. The victim was an elderly widow and former school teacher who resided in an assisted living facility in Dubuque. She suffered from mental and physical disabilities and was unable to manage her own financial affairs or care for herself.

The Derbys used various legal forms, including two powers of attorney, to gain access to the victim's bank account and carry out their fraud scheme. After transferring more than \$200,000 out of the victim's account on the false pretense that the Derbys would use the funds for her benefit, the Derbys used those funds for their own purposes, including tickets to a rock concert. Within a short time, the Derbys had spent all of the victim's funds and she was no longer able to afford her assisted living facility and was forced to move into the Derbys' home. Over the next three months, the victim lost over 23 pounds, broke her wrist, and was hospitalized. The victim later died in March 2020.

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<sup>36</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndia/pr/dubuque-couple-sentenced-federal-prison-after-stealing-hundreds-thousands-dollars-man-s>

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On July 6, 2020, the United States District Court sentenced H. David Derby to 26 months' imprisonment. Patti Derby was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment. They were ordered to pay approximately \$211,620 in restitution. Each defendant must also serve a three-year term of supervised release after the prison term.

*U.S. v. Ayudando* (District of New Mexico)<sup>37</sup>

After discovering in 2017 that one of New Mexico's largest guardianship/fiduciary companies had systematically stolen money from almost all their clients, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Mexico coordinated with the Complex Assets Unit of the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) to obtain a restraining order conveying operation of the business to the USMS. In July 2017, the principals (CEO and CFO) were arrested and USMS stepped in to manage the business long enough to shepherd the clients into the hands of

substitute providers. Ultimately, restitution was calculated at about \$11 million.

Superseding indictments added the CEO's husband and son. All four pled guilty in 2019. On March 2, 2020, the CEO and her husband fled rather than appear for sentencing. USMS re-arrested them in April and they await sentencing. On March 2, 2020, the CFO was sentenced to 20 years in prison. On June 11, 2020, the CEO's son was sentenced to 6 years in prison for his role.

### ***Business Email Compromise***

*U.S. v. Okang, et al.* (Northern District of Georgia)<sup>38</sup>

In March 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia announced charges against twenty-four individuals for their involvement in a large-scale fraud and money laundering operation that targeted individuals, including the



“Each year, millions of older Americans fall victim to financial fraud that originates overseas and makes its way into homes by phone, internet, and mail. With the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, our district engages in coordinated efforts to protect older adults . . . resulting in dozens of prosecutions against individuals who conspired to steal and launder millions of dollars from older Americans. We have also worked to educate Seniors in our community about financial fraud to empower them to act as our first line of defense against these scams.”

**Byung J. “BJay” Pak, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia**

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<sup>37</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nm/pr/husband-ayudando-guardians-ceo-pleads-guilty-conspiracy-defraud-united-states-and-commit>

<sup>38</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/dozens-charged-atlanta-based-money-laundering-operation-funneled-30-million-proceeds>

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elderly, as well as corporations and financial institutions throughout the United States. Using business email compromise schemes, romance fraud scams, and retirement account scams, the defendants duped numerous victims into losing more than \$30 million. According to the United States Attorney, “Some of these schemes target the elderly and often deplete the victims’ entire life savings. These arrests affirm the Department of Justice’s commitment to prosecuting those who prey on our most vulnerable citizens.”

According to the indictment and other information presented in court, the defendants served as money launderers for the business email compromise schemes, romance scams, and retirement account scams. A “business email compromise” (BEC) is a type of computer intrusion that occurs when an employee of a company is tricked into moving money to a bank account controlled by the fraudsters, pursuant to an email instruction that appears to be, but is not, legitimate.

A “retirement account scam” is a type of online fraud that occurs when a third party administrator (TPA) for retirement investment accounts is tricked into authorizing a money distribution to an imposter posing as the true accountholder, and then changes the bank account information to an account controlled by the imposter or the imposter’s conspirators. Fraudsters usually drain the entire retirement

account scam, stealing the entire retirement savings of the victims.

The defendants and co-conspirators facilitated BEC schemes, romance scams, and retirement account scams by receiving and distributing fraudulent funds throughout the United States and the world. The defendants created multiple sham companies that did not have physical premises, earn legitimate income, or pay wages to employees. In turn, the defendants opened business bank accounts at multiple financial institutions to facilitate receipt of the fraudulent money. The defendants also opened personal bank accounts to receive fraudulent funds, often using false identities and victims’ identities. After funds were deposited into the defendants’ bank accounts, the money was quickly withdrawn from the accounts and circulated among the defendants.

#### ***Telemarketing Fraud Targeting Minorities***

*U.S. v. Guerra, Hidalgo, Hermoza, et al.* (Southern District of Florida)<sup>39</sup>

On December 20, 2019, the Department of Justice announced that three Peruvian men were extradited to the United States, where they stand charged by indictment in Miami, Florida, with operating a large fraud and extortion scheme. Johnny Enso Hidalgo Marchan, 40, of Lima, Peru; Francesco Flabio Guerra Perez, 24, of Lima, Peru; and Rodolfo Hermoza Vega, 45, of Cajamarca, Peru, were arrested on July 28, 2016, by Peruvian authorities based on the U.S.

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<sup>39</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/three-men-extradited-overseeing-call-centers-threatened-and-defrauded-spanish-speaking>

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“As the top law enforcement officer for the Southern District of Florida, I know all too well that nefarious fraud schemes operate both inside and outside the U.S. to target our precious seniors. I can say unequivocally that the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force is one of our strongest tools in combatting fraud against the elderly. No longer can criminals set up their fraud operations outside American borders, hoping to escape American justice. Through the Strike Force, we can reach across nations to locate, investigate, and bring to justice criminals abroad who prey on our elderly neighbors, friends and loved ones. My law enforcement partners and I are committed to keeping our seniors safe from crime, wherever that crime originates.”

**Ariana Fajardo Orshan, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida**



indictment for fraud. All three have been incarcerated in Peru since that time.

A 37-count federal indictment was previously filed against the defendants in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, charging Hidalgo, Guerra, and Hermoza with conspiracy, mail fraud, and wire fraud. Hidalgo and Guerra also face attempted extortion charges.

Hidalgo, Guerra, and Hermoza allegedly managed and operated Peruvian call centers called Everglades, which were based in Lima and Cajamarca, Peru, and which worked in partnership with Angeluz Florida Corporation in Miami. According to the indictment, Hidalgo, Guerra, and Hermoza, and their employees in Peru used Internet-based telephone calls to lie to and threaten Spanish-speaking victims in the United States. The callers falsely accused the victims of having failed to accept delivery of certain products and claimed that the victims owed

thousands of dollars in fines and that court proceedings would be brought against them. In reality, the victims — many of whom were elderly — had never ordered these products and nothing had been delivered. The indictment alleges that the defendants and their call center employees claimed that the consumers could resolve the supposed debts and fines if they immediately paid a “settlement fee.” Consumers who contested these settlement fees were told that failure to pay could lead to harmed credit, arrest, deportation, or seizure of property.

### **Failure of Care Cases**

#### ***Caregiver Fraud***

*U.S. v. Harrison and Williams* (Western District of North Carolina)<sup>40</sup>

On May 20, 2020, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Western District of North Carolina announced that Gerald

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<sup>40</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/two-mint-hill-residents-plead-guilty-federal-charges-stealing-more-400000-elderly>

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Maxwell Harrison and Elizabeth Robin Williams, have pleaded guilty to federal charges for wire fraud conspiracy, interstate transportation of stolen property, and money laundering, arising out of their conspiracy with each other and other individuals to steal more than \$400,000 from an elderly victim who suffered from dementia.

Harrison, Williams, and their co-conspirator, Donna Graves, engaged in a scheme to defraud an elderly widow who lived alone and suffered from dementia and other physical and mental challenges. Graves and Williams provided housekeeping services for the victim through a business owned and operated by Graves. The defendants isolated the victim from her friends and family and induced the victim to give them power and control over her financial and personal affairs. Once they gained access and control, Williams, Harrison, and Graves engaged in numerous illegal and unauthorized financial transactions that substantially depleted the victim's money and property. They emptied the victim's bank accounts and used the money to pay for personal expenses, they fraudulently "maxed out" at least one credit card in the victim's name, they fraudulently transferred or attempted to transfer the victim's assets to themselves, and they stole the victim's federal benefits. The defendants also pawned the victim's jewelry.

Additionally, Williams unlawfully used the victim's money to set up other businesses in her name, including a business selling handbags online and a business selling weight loss-related services.

### ***Nursing Home Cases***

*U.S. ex rel. Krauss v. Guardian Elder Care Holdings, Inc., et al.* (Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania and the Civil Division)<sup>41</sup>

On February 19, 2020, Guardian Elder Care Holdings Inc., and related companies Guardian LTC Management Inc., Guardian Elder Care Management Inc., Guardian Elder Care Management I Inc., and Guardian Rehabilitation Services Inc., (Guardian) agreed to pay \$15,466,278 to resolve False Claims Act allegations that they knowingly overbilled Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program for medically unnecessary rehabilitation therapy services. Guardian operates more than 50 nursing facilities throughout Pennsylvania, as well as in Ohio and West Virginia.

The settlement resolved claims by the United States that from Jan. 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2017, Guardian caused certain facilities in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio to bill for patients at the highest level of Medicare reimbursement, when services at that level were not medically necessary and were influenced by financial considerations rather than resident needs.

Contemporaneous with the civil settlement, Guardian agreed to enter into a chain-wide Corporate Integrity Agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. Such agreements promote compliance and protect vulnerable nursing home residents.

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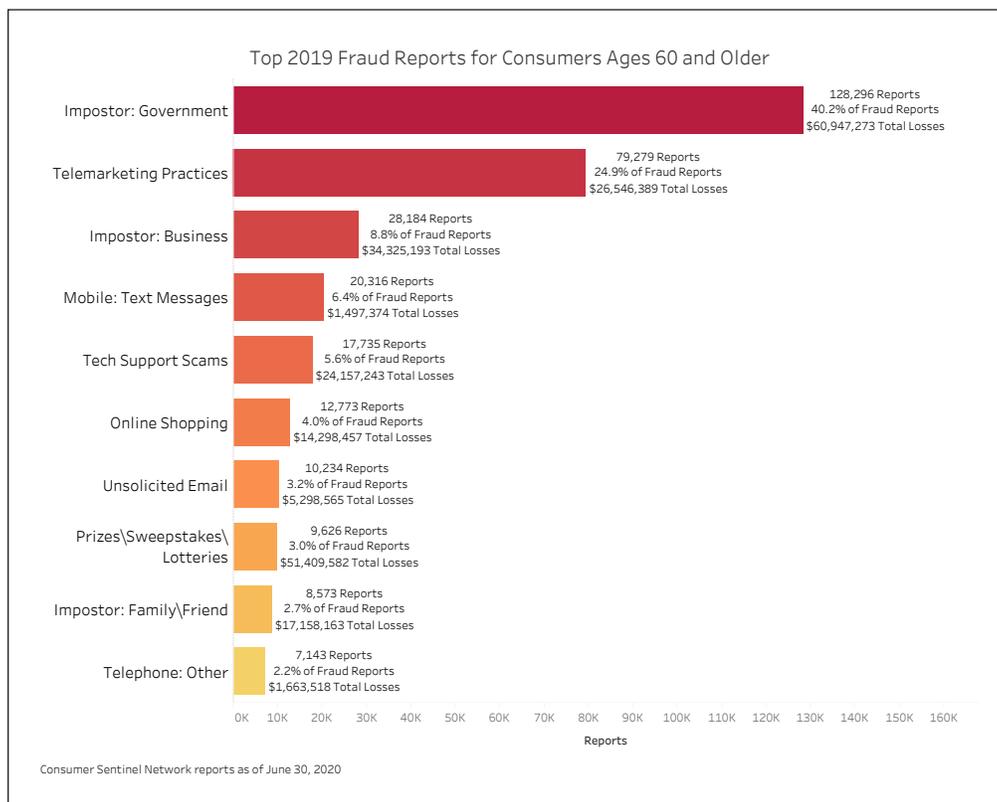
<sup>41</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/guardian-elder-care-holdings-and-related-entities-agree-pay-154-million-resolve-false-claims>

## C. Reporting Period Case Statistics

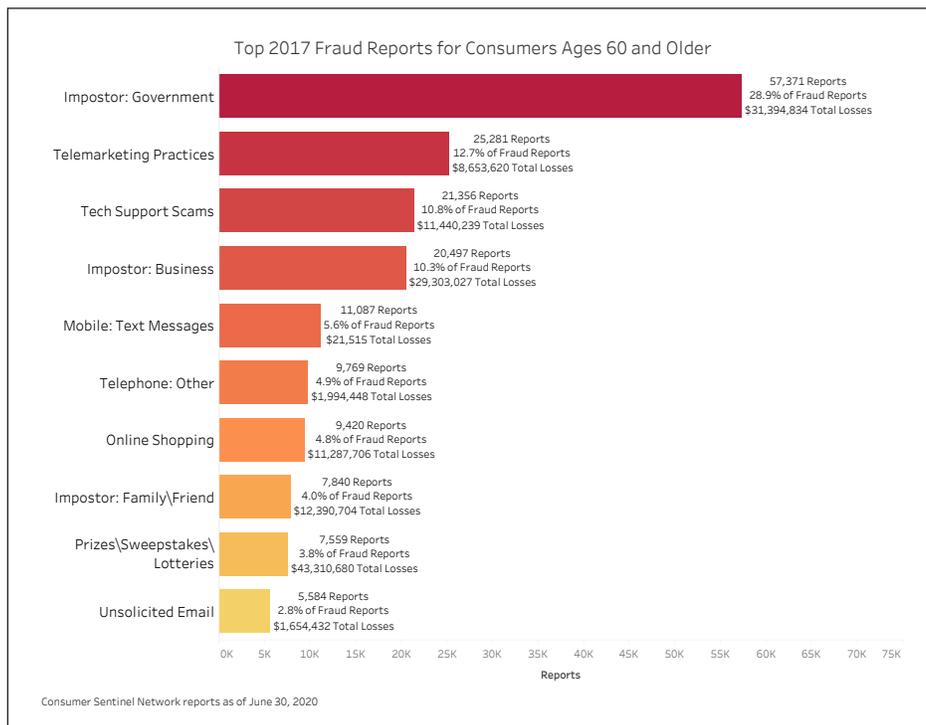
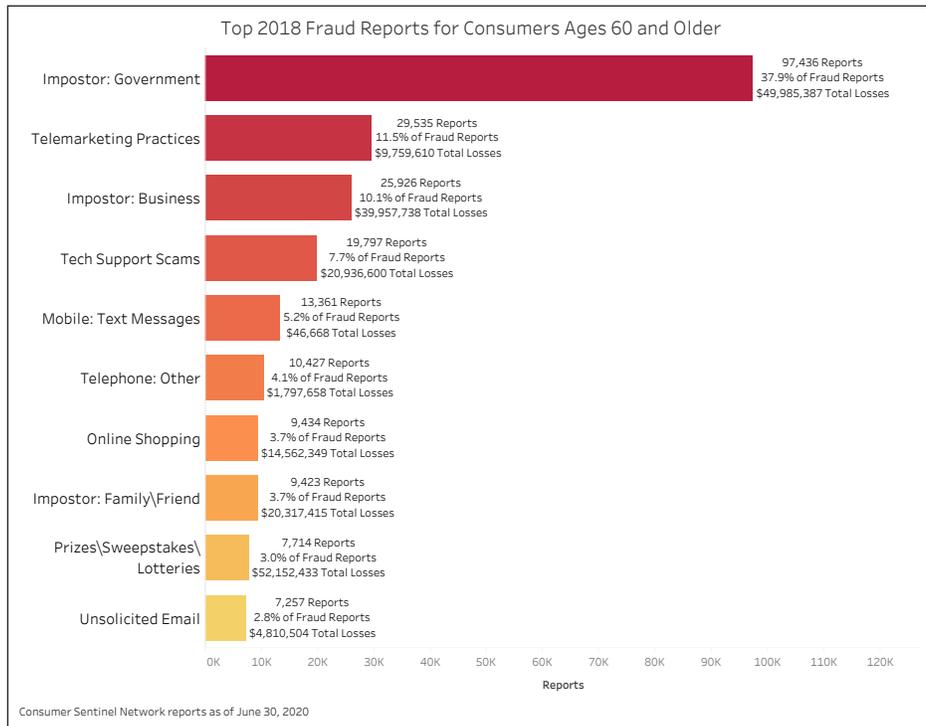
### Consumer Sentinel Data 2019

The Department of Justice works closely with colleagues at the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other agencies to identify consumer protection problems and frauds affecting senior citizens. Data from the FTC's Consumer Sentinel Network indicates that, in 2019, seniors reported the highest aggregate losses from government imposter scams (\$60.9 million), followed by telemarketing fraud schemes (\$26.5 million) and business imposter scams (\$34.3 million). Other types of internet and tech fraud also affected seniors, especially mobile text messaging scams and technical support scams.

Since calendar year 2017, seniors continue to report higher aggregate losses from government imposter scams and telemarketing fraud. Total losses reported to the Sentinel Network for government imposter scams have almost doubled from \$31 million in 2017 to \$60.9 million in 2019. Losses due to telemarketing fraud schemes have also increased dramatically from \$8.6 million reported in 2017 to \$26.5 million reported in 2019. The Department has taken note of this conduct and is committed to identifying perpetrators of these schemes, disrupting their activities, and bringing offenders to justice.



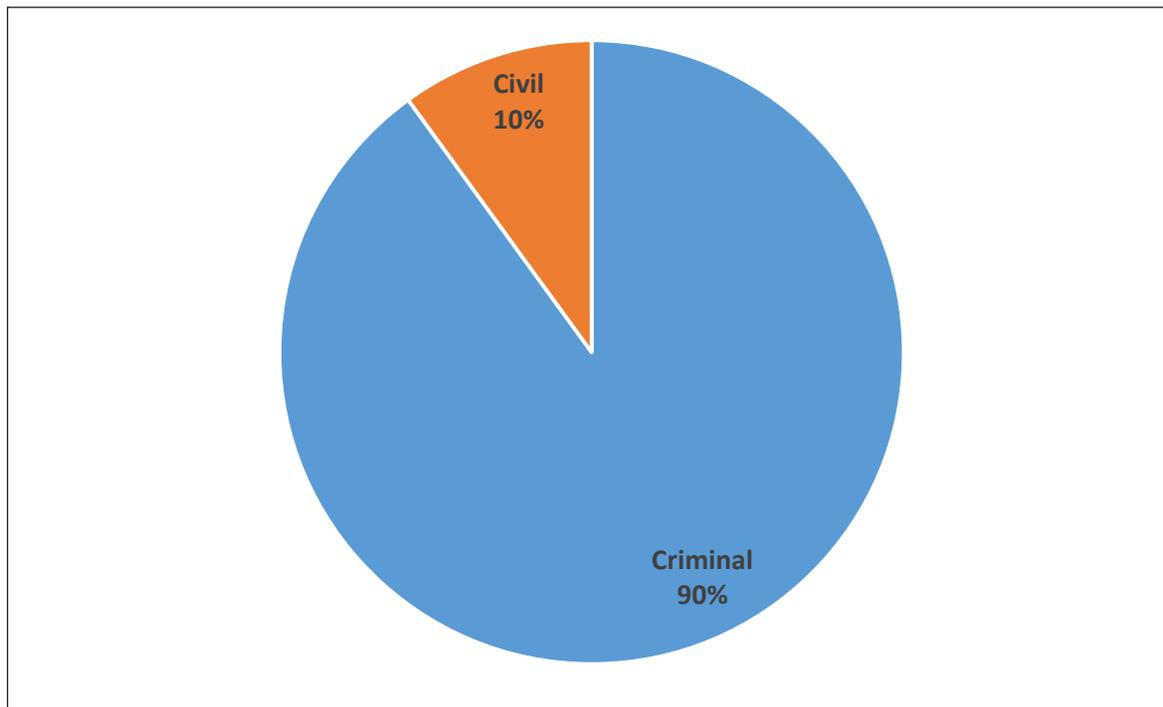
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*Types of Elder Justice Cases in the Reporting Period (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)*



Source: Appendix A

**D. Americans with Disabilities Act**

The Civil Rights Division (CRT) contributes to the advancement of elder justice through its enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 24.4% of people between the ages of 65 and 75, and 47.5% of people age 75 and older, reported having some type of disability in 2018. 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.

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During the reporting period, the Department entered into 57 ADA settlement agreements and an additional 16 informal ADA resolutions. For example, in February 2020, the Department entered into a settlement agreement with Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. Among other things, the agreement will increase the availability of patient rooms, accessible bathrooms, and accessible medical equipment. Additionally, as part of the agreement, Tufts will strengthen the hospital's policies and procedures for

ensuring that patients and family members or other companions who are deaf or have hearing loss can effectively communicate with hospital staff. This provision will help ensure that individuals with disabilities receive auxiliary aids and services—from written notes to qualified sign language interpreters—when needed to communicate effectively. If auxiliary aids and services are not provided, people with disabilities may not be able to understand, or share critical information with health care providers.



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# RESOURCES AND TRAINING FOR ELDER JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

## A. Overview

The Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act identifies the need for training and resources for a variety of elder justice professionals, including those at the state and local level. The Department provides and/or supports the development of training, resources, and tools to maximize the ability of federal, state, and local elder justice professionals to respond vigorously and effectively to elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud committed against older Americans.

## B. Elder Justice Website

The Elder Justice Website is the Department's central hub for elder justice training, resources and information on elder abuse and financial fraud, with over a half million page views between July 2019 and June 2020. The EJI website supports the Department's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect and financial fraud and scams that target our nation's seniors. The website's primary audience includes elder justice professionals such as prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim specialists, and multidisciplinary teams.

The Department also seeks to use its website to provide information directly to older Americans. Therefore, the website provides information and resources for older adults and their caretakers in four sections of the website: About Elder Abuse<sup>42</sup> provides warning signs and scenarios for different types of abuse; the Neighborhood Map<sup>43</sup> provides access to different types of help in every state; Report abuse<sup>44</sup> connects older adults with reporting agencies in each state; and finally, a series of informative elder abuse pamphlets is available in English and Spanish.<sup>45</sup> The Elder Justice Initiative website provides education and resources to address elder abuse and fraud.<sup>46</sup>

## C. The Judiciary

The Judiciary play a critical role in various components of the court system including civil, family, criminal, and probate. Through a grant to Futures Without Violence, the Department's Office for Victims of Crime funded the development of STAGES (Strategies and Training to Advance Greater Elder Safety). The STAGES curriculum educates teams of judicial, justice and community professionals about financial exploitation and elder abuse (released June 2020).<sup>47</sup>

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<sup>42</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/about-elder-abuse>

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/support/resources-neighborhood>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/find-support-elder-abuse>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/eji-brochures>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

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## D. Prosecutors

State and local prosecutors decide whether to bring criminal charges and represent the state during a prosecution. The Department is actively engaged in ensuring federal, state and local prosecutors are trained in pursuing elder abuse, neglect, and forms of financial exploitation. The Department provides training and develops resources that give prosecutors the skills to vigorously pursue these cases that are oftentimes challenging. In January 2020, the Department provided a training to the Michigan Attorney General's Office on SAFTA (described below). SAFTA transforms financial records data into tables and graphs that depict aberrant financial patterns. Available on the Elder Justice Website is the Prosecutor Video Series,<sup>48</sup> comprised of 25 relatively short videos that cover many of the critical elements of investigating and prosecuting cases of elder abuse or neglect. The website also hosts the Prosecutor Samples Directory,<sup>49</sup> replete with sample federal and state pleadings and documents related to elder abuse to ease the initial drafting of documents. Finally, the Prosecutor-Investigator Community<sup>50</sup> is an online forum that connects prosecutors and investigators across the country to learn from one another and to collaborate on issues involving elder abuse prosecution.

### Elder Justice Coordinators

Each of the 94 U.S. Attorney's offices has appointed an Assistant U.S. Attorney to be its Elder Justice Coordinator, coordinating

prosecution of Elder Justice cases and outreach on Elder Justice matters.

### *Elder Justice Coordinator Training at the National Advocacy Center*

On November 13-15, 2019, the Department of Justice held an Elder Justice Coordinators Conference at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina, where EJsCs from around the country gathered for two and a half days of intense learning through classroom instruction, collaboration and small-group discussion on elder justice issues. The topics included Money Mules, Mass Mailing cases, International Call Center cases, Cyber Fraud, Working with Elderly Victims, Nursing Home cases, Outreach, Working with State & Local Partners, Elder Justice Strike Forces and Ethics. Department attorneys from a variety of United States Attorney's offices and Main Justice Components taught the classes and shared their knowledge and experience. The EJsCs left with additional knowledge, new ideas, and a strong continuing commitment to Elder Justice.

### *FINRA Webinar: Exposed to Scams: What Separates Victims from Non-Victims*

On May 21, 2020, Executive Office for the United States Attorneys (EOUSA) hosted a webinar for the Elder Justice Coordinators, "Exposed to Scams: What Separates Victims from Non-Victims," featuring Christine Kieffer and Rob Mascio of FINRA Investor Education Foundation. Established in 2003 by

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<sup>48</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/prosecutor-training-resources>

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/prosecutors/samples>

<sup>50</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/national-elder-dependent-adult-abuse-community>

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the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the FINRA Investor Education Foundation empowers underserved Americans with the knowledge, skills and tools to make sound financial decisions throughout life. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through educational programs and research that help consumers achieve their financial goals and that protect them in a complex and dynamic world.

FINRA Investor Education Foundation has conducted significant research on elder victims of financial fraud, very relevant to the EJC roles in interviewing victims and witnesses, arguing at sentencings and conducting education and outreach. The webinar presented research on the significance of senior outreach and education, and on understanding the victims in elder fraud cases.

Victimization by scams and fraud depends, in part, on two-way engagement between the target of the scam and the fraudster. Some individuals simply do not engage with a scammer; others engage but at some point recognize the deception and cease engagement. Still others engage with the fraud and lose money (sometimes a lot of money). This webinar discussed the factors that differentiate these three groups, and described the new research and the resulting implications for protecting seniors from scams and fraud.

### ***Elder Justice Group Chats***

For the two-week period beginning on April 13, 2020, during the pandemic shutdown, the EJCs engaged in a series of small group virtual chats, designed to facilitate connecting the

EJCs to share ideas, brainstorm on new ideas, and touch base to continue the strong sense of community among EJCs from around the country. The EJCs were broken into 16 groups of about 8 prosecutors each, with a cross-section from around the country. Each small group had a group leader assigned. The group leader facilitated a virtual EJC group chat, through Skype or another medium, for 45 minutes to an hour, where the EJCs shared ideas, connected, and renewed their sense of community and commitment to the Elder Justice Initiative. After, each group sent an email to the leadership, summarizing the EJC group chat, including any ideas discussed for Elder Justice. The responses were overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating a renewed energy in these challenging times.

### **E. Law Enforcement Officers**

Law enforcement officers are first responders and serve as gatekeepers to the criminal justice system. Therefore, EJI has focused on ensuring federal, state and local law enforcement officers are trained in recognizing and responding to these cases, and developing the knowledge, tools and resources to facilitate their investigations.

### **Resources**

#### ***SAFTA***

SAFTA (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting Tool) was developed to provide law enforcement with a simplified tool for investigating suspicious financial patterns and prosecuting cases of elder financial exploitation. The toolkit includes the SAFTA tool<sup>51</sup> (an Excel macro-enabled worksheet), a training guide, and subpoena template.

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<sup>51</sup> The SAFTA toolkit is available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/safta-senior-abuse-financial-tracking-and-accounting-tool-toolkit>.

# SAFTA

## (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting) Toolkit

Guided by the adage “**A picture is worth a 1000 words**”, the Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting (SAFTA) tool provides law enforcement with a simplified forensic instrument 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. The tool is downloaded onto the user’s computer to ensure a secure working environment.

SAFTA is not intended to turn law enforcement officers into forensic accountants. Rather, it is designed to enable law enforcement officers to gather financial records and convert those records into forensically relevant visual depictions of the financial records. SAFTA works best on cases of low to moderate complexity.

### The SAFTA toolkit includes:

- the **SAFTA tool**, a downloadable Excel workbook with a user-friendly overlay for entering financial records within a secure environment
- the **SAFTA guide**, providing tips on investigating elder financial exploitation, step-by-step instructions for using the tool, and how to access help from forensic accountants and other experts for more complex cases
- an 18 minute digital (Vimeo) **tutorial**, demonstrating how to use the SAFTA tool
- two **subpoena templates**, facilitating access to and acquiring financial records
- free **technical assistance**, ensuring SAFTA users have a positive experience



**Download the no-cost SAFTA toolkit at: <https://www.theiacp.org/elder-abuse>**

SAFTA was produced by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), with assistance from Webber CPA, PLLC and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), and supported by the Elder Justice Initiative, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in SAFTA are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.

*The SAFTA Flyer, describing the toolkit, is available at <https://www.justice.gov/file/1286746/download>.*

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## **EAGLE<sup>52</sup>**

The Department continues to build out the EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement). The EAGLE is a national web module designed to support officers in identifying, intervening, and resolving cases of elder abuse. The EAGLE contains checklists, state statutes, zip-code-based community resources locator, tips, educational materials, and much more.



## ***Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP)***

The Department of Justice Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP) has been deployed at over 90 Tribal sites and provides critical criminal justice information to authorized Tribal government agencies for use in protecting elderly Native Americans and other purposes.

The Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ) provides staff and policy support for TAP. TAP provides a means for tribal law enforcement agencies to access critical national criminal justice information maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS). One of the systems housed at FBI CJIS is the National Data Exchange (N-DEX) which is a national investigative information sharing system which allows criminal investigators to share information

such as police reports across jurisdictional lines. For example, an actual case involved a vulnerable elderly adult living in Indian country who had disappeared. Investigative leads led the tribal police department to the name of a person of interest. The location of the person of interest was not known, however, it was believed that the person lived outside of the tribe's jurisdiction. A tribal police officer utilized software provided by TAP to access the FBI CJIS N-DEX system. The tribal police officer ran a search based on the name of the person of interest. The N-DEX search produced a police report from a nearby jurisdiction which included the name and possible address of the person of interest. Law enforcement officers were sent to the address listed and rescued the vulnerable tribal elder.

OTJ also assisted in several ways with the Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Summit in 2018 and follow-up work. We developed a list of tribal contacts who do elder justice work for the Civil Division's Elder Justice Initiative (CIV EJI). The list was a primary source of tribal invitees and participants in the conference. OTJ also joined a panel presentation there entitled, "Harnessing the Power of Technology to Respond to Elder Abuse in Rural and Tribal Communities." Our presentation focused on the Tribal Access Program (TAP, described above). At the summit, OTJ also participated in a session entitled, "Tribal Talking Circle: Health Care Challenges and Solutions in Tribal Communities." OTJ continues to consult with CIV EJI and others as needed on these issues.

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<sup>52</sup> The EAGLE Dashboard is accessible online at <http://eagle.usc.edu/>.

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## ***The COPS Office Law Enforcement Webpages***

Components within the Department host elder justice law enforcement resources on their websites. The COPS Office has created a single place that brings together a summary of Elder Justice Resources<sup>53</sup> on the COPS Office Training Portal, with links to the EJI resources, the relevant COPS Office *The Beat* podcasts,<sup>54</sup> *Community Policing Dispatch* articles,<sup>55</sup> and current and older COPS Office elder justice publications. The Elder Justice Website hosts a Law Enforcement page,<sup>56</sup> featuring their law enforcement resources some of which are described above.

The COPS Office's monthly electronic newsletter, the *Community Policing Dispatch*, was successfully delivered to over 8,000 subscribers from local law enforcement and community partners. *Dispatch* articles about resources and the trends to improve the safety of older vulnerable community members included the following:

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) (June 2020 | Volume 13 | Issue 6)<sup>57</sup>
- Serving the Needs of the Older Adult Community: Ways to Handle Elder Abuse Calls (May 2020 | Volume 13 | Issue 5)<sup>58</sup>

- Elder Justice Resources (June 2019 | Volume 12 | Issue 5)<sup>59</sup>
- Teaming Up to Fight Financial Abuse of Older Adults (November 2017 | Volume 10 | Issue 11)<sup>60</sup>
- Exploitation of Seniors: A Training Opportunity for Law Enforcement on Financial Crimes Against the Elderly (June 2017 | Volume 10 | Issue 6)<sup>61</sup>

The COPS Office also developed, printed, and have available in hard copy an Elder Justice Initiative Resources brochure<sup>62</sup> designed to share information on Department Elder Justice tools and resources with law enforcement. The COPS Office distributed the EJI Resource brochure at the COPS Office booth at the International Association of Chiefs of Police's Annual Conference and Training held on October 26-29, 2019. The COPS Office also distributes hard copies of the brochure to the field or events through its Resource Center.<sup>63</sup> In April 2020, the COPS Office contributed to and distributed the COVID-19 Law Enforcement Appreciation and Elder Justice COVID resources flyer.<sup>64</sup> The COPS Office continues to support other Department outreach efforts to law enforcement regarding available Elder Justice resources by distributing EJI Resource Brochures upon request.

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<sup>53</sup> <https://copstrainingportal.org/elder-justice-resources/>

<sup>54</sup> <https://cops.usdoj.gov/thebeat>

<sup>55</sup> <https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/index.html>

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/law-enforcement-1>

<sup>57</sup> <https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2020/weaad.html>

<sup>58</sup> <https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/05-2020/older.html>

<sup>59</sup> [https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2019/ej\\_resources.html](https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/06-2019/ej_resources.html)

<sup>60</sup> [https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/11-2017/teaming\\_up\\_to\\_fight\\_financial\\_abuse\\_of\\_older\\_adults.html](https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/11-2017/teaming_up_to_fight_financial_abuse_of_older_adults.html)

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<sup>63</sup> <https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/ric.php?page=detail&id=COPS-W0623>

<sup>64</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/file/1267286/download>

## Raising Awareness of Law Enforcement Resources – National Dissemination of the Law Enforcement Flyer

To ensure the field is aware of the Department's elder justice resources for law enforcement, in January 2020, the Department blanketed the country with a Law Enforcement Flyer featuring a summary of elder justice resources for law enforcement. The Flyer was disseminated both through our national law enforcement organization partners as well as at least one law enforcement training entity in each state. These resources were also summarized and disseminated in a letter<sup>65</sup> authored by the COPS Office Director, Phil Keith.



The Law Enforcement Flyer is available for download at <https://www.justice.gov/file/1174026/downloadeagle.usc.edu/>.

## Office for Victims of Crime 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 were recently made available on the Elder Justice Initiative website at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/mdt-resources>.

In addition to national-scope training and technical assistance grants, OVC has transferred discretionary funding to federal agencies to ensure allied professionals are skilled in addressing the needs and rights of crime victims, including older victims of abuse and exploitation. In 2018 and 2019, OVC provided EJI an additional \$1.6 million to—

- produce an investigative protocol for elder abuse in partnership with the National Sheriffs' Association;
- develop information addressing guardianship in partnership with the American Bar Association's Committee in Law and Aging; and
- convene a meeting of state and local judges to focus on

<sup>65</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/page/file/1179316/download>

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guardianships, conservatorships, and power of attorneys.

OVC discretionary funding is also being used to—

- identify gaps in services for older victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation/fraud;
- conduct listening sessions and/or stakeholder meetings with representatives of state and local government entities, community-based victim service providers, other allied professionals, and federal partners; convene five victim-specific listening sessions with older victims at geographically diverse locations throughout the country; and
- deliver (to OVC) a gap analysis comparing existing services to those identified by older adults and professionals and a set of recommendations that, if adopted, would result in a comprehensive set of responses designed to optimize outcomes for older victims.

The resources are expected to be completed by 2022.

***Office on Violence Against Women Elder Justice Resources***

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) develops curricula, publications, and multimedia products on identifying, prosecuting, adjudicating, and addressing elder abuse, neglect, exploitation and 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. Through OVW's Training and Technical Assistance Initiative, OVW partnered with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, Futures Without Violence, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to develop or update the following to enhance victim safety and offender accountability:

- National Institute on Prosecuting Elder Abuse;
- information for judges and magistrates addressing guardianship;
- on-line training modules for front line officers, detectives, and investigators to enhance their ability to respond to and investigate abuse in later life;
- webinars on creating and enhancing abuse in later life coordinated community response teams; and
- cross-training for victim service providers, agencies of states or units of local government, and other professionals that provide direct services to older individuals to assist them in better serving victims of abuse in later life.

These resources are expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

OVW also awards discretionary funding through the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life) to states; units of local government;

tribal governments or tribal organizations; population specific organizations; victim service providers; and domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions to support a comprehensive approach to addressing abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, neglect, and exploitation committed against victims who are 50 years of age or older.

**Training**

***FBI Elder Justice Investigation Training***

Over the past year, the Department has been vigorously engaged in training FBI agents and other criminal justice system professionals on investigating elder financial fraud and abuse. The first phase of the training discussed elder abuse and financial exploitation and how to address some of the issues in developing those cases. The second phase also covers those topics, but focuses more intentionally on how to work with older victims and their witnesses, including interviewing techniques and health and aging considerations. Well over 1,000 federal, state and local law enforcement professionals have received this instruction across seven trainings. For example:

***U.S. Attorney’s Offices Law Enforcement Training***

Most of the districts met more than once during the year with law enforcement to collaborate about Elder Justice, often through established Working Groups dedicated to Elder Abuse. Many United States Attorney’s offices also conducted training, sometimes multiple trainings, for federal, state and local law enforcement on elder abuse issues, including:

The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Maine hosted representatives of federal, state and local law enforcement and government, social service agencies and consumer groups, both at the Elder Abuse Prevention Meeting on September 19, 2019 and the York County Elder Abuse Task Force Annual Conference on October 18, 2019.

The United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Iowa also held several trainings for law enforcement on elder justice issues, including Elder Abuse Training for Law Enforcement on September 11, 2019 and a full day course on White Collar/Elder Financial Exploitation on January 21, 2020.

<b>FBI Training</b>	<b>Date &amp; Location</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Law Enforcement Training	February 2020, Tampa, Florida	Tampa FBI and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors
CPA Recertification Conference	August 2019, Miami, Florida	450 Agents
Economic Crime Conference	July 2019, Austin, Texas	325 Agents and financial analysts

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Other United States Attorney's offices also conducted law enforcement training including the District of Colorado; the Central District of California; the Middle District of Florida; the District of Utah; District of Delaware; and the Western District of Pennsylvania. As a result, hundreds of law enforcement officers were trained on elder justice issues.

***The National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse (NIPEA)***

On November 6-8, 2019, the Department of Justice in partnership with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life held the National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse (NIPEA) in San Antonio, Texas. NIPEA is a three-day course designed to challenge prosecutors to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting elder abuse cases. Participants receive 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 where participants work two actual cases – one neglect and one financial exploitation – NIPEA explores the complex issues faced by prosecutors. Beyond just case evaluation and litigation skills, the curriculum examines the benefits of developing a coordinated, victim-centered community response; explains common injuries and relevant medical evidence, providing guidance on the use of medical experts; explores ethical issues confronted by

prosecutors; and offers prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes and the very nature of justice in elder abuse cases.

***Consumer Protection Branch Webinars***

The Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch presented three webinars to those in the financial industry, to law enforcement and other elder justice professionals, aimed at teaching these professionals to recognize elder fraud and protect the elderly from such fraudsters. These three webinars reached more than 5,000 attendees:

On July 25, 2019, the CPB presented a webinar entitled "Building Collaboration between Financial Institutions and Law Enforcement to Prevent and Address Elder Financial Abuse," to 4,195 attendees including federal, state, and local law enforcement and bank personnel, and BSA officers.

On October 2, 2019, the CPB presented a webinar "DOJ Elder Justice Efforts" to approximately 200 attendees, including financial regulators, financial industry employees, researchers, and nonprofit representatives.

On June 23, 2020, CPB presented a webinar entitled, "Suspicious Activity Reports – Taking your Elder Financial Abuse Investigations to the Next Level." Approximately 1,130 registrants included representatives from social services, law enforcement, and victim assistance.

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### ***EAGLE-Based Training***

Based on the EAGLE, the National Center on Elder Abuse hosted a one-day in-person AZ-POST-certified training for 80 law enforcement and other elder justice professionals in Arizona (November, 2019). The evaluations confirmed that law enforcement found the training a valuable experience. The intent is to replicate this training elsewhere in the future.

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*“Nine out of 10 officers who attended the training and responded to our evaluation found the entire EAGLE training to be a valuable resource.”*

**-Officer Steven McGhee**

Paradise Valley, Arizona Police Department

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### **F. Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC)**

Elder Abuse Case Review Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs) function to address the inherent complexity of elder abuse cases. Composed of three or more professions collaborating on an array of elder justice issues, MDTs primarily work together to improve the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse and to improve victim outcomes through coordinated service delivery, education and prevention activities.

To facilitate a multidisciplinary response to elder abuse, EJI launched the MDT TAC<sup>66</sup> providing consultations, training and resources for elder justice MDTs. The MDT

TAC serves as a resource for existing MDTs, as well as persons or organizations interested in establishing or strengthening their own MDTs. The MDT TAC is engaged in multiple activities that generally fall into one of three categories: MDT consultations, building an elder abuse MDT community and fostering collaboration, and developing MDT educational materials. Each is described in detail below.

#### ***MDT Consultations***

Holding an average of five per month (via phone, email or video conferencing), MDT consultations generally cover information regarding the planning and implementation of an elder abuse case review MDT such as:

- Understanding your community needs
- How to develop an MDT
- Problem solving and discussing common challenges and barriers
- Referral to other professionals or teams
- Connecting teams to resources and education
- Other issue as needed

#### ***Building an Elder Abuse MDT Community and Fostering Collaboration***

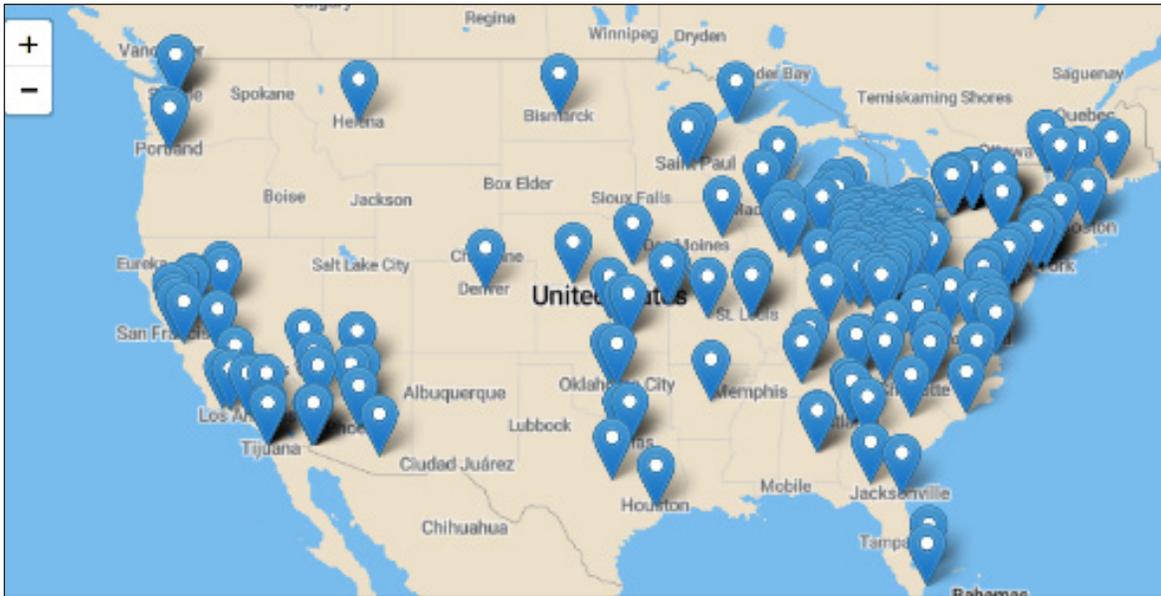
The MDT TAC promotes the development of MDTs and other collaborations through several initiatives, including:

##### National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community (June 2020)

This web-based community allows for peer learning and information sharing among elder abuse MDTs nationally. Membership is free.

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<sup>66</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/mdt>



The MDT Networks Locator Map is available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/elder-justice-network-locator-map>.

#### Networks Locator Map (November 2019)

The Networks Locator Map is designed to enable elder justice professionals to locate and collaborate with elder justice networks/teams across the nation by displaying their location and contact information on the map.

#### Highlighted Networks

Highlighted Networks is a component of the MDT website that showcases promising and novel elder justice networks, while connecting and educating professionals in the field. Available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/highlighted-networks>.

#### ***Developing MDT Educational Materials***

The MDT TAC has created a series of educational materials to facilitate the

development of MDTs and to enhance their functioning. For example:

#### Elder Abuse MDT Quick Start Guide

The MDT Quick Start Guide highlights the most important steps needed to start an MDT and provides links to the corresponding subject matter in the MDT Guide and Toolkit.

#### MDT Statutes Update

The state MDT statutory review was updated in January 2020 to provide the field with the most current information regarding their elder abuse MDT laws. Available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/file/960791/download>.

#### Updating the MDT Guide and Toolkit

The MDT TAC continues to promote and

update the MDT Guide and Toolkit, a web-based toolkit for starting and enhancing an elder abuse MDT. Available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/mdt-toolkit>.

### MDT-Related Webinars<sup>67</sup>

In the past year, the MDT TAC has hosted three webinars that include:

- Mapping Elder Justice Networks (January 21, 2020)
- Introducing the National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Listserv Community (June 22, 2020)
- Adapting Your MDT to a Virtual Environment (June 15, 2020)

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
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**ELDER ABUSE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM**  
**Quick Start Guide**

**WHAT IS A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)?**  
MDTs are defined as a group of people comprised of representatives from three or more disciplines working collaboratively, bound by a common purpose, with a shared definition of the problem they are addressing.

**CLICK ON HEADINGS FOR TIPS FOR STARTING AN MDT**

**CHOOSE A STRUCTURE**  
What type of structure will work best for your community? What agencies and organizations should be involved in starting your team?

**DEFINE YOUR MISSION AND VISION**  
What is the purpose of your team? Having a clear mission and vision early in the process of developing your team will help to keep everyone on track, working toward the same outcomes and providing clarity about how to measure success.

**RECRUIT PARTICIPANTS**  
Think about who is needed to resolve elder abuse cases effectively and efficiently. Common core members may include:

- Adult Protective Services (APS)
- Aging services network personnel
- Geriatricians/physicians
- Law enforcement
- Prosecutors (District Attorneys)
- Psychologists/neuropsychologists
- Victim-witness advocates/victim service providers

**PLAN FOR SUCCESS BY INCORPORATING THESE 5 PRINCIPLES**

1. Shared Decision-Making
2. Partnership
3. Interdependency
4. Balanced Power
5. Transparent Process

**DEVELOP ORGANIZATIONAL RULES**

- Clearly understand and agree upon interpretations of your state laws and statutes
- Identify someone to serve as the **coordinator**
- Create MOUs for participating agencies
- Write **protocols**

**HOST MEETINGS**  
The core of your MDT is the case review meeting itself. Ensure that presenters have the support they need to bring their case to the meeting by providing clear information about intake policy and procedures, presentation guidelines and by providing emotional support as needed.

**REFINE YOUR WORK AS YOU PROCEED**  
Create a mechanism for evaluating team performance and making needed adjustments. Managing an MDT requires ongoing commitment and resources.

**KEEP YOUR TEAM INFORMED**  
Maintain periodic and ongoing training, both formal and informal, particularly as new members arrive, protocols and policies change, and the political landscape **shifts**. EJI has many **educational resources and webinars** that may help your team.

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The MDT Quick Start Guide is available at <https://www.justice.gov/file/1284316/download>.

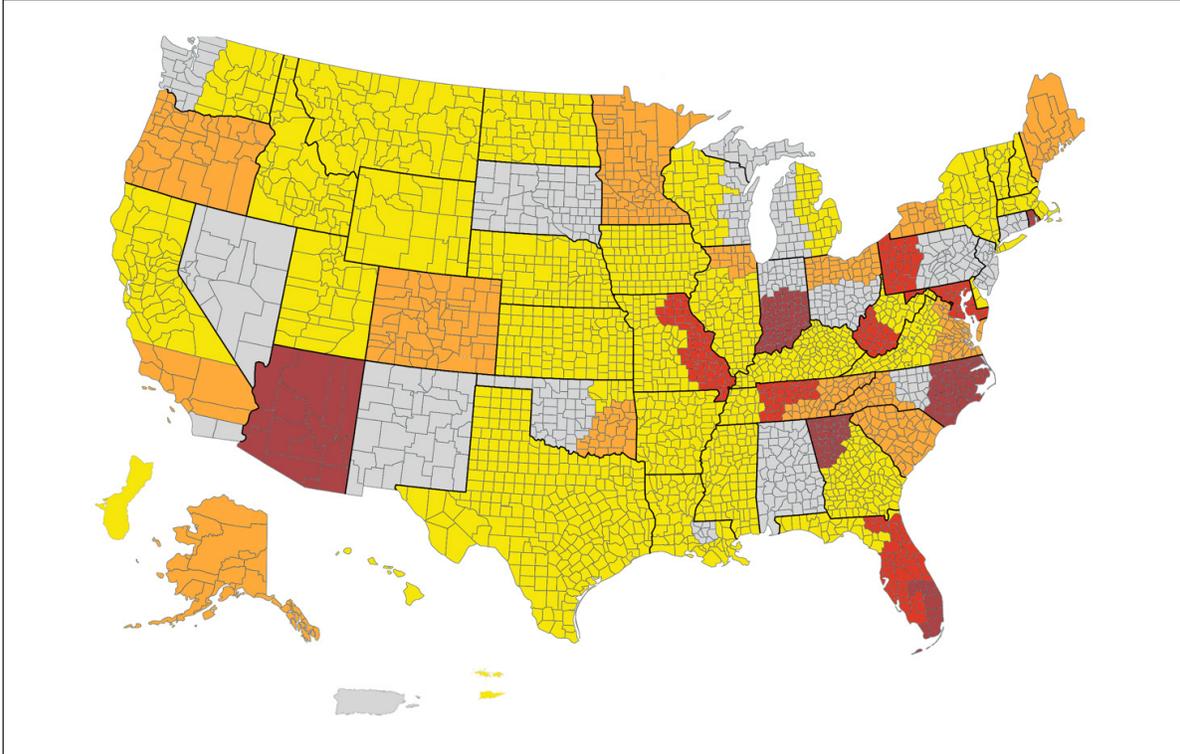
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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND PREVENTION

## A. Overview



*Yellow districts hosted 1-5 events, orange districts hosted 6-10 events, bright red districts had 11-15 events, and dark red districts had 16 or more, up to 31 (Eastern District of North Carolina and Southern District of Indiana).*

The Department of Justice is committed to preventing as well as prosecuting elder fraud, and the first front in preventing such fraud is outreach to educate the elderly, their caretakers and others who come in contact with them on ways to recognize and avoid fraud schemes. Throughout the year, United States Attorneys and their prosecutors, the Department's Civil Division, law enforcement agents, victim advocates, and other Department employees conduct outreach on elder fraud and abuse on a

regular basis. On any given day, Department representatives are speakers and panelists at programs addressing elder fraud; conduct training on elder fraud; attend conferences, fairs, Task Forces addressing elder fraud; interact with and forge strong partnerships with federal law enforcement and other federal agencies including Adult Protective Services and the FTC, and with state and local partners, business groups, Chambers of Commerce and Rotary Clubs, social service agencies, banking and other financial groups.

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Our United States Attorneys and their prosecutors visit senior centers, retirement homes and nursing homes in their districts to educate seniors about fraud and abuse. The United States Attorneys regularly get out the word warning about these malicious schemes through press releases, media interviews, and social media such as Twitter.

This year, the Department hosted or participated in over 575 outreach or training events, reaching over 165,500 participants. See Appendix B. Additionally, the Department continued to expand its media outreach through increased collaboration with national and local media outlets to reach over one million Americans through

television appearances and radio interviews. Highlighted below are just a sampling of the training and outreach events hosted by the Department during the reporting period.

## **B. Public Outreach**

### ***Oak Ridge Boys Public Service Announcement<sup>68</sup>***

On October 4, 2019, the Department unveiled a public service announcement (PSA) created in collaboration with AARP and the Oak Ridge Boys. The PSA educates the public on elder fraud, and urges people to report such fraud.



The Oak Ridge Boys PSA can be viewed at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ssh-pdCs2y4&feature=emb\\_title](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ssh-pdCs2y4&feature=emb_title).

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<sup>68</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-teams-aarp-and-oak-ridge-boys-launch-public-service-announcement-raise>

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*“The Oak Ridge Boys are honored to bring awareness to elder fraud and abuse. For too long people have taken advantage of our senior citizens, and we are teaming up with the Department of Justice and the AARP Fraud Watch Network to help you and your loved ones stay safe from scammers,” said Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys.*

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*“So happy to see the Department of Justice and AARP stepping up to address this problem of elder fraud abuse. We are honored to be stepping up with you. Everyone is susceptible via phone or online, but the elderly are often the targets and victims of identity thieves and scammers. The Oak Ridge Boys are honored to lend our name and image to this worthy cause,” said Joe Bonsall of the Oak Ridge Boys.*

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### ***Bayshore Pointe Nursing and Rehab Center in Tampa***

On Monday, March 2, 2020, the Department’s Civil Fraud section held an outreach and training event at the Bayshore Pointe Nursing and Rehab Center in Tampa, Florida to educate residents, caregivers, and families about how to avoid and where to report financial scams. The Department was joined by our partners in elder justice work, including the Department of Health and Human Services, National Consumer Voice, the West Central District Florida Ombudsman, and volunteer ombudsman.



*Susan Lynch, Senior Counsel for Elder Justice, discusses fraud schemes and how to report them with Bayshore Pointe Nursing and Rehab Center residents in Tampa, FL.*

### ***District of Puerto Rico U.S. Attorney’s Office & Elder Justice Task Force Launch Nursing Home Testing Initiative<sup>69</sup>***

On April 20, 2020, the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Elder Justice Task Force announced the launch of an island-wide COVID-19 testing initiative for all residents and employees in Puerto Rico’s long term care facilities. This multi-agency, multi-sectoral initiative planned to cover more than 1,000 facilities, 28,000 residents and 9,000 employees and caregivers. The EJTF, led by a member of the Puerto Rico United States Attorney’s Office, spent weeks developing protocols and guidelines to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Puerto Rico’s long term care facilities.

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<sup>69</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-pr/pr/puerto-rico-us-attorney-s-office-and-elder-justice-task-force-launch-nursing-home-testing>



“The well-being of our senior citizens during this pandemic is one of our top priorities. I commend the efforts of the Puerto Rico Elder Justice Task Force and those who have joined our mission during this emergency. Their selfless commitment to this cause is humbling and a testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.”

**W. Stephen Muldrow, U.S. Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico**

***AARP Town Halls***

**1. California U.S. Attorney’s Offices & AARP Town Hall on COVID-19 Fraud<sup>70</sup>**

On April 20, 2020, prosecutors from the four United States Attorney’s offices in California, along with representatives from the FBI, participated in a virtual town hall coordinated by AARP to provide information to California’s senior residents to help them identify and avoid fraudulent schemes related to Coronavirus and COVID-19.

AARP’s Fraud Watch Network provided the infrastructure for the event. Approximately 100,000 AARP members received an invitation to the event. During the town hall, federal officials discussed the disruption, investigation and prosecution of crimes related to Coronavirus and COVID-19, including fraudulent schemes, unapproved treatments, and scams related to stimulus money. Federal officials discussed the types of schemes being perpetrated, along with tips on how to avoid becoming a victim. Elderly

residents from across California asked questions to a panel of Assistant United States Attorneys from the four federal prosecutors’ offices that serve California.

**2. District of Alaska**

On June 1, 2020, AARP hosted a virtual town hall featuring the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Alaska and a Special Agent from the FBI. The discussion focused on COVID-19 fraud, with an emphasis on fraud targeting the elderly, including the types of schemes involved and how to avoid them.

**3. District of Arizona**

On June 9, 2020, prosecutors from the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona, along with a special agent from the FBI, participated in a virtual town hall coordinated through AARP to provide information to Arizona residents to help them identify and avoid fraudulent schemes, including scams related to COVID-19.

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<sup>70</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/federal-prosecutors-team-aarp-provide-californians-information-scams-related>

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The FBI special agent and the federal prosecutors discussed various scams relating to COVID-19 and provided tips for avoiding them. They highlighted scams targeting the elderly. Approximately 100,000 AARP member households received a phone call Tuesday morning inviting them to participate in the town hall.

#### **4. District of Delaware**

On May 12, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware hosted a virtual town hall to discuss fraud schemes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, co-hosted by AARP, had an audience of approximately 75.

#### **5. District of Maryland**

On February 6, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland joined officials from the Treasury and the Social Security Administration in a virtual town hall to discuss how to protect against government imposter scams, including those claiming to be from the IRS and the Social Security Administration.

On April 8, 2020, the District of Maryland participated in another virtual town hall on COVID-19 scams with AARP with an audience of approximately 3,000.

#### **6. District of Minnesota**

On August 5, 2019, the Office of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota partnered with the FBI for a virtual town hall to discuss fraud scams and other financial exploitation targeting older adults. The town hall invited more than 30,000 attendees.

#### **7. District of Nebraska**

On March 17, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska teamed up with the FBI for an AARP virtual town hall on Facebook. The United States Attorney's Office and the FBI discussed the latest scams targeting Nebraska's seniors including telling seniors how to protect against fraud, and how to report if you have been a victim of fraud.

#### **8. District of Nevada**

On June 16, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada hosted a statewide virtual town hall to discuss fraud schemes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event, co-hosted by AARP Nevada, the Nevada United States Attorney's Office and the FBI, provided tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

"In Alaska we revere our elders, and the U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to vigorously investigating and prosecuting financial fraud targeted at senior citizens. Working with our federal, state, local, and tribal partners, we will take swift action to bring these fraudsters to justice. We are proud to have recently partnered with the FBI and AARP for a telephonic town hall to raise awareness among seniors about fraud related to the COVID-19 pandemic."

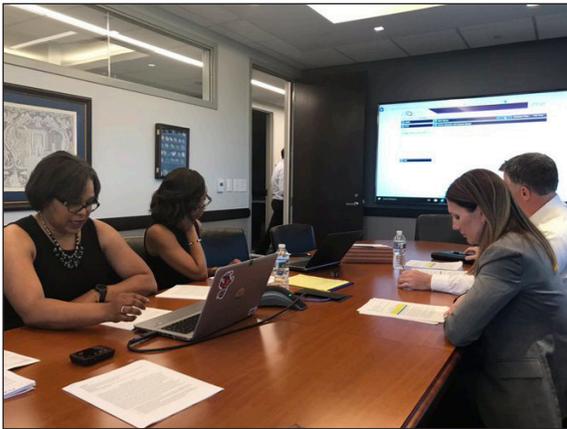
**Bryan D. Schroder, U.S. Attorney for the District of Alaska**



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## 9. Eastern District of North Carolina

On July 19, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina joined state and local law enforcement and other government officials, consumer groups and industry representatives in an AARP virtual town hall focusing on elder fraud that attracted more than 2,500 participants.



*The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina partners with AARP and FBI to educate older adults on scams targeting them.*

## 10. Northern District of Ohio

On June 2, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio co-hosted a virtual town hall with AARP to discuss fraud schemes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event had an audience of approximately 14,000.

## 11. Middle District of Pennsylvania

On January 28, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania partnered with the FBI and AARP for a virtual town hall to raise awareness and to educate older adults about the latest

scams so they do not fall victim. Over 9,500 seniors in Pennsylvania participated in the interactive telephone town hall as part of the Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative.

## 12. District of South Carolina

On October 1, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of South Carolina co-hosted with AARP a virtual town hall in which 30,000 attendees were educated about the dangers of elder fraud.

## 13. District of Wyoming

On September 30, 2019, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Wyoming joined the AARP in a virtual town hall in which 600 attendees listened to a discussion about how to recognize and prevent becoming a victim of fraud schemes.

## C. Conferences & Speeches

### *District of Minnesota Elder Justice Roundtable*



*United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Erica MacDonald, leads a roundtable with federal, state, and local elder justice stakeholders to discuss efforts to combat elder abuse.*

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On February 4, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota hosted approximately 40 members of federal, state and local government and law enforcement officials, for a roundtable discussion on local and national efforts to combat elder abuse and financial fraud targeted at seniors. Also, on April 8, 2020, Minnesota United States Attorney MacDonald gave a presentation on the newly-formed MN COVID-19 Action Team (MCAT) to approximately 30 people assembled for the Minnesota Elder Justice Center Partner's Roundtable regarding the impact of COVID-19 on older adults and their families.

***Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy Beth A. Williams' Remarks at the ABA's National Aging and Law Conference<sup>71</sup>***



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*“As the Attorney General has said, ‘The Department of Justice is committed to ending the victimization of elders across the country.’ And we are proud to be a part of that mission at the Department.”*

**-Beth A. Williams**  
Assistant Attorney General

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On October 31, 2019, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy Beth A. Williams delivered remarks at the American Bar Association's National Aging and Law Conference. Assistant Attorney General Williams outlined the Department's access to justice work, focusing on the Department's commitment to elder justice. She stressed the importance of cooperative relationships between the Department of Justice and providers of civil legal aid, who can connect victims of crime with needed information and services. Assistant Attorney General Williams also highlighted the Department's record-setting investigation and prosecution of elder fraud cases, including the hugely successful 2018 and 2019 Elder Fraud Sweeps, which resulted in criminal and civil actions against more than 500 defendants responsible for defrauding over 1.5 billion dollars from at least 3 million victims.

#### **D. Department of Justice in the News**

***AARP “12 Tips from Top Feds to Avoid Fraud During the Pandemic”<sup>72</sup>***

On June 17, 2020, AARP published a Coronavirus Scam Alert titled, “12 Tips from Top Feds to Avoid Fraud during the Pandemic.” Sheri Mecklenburg, an Assistant U.S. Attorney with a leadership role in the Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative, urged those with knowledge of elder fraud to call the DOJ Elder Fraud Hotline. Mecklenburg stated, “We are committed to outreach to seniors to warn them of fraud schemes and to let them know not to give

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<sup>71</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/assistant-attorney-general-beth-williams-office-legal-policy-delivers-remarks-american>

<sup>72</sup> <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/expert-tips-fraud-pandemic.html>

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information, money or otherwise engage with anyone they do not know — by phone or by mail. With every case [prosecuted], DOJ seeks to send a message to the fraudsters that we will not tolerate fraud against our seniors. We need your help to send this message.”

***Middle District of Pennsylvania Elder Fraud Op-Ed***<sup>73</sup>

On June 17, 2020, the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, David Freed, published an Op-Ed in the Times Leader, titled “Seniors Face Another Challenge: COVID-19 Fraud.”

Freed acknowledged the vulnerability of the elderly to fraudsters during the pandemic, “While anyone can be a fraud victim, we have seen that many COVID-19-related fraud schemes will target or heavily affect the elderly.” Freed further stated, “Protecting seniors from fraud crimes is a priority for me, especially during this health emergency. I am all in. So is the rest of my office and the federal, state and local agents with whom we work.”

The Op-Ed is available at <https://www.timesleader.com/opinion/op-ed/788288/their-view-seniors-face-another-threat-covid-19-fraud>. The next day, the Op-Ed ran in the York Dispatch.

***Northern District of Iowa Elder Fraud Op-Ed***<sup>74</sup>

On March 5, 2020, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, Peter Deegan, published an Op-Ed in the Sioux City Journal, titled “Elder Fraud: An Unconscionable Crime.” After discussing the vulnerability of older Americans to fraud schemes, and the types of schemes perpetrated on older Americans, Deegan stated, “Our diligence is needed now more than ever. Iowans 65 and older account for more than 16 percent of the state’s total population. Throughout the country, there are roughly 10,000 people turning 65 every day. The DOJ is dedicated to criminally prosecuting elder fraud, but it’s everyone’s duty to help prevent these unconscionable crimes.”

***Southern District of Florida Op-Ed***<sup>75</sup>

On May 22, 2020, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, Ariana Fajardo Orshan, published an Op-Ed in the Miami Herald, recognizing “seniors’ heightened vulnerability during the pandemic.” United States Attorney Orshan urged seniors to report fraud to the DOJ Hotlines. Orshan concluded, “Protecting seniors from fraud crimes is a priority for me, especially during this health emergency.

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<sup>73</sup> <https://usenet.usa.doj.gov/2/THE%20YORK%20DISPATCH.pdf>

<sup>74</sup> [https://siouxcityjournal.com/opinion/columnists/other-voices-elder-fraud-an-unconscionable-crime/article\\_e8e3d0ac-0b8c-53eb-a346-50dd7a312c60.html](https://siouxcityjournal.com/opinion/columnists/other-voices-elder-fraud-an-unconscionable-crime/article_e8e3d0ac-0b8c-53eb-a346-50dd7a312c60.html)

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article242941421.html>

If it requires my committing more resources to the area, enhancing social-media warnings or writing more articles, I will do it. I am all in. So is the rest of my office and the federal, state and local agents with whom we work.”

United States Attorney Hur discussed robocalls, imposter scams fraudulent email scams and computer and phone scams. Hur also urged victims to call the Department’s Elder Fraud Hotline to report elder fraud.

**PROTECT**  
OLDER AMERICANS FROM  
FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

**Maryland Officials & Non-Profits Unite  
to Combat Elder Financial Abuse**

Comptroller Peter Franchot   Attorney General Brian Frosh   U.S. Attorney Robert Hur   Asst. Commissioner Sean Mcevoy (DLLR)   CCSMD President Helene Raynaud   AARP Maryland State Director Hank Greenberg

Join us on Facebook LIVE for a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Press Conference. Learn how to spot and stop scams against our most vulnerable citizens.

**June 15, 2020, 10 to 11 AM at Facebook.com/aarpmaryland**

The Virtual Press Conference is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFvVjgRpoAY>.

### ***Protect Week – District of Maryland Virtual Press Conference***

On June 15, 2020, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, Robert K. Hur, kicked off Maryland PROTECT Week, a week that starts with WEEAD and focuses on protecting seniors from fraud and abuse, by participating with other government officials in a virtual press conference hosted by AARP, aimed at educating seniors on strategies to protect themselves from financial fraud.

### **E. Community Partnerships**

#### ***Meals on Wheels – Northern District of Georgia***

On March 20, 2020, right after the shut down due to COVID-19 began, the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Georgia instituted an outreach program that provided flyers to the elderly, warning them of COVID-19 related fraud scams. The United States Attorney’s Office partnered with the local Meals on Wheels organization and other

organizations to deliver the brochures to 3,000 elderly with their meals. The program was such a success that multiple other United

States Attorney's offices followed suit and adopted the program in their own district, including:

United States Attorney's Office	Approximate Number of Brochures Distributed
District of Delaware	800
Central District of Illinois	1,000
District of Kansas	1,000
Eastern District of North Carolina	10,000
Northern District of Ohio	2,000
Eastern District of Texas	500
Western District of Virginia	1,000



*The Eastern District of North Carolina U.S. Attorney's Office Elder Justice Coordinator Felice Corpening delivers coronavirus fraud awareness material to Sharon Lawson, Director of Program Services, Meals on Wheels Wake County for distribution to 1,300 seniors in Wake County.*



*Elder Justice Coordinator Corpening chats with seniors at the Meals on Wheels congregates sites about elder fraud scams.*

Throughout the summer, the United States Attorney’s offices around the country reached approximately 20,000 elderly through Meals on Wheels with warnings of fraud scams related to COVID-19.

### *Scam Squad – Northern District of Ohio*<sup>76</sup>

The Northern District of Ohio is part of an Elder Justice Working Group that devised a creative method to try to disrupt fraudsters’ common demand for payment of fraud proceeds through the use of gift cards. The EJWG and its local member the “Scam Squad,” worked with private retail partners to post the Scam Squad Gift Card Alert card, a posted warning near the retail displays for the sale of gift cards, to warn consumers that the government never requires payment of fees or penalties through the use of gift cards.



**Consumer Alert** **SCAM SQUAD**

If someone told you to purchase gift cards to

- Post bail for a relative
- Pay a fine or fee to ANY government agency
- Claim lottery or sweepstakes winnings

**you are being scammed!**

Call your local police or contact the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs at **216-443-SCAM (7226)**

consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us

## **F. Rural**

### *Understanding Elder Abuse in Rural America Webinars*

The Department provided a series of two webinars to the North Center Region Aging Network on elder abuse occurring in rural communities. The first webinar described

the potential risk factors among rural older adults that contribute to elder abuse, entitled Understanding Elder Abuse in Rural America (February 7, 2020), available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQIMzN\\_adzc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQIMzN_adzc). A follow-up webinar provided attendees with information on available federal elder abuse resources, entitled Federal Resources for Elder Abuse (February 21, 2020), available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MilQzQHscTM&feature=youtu.be>.

### *State-Specific Rural Elder Abuse Fact Sheets*

This set of state-specific elder abuse fact sheets provides a few elder abuse facts, state-specific information on elder abuse, where to report in each state, and a link to the Neighborhood map to find state-specific resources. The series has been distributed to USDA/NIFA constituents, to all National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) members, and is available on the Elder Justice website.



**Responding to Elder Abuse in Florida**

What are the Warning Signs of Elder Abuse?  
 What are the Types of Elder Abuse?  
 What is Adult Protective Services (APS)?  
 Who Can Receive APS Services?  
 What is Mandated Reporting and Who is Required to Report?

**How Can I Report Suspicion of Elder Abuse in Florida?**  
 To report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation in Florida, report online or call the Florida Abuse Hotline any time of day.

**1-800-96 ABUSE**  
 (1-800-962-2872)

When placing a report to APS, reporters should be prepared to provide as much information as possible about the situation, including contact information for the alleged victim as well as their physical and mental condition, relationship to alleged perpetrator, abuse situation, any other persons with knowledge of the situation, and the reporter's contact information. Please report even if you do not know all the answers or have proof of abuse. Learn what happens after the report is made here.

**State by State Services Locator**  
 Find elder abuse services in your state.

Submit a Complaint through the Sentinel Database

The Sentinel Database is a voluntary reporting system that helps the federal government detect patterns of consumer financial fraud throughout the United States.

<sup>76</sup> <https://consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/GiftCardScamAlertSigns.aspx>

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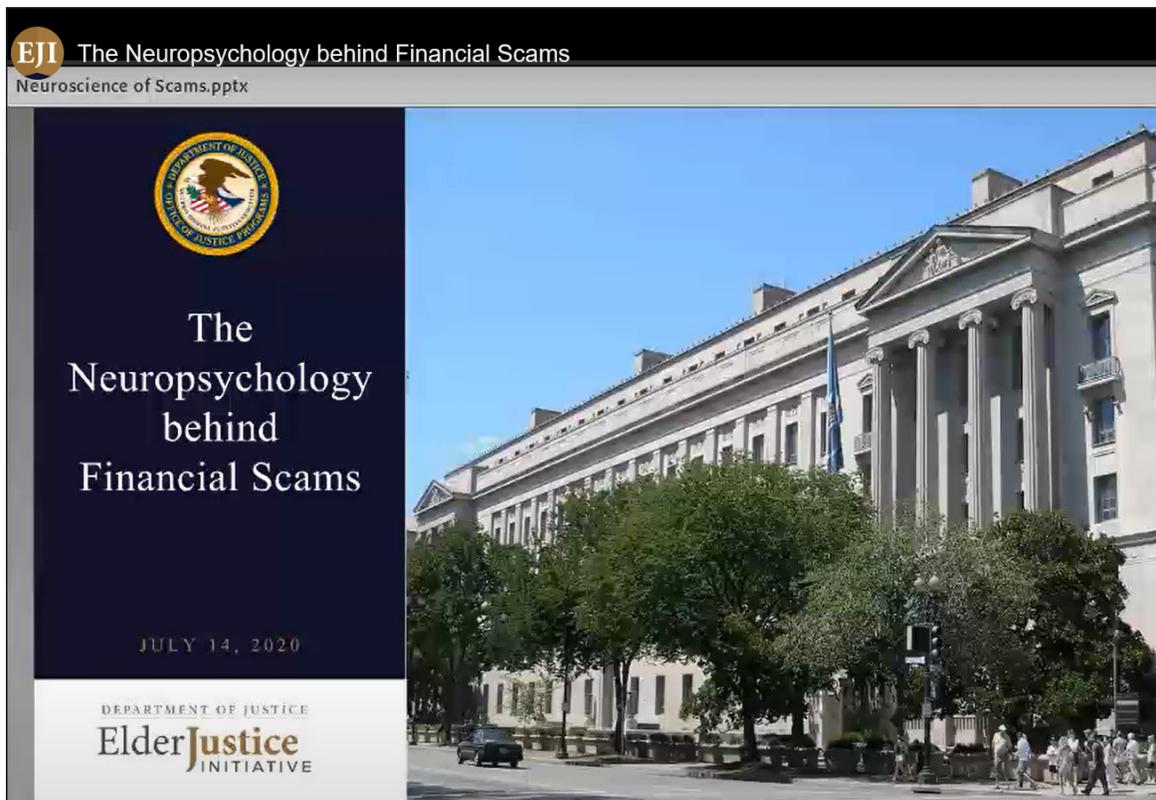
## G. New Outreach Materials & Resources

### *Finding the Right Fit: Decision-Making Supports and Guardianship*

Find the Right Fit is an online training designed to assist individuals in finding the right level of support (informal supports, legal options, and/or adult guardianship) for someone who may need help in making decisions regarding an elderly individual. Available at <https://eji.courtllms.org/catalog/info/id:140>.

### *The Neuropsychology behind Financial Scams Webinar*

On July 14, 2020, over 500 attendees tuned in to a webinar featuring Dr. Erik Lande, neuropsychologist, explain the mechanisms that facilitate vulnerability to financial fraud using brain science and psychological principles. Debbie Deem, Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Coordinator in Ventura County and retired FBI victim specialist, provided tips on responding to older financial fraud victims. Available at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/neuroscience-behind-financial-scams>.



*The Neuropsychology behind financial scams webinar is available online via the EJI website at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/neuroscience-behind-financial-scams>.*

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### ***Taking Stock of Financial Exploitation Research***

On July 11, 2019, EJI presented to over 200 elder justice professionals attending the 2nd Annual Elder Financial Exploitation Intensive (hosted by UHealth Consortium on Aging), describing the current state of financial exploitation research.

### ***National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide***

Each year, Office for Victims of Crime produces the National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide to help communities and victim assistance providers promote awareness of crime victim issues by providing a wide array of outreach tools and sample materials. In 2020, the Resource

Guide featured a public awareness poster (in English and Spanish)<sup>77</sup> that highlighted elder fraud and the National Elder Fraud Hotline. The posters, downloaded over 100 times, are available for customization by local programs.<sup>78</sup> In April 2020, hard copies of this poster were disseminated to over 8,000 constituents nationwide.

### ***National Elder Fraud Hotline Awareness Resources***

In April 2020, through an interagency agreement with the United States Postal Inspection Service, the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Theme Poster and complementary hotline flier were displayed in thousands of post offices throughout the Nation. The flier included the phone number for the National Elder Fraud Hotline.

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<sup>77</sup> Elder Fraud Awareness posters are available for download in English and Spanish.

English: [https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/ncvrw2020/images/Awareness\\_Posters/eng/Awareness\\_Poster\\_ElderFraud\\_final.jpg](https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/ncvrw2020/images/Awareness_Posters/eng/Awareness_Poster_ElderFraud_final.jpg)

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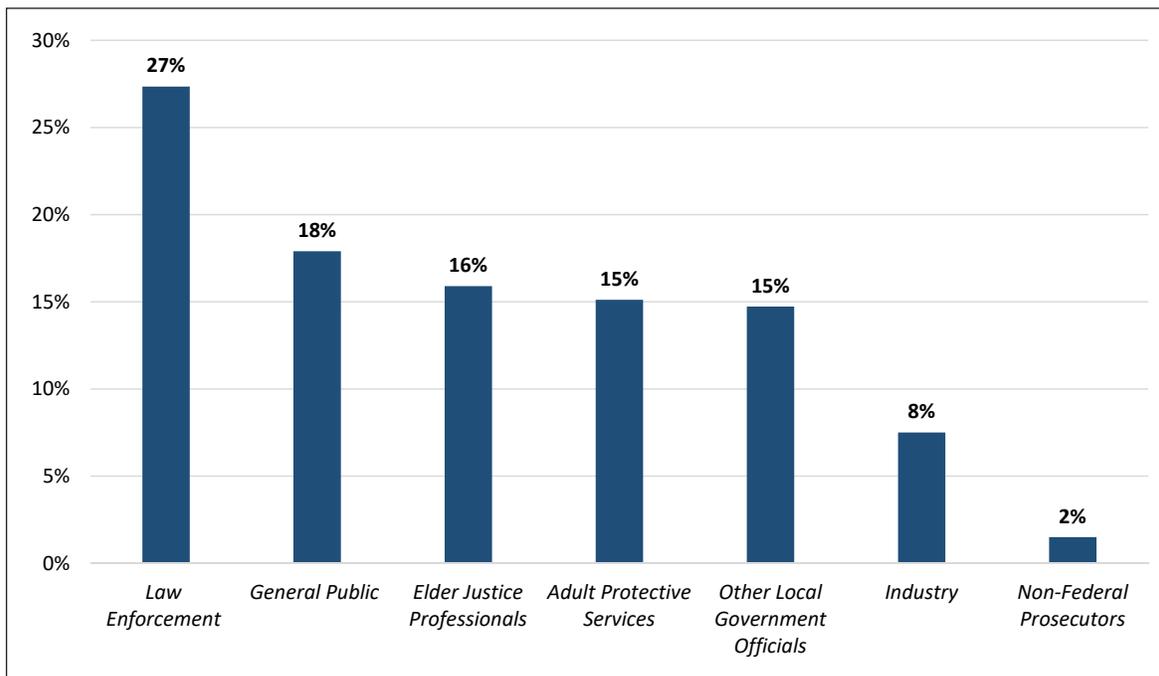
<sup>78</sup> The customizable PDFs are available at:

English: [https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/ncvrw2020/images/Awareness\\_Posters/eng/Awareness\\_Poster\\_ElderFraud-508.pdf](https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/ncvrw2020/images/Awareness_Posters/eng/Awareness_Poster_ElderFraud-508.pdf)

Spanish: [https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/ncvrw2020/images/Awareness\\_Posters/spa/Awareness\\_Poster\\_ElderFraud\\_span-508.pdf](https://ovc.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh226/files/ncvrw2020/images/Awareness_Posters/spa/Awareness_Poster_ElderFraud_span-508.pdf)

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## Percentage of Elder Justice Trainings by Participants, 2019-2020



Source: Appendix B. Many of the outreach and training events were attended by multiple types of participants.



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# VICTIM SUPPORT

## A. Overview

The Department is committed to making resources readily available to abused seniors and is taking new steps to help victims rebuild their lives, both financially and emotionally. From increased grant programs to employing victim specialists, the Department offers direct support to a wide variety of organizations dedicated to providing services and assistance to elderly victims. Through these programs, the Department hopes to help victims recover and regain their sense of well-being. Outlined below are several examples of grant awards focused on combating elder abuse. For the complete list of the Department's grant awards, see Appendix C.

## B. Victim Specialists

Victim specialists work closely with prosecutors, law enforcement, and other staff members to ensure that elder abuse victims are treated with respect, know their rights, and understand their role within the criminal justice system. In addition to the Victim Specialist section of the elder justice website,<sup>79</sup> over the past year the Department has engaged in a number of activities to enhance the assistance provided by victim specialists to victims of elder abuse.

- EOUSA Victim Specialists Newsletter (January 2020) featured an article

entitled *Elder Abuse Resources*, informing victim specialists of available elder abuse resources and where to find them.

- The Department hosted a webinar entitled *Back to Basics: Restitution, Restoration and Remission* (September 13, 2019) (EOUSA).
- Various trainings were provided to victim specialists to enhance their understanding of and response to the issues involved in elder abuse cases. The following trainings were provided in the past year:
  - The Intersection Between Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse (July 2020) (NCVC Training Institute);
  - Understanding Normal Cognitive Aging, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Dementia (September 27, 2019) (NAC Training Working with Vulnerable Victim Populations in Department Priority Cases);
  - Elder Abuse Through An Advocacy Lens (September 27, 2019) (NAC Training Working with Vulnerable Victim Populations in Department Priority Cases); and
  - Serving Vulnerable Victims (August 2019) (Southern States Victim Advocate Conference).

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<sup>79</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/victim-specialists-0>

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

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula grant program provides funding for crime victim compensation and victim assistance, which is awarded through subgrants to state and local agencies and local service providers. VOCA also supports direct services to crime victims in every state, territory, and the District of Columbia. More than 5,540 VOCA-funded organizations provided services—ranging from individual advocacy, crisis intervention, and therapy to civil legal assistance, transportation, and emergency shelter—to over 357,500 victims aged 60 and older in fiscal year (FY) 2019. In FY 2019, VOCA-funded programs reached more than 7.2 million victims and VOCA awards to the states totaled more than \$2.3 billion. Through these programs, OVC hopes to improve case outcomes while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older adult victims of crime and holding more offenders accountable.

#### **Additional highlights:**

- The number of victims aged 60 and older served by VOCA-funded victim service providers in FY 2019 increased 17 percent from the number served in FY 2018.
- VOCA-funded victim assistance organizations allocated \$67 million to specifically serve victims of elder abuse in FY 2019, representing a 28 percent increase from FY 2018.

- In each quarter of FY 2019, an average of 27,958 victims sought services for elder abuse or neglect. This represents an increase of 40 percent from FY 2018.
- In FY 2019, 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 13,361 individuals aged 60 and older who applied for compensation benefits in FY 2019.
- In FY 2019, VOCA-funded organizations paid 1,430 compensation claims related to elder abuse or neglect, an 11-percent increase from FY 2018.

### **C. Grants – Office for Victims of Crime**

In May 2020, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) released a new funding opportunity focused on combating elder fraud and preventing further harm to vulnerable victims. OVC will award up to \$6 million dollars to up to 12 grantees around the country (primarily from rural or impoverished zones), to support communities providing direct services to older victims of abuse and exploitation, using trauma-informed approaches that protect the safety and confidentiality of victims.

Additionally, the *Transforming America's Response to Elder Abuse: Mobilizing Attorneys for Older Victims of Abuse* &

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*Financial Exploitation* program provides increased legal services for older victims of crime, particularly in rural areas, to educate attorneys and allied professionals about the needs of older victims, and to increase coordinated multidisciplinary responses in supporting older victims of crime.

Under OVC's FY 2018 *Field-Generated Innovations in Addressing Elder Financial Exploitation* program (and in close collaboration with DOJ's Elder Justice Initiative), OVC funded six national organizations totaling \$3 million dollars to help propel progress in identifying and remedying elder financial exploitation through innovative collaborations between the financial industry and other entities to better detect and respond to victims. These efforts will help build the capacity of victim service providers and financial industry representatives to enhance fraud detection and provide trauma-informed, age-appropriate services and resources for older victims of financial exploitation. These three-year programs are listed below:

**1. Metropolitan Family Services/Legal Aid Society – Field Generated Innovations in Addressing Elder Financial Exploitation, IL (2018-V3-GX-K046)**

A program to develop a multi-system prevention and intervention model that includes geriatric-specific assessment, case management, legal, financial, and police responses across social services, adult protective services, and financial industries. MFS will develop an elder financial abuse specialist team that will support a comprehensive victim response model

comprised of multidisciplinary insights directed towards elder victim advocacy, community education with a financial exploitation detection and prevention focus, and fraud protection efforts among the senior population.

**2. Elder Law of Michigan, Inc. – Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse, MI (2018-V3-GX-K026)**

A program to enhance the capacity of a three-county region in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to address elder financial exploitation through innovative collaboration with the local financial institutions, law enforcement, aging services, and other community service providers.

**3. Center for Elder Law & Justice Inc. – Senior Financial Safety Tool, NY (2018-V3-GX-K024)**

A program to design, develop, and test the Senior Financial Safety Tool (SFST), using branch logic and risk detecting technology, to allow bank staff to complete quick assessments with older customers and generate a direct referral to CELJ and local enhanced MDT's where appropriate. The project is a collaboration between Pro Bono Net, Lake Shore Savings Bank, and Erie County Adult Protective Services.

**4. Research Foundation CUNY on behalf of Hunter College CUNY – Single Platform Reporting of Financial Exploitation, NY (2018-V3-GX-K025)**

A program to increase reporting of financial exploitation, and the speed and quality of

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victim response, by streamlining reporting and information sharing between financial and investigating agencies. The project will pilot a Financial Exploitation (FE)-focused unified reporting platform, which will allow the entering of web-based reports by financial institutions and automatic routing to appropriate investigating agencies (e.g., APS, financial regulators).

**5. National Center for State Courts – Using Technology & Analytics to Protect Assets and Modernize Court Processes, VA (2018-V3-GX-K023)**

A program to change how courts receive and monitor financial accountings from conservators. This project will develop a Rapid Response Team (RRT) and judicial and response protocols to launch a targeted and appropriately-tailored court response. The project will partner with a financial monitoring service, use the RRT in courts to research, investigate, and respond to monitoring service alerts; implement the judicial response protocol to protect and recuperate assets; evaluate; and disseminate a replication guide that can encourage the development of Rapid Response Systems nationwide.

**6. National White Collar Crime Center (NWC3) – Victim-Centered Training Series, VA (2018-V3-GX-K021)**

A program to develop a web-based and in-person training series to increase the capacity of responders to better serve and support victims of elder financial exploitation. Each of 10 interactive web-based modules will center on the unique experience of an individual

older American, addressing promising practices that professionals can use to better detect, respond to, and support victims of various types of elder financial exploitation using trauma-informed approaches.

In FY 2019, and in coordination with the Elder Justice Initiative, OVC funded 13 local programs under OVC’s FY 2019 *Transforming America’s Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation* program, totaling \$4.9 million. The programs focus on the development or enhancement of a multidisciplinary team to better identify and respond to cases of abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation. In addition, OVC added an additional \$2 million to support the development of the National Elder Abuse Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center—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. These three-year MDT programs and the National E-MDT TTA Center are described below.

**1. City and County of Denver – Enhance Denver’s Forensic Collaborative for At-Risk Adults (DFC), CO (2019-V3-GX-0015)**

A multidisciplinary team of experts will examine high-risk cases of elders being physically abused, neglected, or financially exploited in Denver, CO. The project will improve support for the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases by bringing in experts including forensic accounting

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services in complex financial exploitation cases, neuropsychologists who can evaluate victims when necessary, and geriatricians who can provide case consultations prior to filing charges. The District Attorney will work with those experts to create a sound structure in cases destined for trial. In addition, the project will make services available to individuals identified as requiring assistance but not living in circumstances that warrant criminal justice intervention and will provide after-hours emergency housing for victims (when offenders have been arrested). The project will also support a victim advocate to work with elders identified as needing more support and to develop an emergency housing program; neuropsychological evaluations; forensic accounting evaluations; and analysis and consultation from a geriatrician.

**2. Coleman Professional Services – Enhancing Stark County APS Interdisciplinary Team (APS I-Team), OH (2019-V3-GX-0020)**

Stark County’s aging population, growing opiate and other substance abuse issue stressing families, and increasing social isolation and resource strain (with younger adults moving away to live and work) all compound the problem of protecting older adults. The project will support a dedicated E-MDT Coordinator to facilitate the expansion and improvement of the current APS I-Team, more fully engage community partners, and better support the investigation and prosecution of elder financial exploitation and abuse cases. The project will conduct a needs assessment, develop formal processes, train members, and recruit forensic accountant and neuropsychologist services to enhance the team. The goal of the project

is to help Stark County adjudicate cases and increase the number of cases moving through the court system.

**3. Elder Law of Michigan – An Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team in a Rural Community (Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa Counties), MI (2019-V3-GX-0012)**

The project will enhance the capacity of rural communities to address elder abuse and financial exploitation through the creation and support of an enhanced multidisciplinary team (E-MDT). The project will augment the creation of a coordinated community response coalition and victim referral services. The project will review best practices, support victim services referrals and case management for older adults who have been abused, hire an E-MDT Coordinator, develop the community plan, establish the processes for gathering and reporting data, design the MDT (enhancing it with the inclusion of needed specialists), conduct case reviews for needed referrals, provide in-depth assistance to victims and prosecute perpetrators of elder abuse, provide training and resources to the E-MDT members, and create a short implementation guide on establishing an enhanced multidisciplinary team, facilitated by technology, in a rural community.

**4. Lummi Indian Business Council – Transforming Lummi Nation’s Response to Elder Abuse, WA (2019-VO-GX-0018)**

The project will create a strategic plan to prevent and eliminate Elder Abuse, incorporating all of the program services functions and activities of the Lummi Nation. Lummi Nation will work with

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internal and external partners to insure that a comprehensive set of services are available to Lummi Nation Elders. The Lummi Nation has 975 Elders aged 55 and older that reside on the Lummi Reservation. During 2018, 570 elders have identified themselves as victims of elder abuse. This is a rate of nearly 60 percent of Tribal elders. Lummi Nation will develop specific Elder Abuse Prevention and Elimination Services to support tribal elders. The MDT team will consist of an Elder Mentor, Mental Health Counselor, Clinical Social Worker, Lummi Police Officer, Elder Advocate, Lummi Housing member and two new tribal liaisons. An Elder Wellness Coordinator will collaborate services with housing, health clinic, Elders program, and Behavioral Health. Tribal Liaisons will visit at-risk elders at the beginning of each month to prevent financial exploitation and identify housing issues that need to be addressed, such as repairs or lack of electricity.

**5. Milwaukee County Department on Aging – Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation, WI (2019-V3-GX-0014)**

The project will create an Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) to provide coordination and case review with the goal of developing and strengthening the capacity of victim services. The goal of this project is the development of an MDT that is proficient in case review, continuously improving victim services, advocates and reduces the impact of elder abuse and financial exploitation by early detection and intervention. Prosecutors will be proactive and prosecute cases regardless of the involved dollar amount. Providing more coordination and

case review to better identify at-risk elders, offering ongoing support and early detection is crucial to avoiding significant financial loss, abuse, or neglect. Using an evidenced-based model, the E-MDT will include law enforcement, Mental Health Services, Adult Protective Services, Hospital Staff, banking professionals, a forensic accountant, and a psychologist/neuropsychologist to provide case consultation and review. Additional representatives from the Social Security Administration, Long-Term Care agencies, medical examiner, Veterans Affairs fiduciary, public health officials, and victim services representatives, will be consulted to develop protocols and processes for case reviews. The creation of this team, led by a full-time project coordinator, is intended to help create a clearer intake/presentation process, and provide ongoing support and services to the victims of abuse and exploitation.

**6. Minnesota Elder Justice Center – Development and Coordination of Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams in four Minnesota Communities: Becker County, Clay County, Olmsted County and White Earth Nation, MN (2019-V3-GX-0018)**

This project will enhance responses to victims by supporting four community MDTs through direct coordination, developing current practices and elevating these practices. The Minnesota Elder Justice Center will work collaboratively with four different communities in greater Minnesota: White Earth Nation – to create a new E-MDT; Becker County – to build E-MDT capacity within a young MDT; Olmsted County – to continue building the MDT into an E-MDT with additional stakeholder involvement

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and more formalized processes; and Cass/Clay Counties – to offer an opportunity to demonstrate the positive outcomes of enhanced data gathering, analysis, and evaluation in a transborder program of Minnesota and North Dakota. These communities are diverse, both rural to urban, and each offers an opportunity to address victims’ needs. In addition, the project will evaluate what support is required to enhance the work of elder abuse multidisciplinary teams at various stages of existence, from ‘new’ to ‘established.’ Finally, the project will develop best-practice recommendations for structural and substantive inclusions in the work of enhanced multidisciplinary teams in Minnesota.

**7. Northridge Hospital Foundation – Local Elder Abuse Prevention E-MDT (LEAP E-MDT), CA (2019-V3-GX-0009)**

This project will create a case review enhanced multidisciplinary team (E-MDT) to provide a focused and unified set of services to vulnerable older adults who are victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation coupled with awareness and educational outreach to professionals and community residents. The Northridge Hospital Foundation’s Center for Healthier Communities (CHC) will lead the Local Elder Abuse Prevention Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (LEAP E-MDT), composed of core members from the Center for Assault Treatment Services (CA’T-S), Valley Care Community Consortium, the Alzheimer’s Association, ONEgeneration, and a member each from the neuropsychology, law enforcement, and forensic accountancy professions. A community needs assessment conducted

in the first two quarters of the project will provide a better understanding of the needs, resources, and service area gaps as it relates to elder abuse and financial exploitation. The LEAP E-MDT will address not only instances of elder abuse as they are detected by Northridge Hospital Medical Center and its partnering community organizations, but also take a preventative approach through an evidence-based educational model targeting caregivers, family members, and the community at-large.

**8. Rockdale County – Rockdale County Georgia PEARL Program, Elder Abuse Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team Project, GA (2019-V3-GX-0019)**

The project will enhance current MDT efforts to improve the case review process and associated systems coordination, and to better understand victims’ priorities and needs (to determine effective responses to financial exploitation and opioid abuse). The goal is to enhance the development of the Rockdale County MDT for elder abuse to better identify and respond to victims experiencing abuse and financial exploitation. The project’s objectives include the following. 1) Utilizing technical assistance offered from OVC’s National Elder Abuse MDT TTA Center to improve/enhance the E-MDT. 2) Expanding E-MDT membership to include forensic accountants, neuropsychologists and other professionals so there is holistic approach to the needs of older victims. 3) Hiring a dedicated E-MDT Coordinator to coordinate E-MDT activities. 4) Conducting a needs assessment to identify the gaps in service, assets in the community, and facilitate trainings to aid in the development

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of enhanced procedures. 5) Identifying service activities to support a holistic response to victims' needs. 6) Participation in various training opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of elder abuse victim's priorities and how to work as an effective E-MDT.

**9. City of Richmond – Expansion to the City of Richmond's Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team, VA (2019-V3-GX-0017)**

The project has had a functioning Elder Abuse MDT for over 10 years. Currently, there are representatives from, among others, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Adult Protective Services, Law Enforcement, and a Guardian ad Litem who regularly attend and review cases that have been brought to the team by various channels, including reports to APS and law enforcement. Under this project, the team will continue to work together to add participants from the local YWCA, Virginia Commonwealth University's Forensic Nursing Program, EMS, and local banking institutions to the MDT. Additionally, the team will increase the professional resources available to it to support the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases. To that end, the City of Richmond MDT will add a geriatrician, a forensic accountant, and a neuropsychologist. Finally, the City of Richmond's E-MDT will recruit a skilled civil-side Elder Law lawyer to offer advice as to the appropriate use of guardianships and powers-of-attorney. The E-MDT will also work to expand the education and skill of law enforcement officers in conducting effective and victim-centered victim interviews. The E-MDT will also train EMTs, 911 dispatchers, and employees of assisted living and skilled nursing facilities so that all of those frontline

professionals will be better prepared to help law enforcement identify victims of elder abuse in its earliest phases.

**10. liveSAFE Resources, Inc. – Enhancing the Cobb County Justice for Elderly and Disabled Individuals (JEDI) Multidisciplinary Team, GA (2019-V3-GX-0011)**

This project, in collaboration with the Cobb County District Attorney and with support of the Cobb County Justice for Elderly and Disabled Individuals Multidisciplinary Team (JEDI MDT), will expand and enhance the capabilities of the JEDI MDT, which serves elderly and disabled victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation (ANE) in Cobb County, Georgia, a large suburban county on the northwest border of the City of Atlanta. The JEDI MDT will engage a forensic accounting firm to assist in investigations of cases involving financial exploitation, and with a neuropsychologist to work with cases involving victims with cognitive impairment. In addition, the project will create a full-time E-MDT Coordinator position to investigate ANE cases, organize the JEDI MDT and bring cases to the members, coordinate services, and monitor outcomes. The project will increase the number of cases reviewed by the JEDI MDT on an annual basis over current levels, and will greatly increase the ability of the JEDI MDT to bring financial exploitation cases through the process to prosecution.

**11. The Sac and Fox Nation – Establishing Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams to establish systems of communication, referrals, intervention and avocation on behalf of Sac and Fox Tribal elders, OK (2018-VO-GX-0171)**

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The project will create an MDT/Adult Protective Services Office to begin establishing Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams to form systems of communication, referrals, intervention, and advocacy on behalf of Sac and Fox Tribal elders. The challenge is that there is little knowledge within the tribal community about what elder abuse is. Because of the lack of knowledge of elder abuse, it's often overlooked or tolerated, and when it is identified, there is very little communication between agencies to see that the abuse is reported, stopped, and prosecuted. Although there are laws to govern the treatment of elders, there is little enforcement of those laws and no prosecution unless the abuse results in death. The MDT/Adult Protective Services Office will coordinate communication with all tribal departments, specifically law enforcement, tribal court, human services, and health care to assure the abuse is identified, stopped, and abusers are held accountable. Additionally, tribal employees and tribal citizens will be trained to identify elder abuse in effort to build an intolerance for maltreatment to tribal elders.

**12. Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc. – Multidisciplinary Approach to Elder Abuse, MD (2019-V3-GX-0010)**

The Elder Justice Program, a collaboration of LifeBridge Health entities including Sinai Hospital, Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital, and Baltimore Child Abuse Center, will develop an Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Response led by an Elder Justice Manager and an Elder Abuse MDT Coordinator. The Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Response will

exist as a collaboration housed within the LifeBridge Health System, which will incorporate geropsychology, long-term care, neuropsychology, victim services, geriatricians, and a Child Advocacy Center that specializes in Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Responses. The MDT response will bridge the hospital and Child Advocacy Center expertise with local law enforcement, prosecutors, first responders, and aging services to establish a team that comprehensively addresses the complexities of elder justice. The MDT will be created with representation from local police, Adult Protective Services, Maryland State's Attorney's Office, and partners in the medical, mental health, geriatric, and victim services professions. The MDT will meet to review cases, coordinate care for victims, and continuously improve upon processes of interagency collaboration. The main goal of the MDT will be to improve the comprehensive response to elder abuse through regular MDT meetings, MDT partner feedback, and attendance and engagement at relationship strengthening activities and professional development sessions.

**13. Joan & Sanford Weill I. Medical College of Cornell University – National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center, NY (2019-MU-GX-K037)**

The National Elder MDT Center will provide TTA for OVC-funded E-MDTs, to focus on identifying and promoting best practices and innovative strategies and to foster effective collaborative responses through the use of E-MDTs for cases of elder abuse and/or financial exploitation. Grantee partners

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include Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Red Wind Consulting, USC's Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the Keck School of Medicine's National Center on Elder Abuse, and the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life. Together with its partners (and in close collaboration with OVC and the Elder Justice Initiative), the grantee will establish the National E-MDT Center. The project will provide case consultations, training and technical assistance to OVC-funded tribal and non-tribal teams throughout the country; innovative strategies and materials for each team's daily operations; technical assistance for team support and case consultations; training for professionals serving teams; guidance on integrating specialty services into the work of the teams; strategies to ensure responsiveness to each community; guidance on trauma-informed and trauma-responsive approaches; and advice on sustainability and long-range funding strategies. Through collaboration with Red Wind Consulting, the Center will place special emphasis on culturally competent implementation of E-MDTs in Native American communities. The Center will also assess the impact of the TTA provided and share with professionals across the country.

In 2019, OVC also funded a three-year program addressing elder abuse and financial exploitation under its OVC FY 2019 *Field Generated Tribal and Non-Tribal Program to Improve Services for Victims of Crime Program: Purpose Area 2 - Innovations in Telehealth*. OVC competitively funded the New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) (2019-V3-GX-K039) – in partnership with Weill Cornell Institute of Geriatric Psychiatry – to deliver an

internationally recognized evidence-based mental health intervention to elder abuse victims and victims of crimes committed by strangers, who screen positive for depression. The Tele-PROTECT (Providing Options To Elderly Clients Together) program offers a psychotherapy treatment program remotely and efficiently, using a secure internet platform to communicate with senior victims.

Under its *OVC FY 2019 Building State Technology Capacity and Elder Abuse Hotlines* program, OVC funded three three-year projects focused on elder abuse and statewide hotlines (\$1.58 million total).

**1. Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency – Building Pennsylvania's State Technology Capacity to Serve Elder Victims of Crime, PA (2019-V3-GX-K043)**

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency plans to enhance and support Pennsylvania's Department of Aging (PDA) by creating an internet-based elder abuse reporting system and a real-time dashboard alert and reporting system that allows PDA to exercise improved oversight of the timeliness of elder abuse investigations initiated by Pennsylvania's 52 Area Agencies on Aging.

**2. State of Missouri Department of Health Senior Services – OVC FY 2019 Building State Technology Capacity and Elder Abuse Hotlines, MO (2019-V3-GX-K042)**

Missouri is committed to ensuring that every eligible adult in need of protective services will receive timely and effective adult protective services. To meet this commitment, Missouri must expand access to the adult protective

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service pathway by instituting an online 24-hour Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation reporting system that seamlessly integrates into the client information management system.

### **3. Wisconsin Department of Justice – State of Wisconsin OVC FY 2019 Building State Technology Capacity and Elder Abuse Hotlines, WI (2019-V3-GX-K037)**

The Wisconsin Department of Justice, the State Administering Agency for the VOCA formula assistance and compensation program grants, plans to establish a statewide elder abuse victim service hotline. The project will be accomplished with a formal partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services’ Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. This partnership will help leverage existing resources and relationships with victim services providers, adult protective services, aging network professionals, and criminal justice partners.

### **D. Grants – Office on Violence Against Women**

In December 2019, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) released the FY 2020 Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program (Abuse in Later Life) Solicitation. OVW awarded over \$3.8 million dollars to ten grantees to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. These two and three year projects will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will

address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims. The FY 2020 Abuse in Later Life Program grantees are listed below:

- Montana Department of Corrections DBA Montana Board of Crime Control (2016-EW-AX-K001)
- The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore (2017-EW-AX-K001)
- Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (2020-EW-AX-K001)
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center (2020-EW-AX-K002)
- Indiana Judiciary Courts of the State of Indiana (2020-EW-AX-K003)
- Arizona Department of Economic Security (2020-EW-AX-K004)
- Ruby’s Place (2020-EW-AX-K005)

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- County of Contra Costa, California  
(2020-EW-AX-K006)
  - Boulder County (2020-EW-  
AX-K007)
  - Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic  
Violence Sexual Assault (2020-EW-  
AX-K008)



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# DATA COLLECTION BEST PRACTICES

## A. Overview

The Attorney General understands that combatting elder abuse requires law enforcement to have the information necessary to develop effective prevention and intervention strategies and directed the Department to establish best practices for elder abuse data collection for state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies. These best practices, which can be found on the EJI's website,<sup>80</sup> were detailed in the 2018 Elder Justice Report to Congress. Implementing these best practices will ensure that law enforcement—the first line of support in the criminal justice system for elder abuse victims—has the comprehensive and detailed information they need to investigate cases and hold elder abuse perpetrators accountable.

## B. Enhancing the Nation's Knowledge about Elder Abuse

The best practices promulgated in the 2018 report included a set of data elements that, when collected and recorded by law enforcement agencies, will provide significant insight into elder abuse occurring in local communities across the nation. To understand the nature and characteristics of elder abuse, the Department's data collection best practices included the recording of information about known incidents involving an elderly victim, specifically capturing data on the type of offense or abuse; characteristics of the victim; characteristics of the alleged

perpetrator; and outcomes associated with the incident, such as case clearance, referral to services for the victim or the perpetrator, and referral of the case for prosecution.

## C. Building on Established Law Enforcement Agency Practice

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program maintains the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), a system designed to collect detailed data about crime incidents known to law enforcement. NIBRS data can be used to describe the nature of criminal events brought to the attention of police and how the attributes of these events relate to police response and incident outcomes. NIBRS data can also be used to describe criminal victimization in local communities and support law enforcement efforts to implement evidence-based strategies to prevent crime and improve public safety. Reporting to NIBRS is voluntary and approximately 7,283 law enforcement agencies—44% of all agencies—reported crime data to the FBI in 2018.<sup>81</sup>

Building off this already existent data collection practice, law enforcement agencies can use NIBRS as the method to report their additional information on elder abuse cases. The NIBRS data standard requires that participating agencies report data on a wide range of different offense types, the demographic characteristics of victims and alleged offenders, and clearance and arrest

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<sup>80</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/edlerjustice>

<sup>81</sup> <https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs/2018/resource-pages/methodology-2018.pdf>; <https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs/2018/tables/data-tables>

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outcomes of incidents, among other data elements in the system. While not all of the elder abuse data collection best practices are included in NIBRS, the system offers agencies the data infrastructure to collect more timely and accurate data that is consistent over time and from place to place.

The FBI has NIBRS resources devoted to helping tribal and local police departments and sheriff's offices make the conversion to NIBRS reporting. In addition, the Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), in partnership with the FBI, is implementing the National Crime Statistics Exchange (NCS-X) Initiative to increase the

number of agencies reporting to NIBRS and to use the NIBRS data to develop national estimates of reported crime at the national level. Over the past year, the Department, through the NCS-X partnership between BJS and the FBI, has supported tribal and local law enforcement agencies in their transition to NIBRS reporting through grant funding, technical assistance, and training. In addition, the FBI has established the goal of transitioning all law enforcement agencies to NIBRS reporting by January 1, 2021, at which time, the national will have detailed and more comprehensive information about elder victimization occurring throughout the United States.



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# LOOKING FORWARD

## A. Legislative Proposals

In addition to the historic achievements this year, the Department urged Congress to enact legislation that would strengthen our response to fraud and other crimes that have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, and have disproportionately impacted seniors more. The proposals would, for example, improve the government’s ability to pursue money laundering investigations and prosecutions. The proposals would also enhance the Department’s ability to “follow the money” and pursue money laundering charges against the fraudsters who launder proceeds. They would close money laundering enforcement gaps and assist in crossborder enforcement, critical to prosecuting those taking advantage of the pandemic. The proposals would also enhance forfeiture authorities for aggravated identity theft and computer crimes, to assist the Department in taking the profit out of crime and returning forfeited assets to victims. Please see Appendix D for copies of the legislative proposals.

## B. Upcoming Resources

### *Increasing Access to Healing Services and Just Outcomes for Older African American Crime Survivors Toolkit*<sup>82</sup>

Through the efforts of the OVC-funded National Resource Center for Reaching Victims (NRCRV), additional materials have been developed to help expand the capacity of victim service programs to identify and

reach victims – including victims of elder abuse, fraud and financial exploitation. In 2020, NRCRV (in partnership with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life), released the *Increasing Access to Healing Services and Just Outcomes for Older African American Crime Survivors Toolkit*. The Toolkit centers the voices and lived experiences of older African American crime victims and offers practical ways for stakeholders and victims service providers to effectively address systemic barriers older African American victims face in their healing and recovery processes. The Toolkit includes video clips of older survivors sharing their stories and an expert panel providing insight into the crime victim experience and best practices to increase older African American victims’ access to healing supports and just outcomes.



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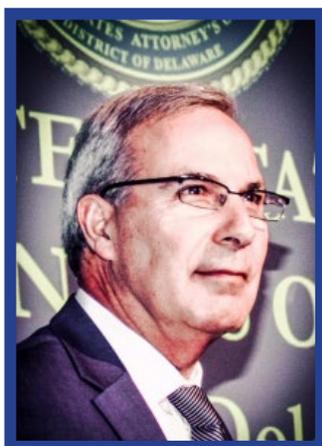
<sup>82</sup> <https://reachingvictims.org/resource/increasing-access-toolkit/>

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**C. United States Attorneys: “What is your vision for Elder Justice in 2021?”**

“Frauds victimizing our senior citizens are particularly egregious. At a time when older Americans should be enjoying the fruits of their lives’ work, many are losing their savings and security to cold-blooded and cold-hearted fraudsters. And they are victimized at a time in life when they have little chance of recovering from the financial loss. So, our commitment to investigating and prosecuting these criminals must be firm and it must carry a sense of urgency.”

**Robert J. Higdon, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina**



“At a time when many of our seniors feel increasingly vulnerable, financial schemes designed to exploit the elderly have increased significantly. In 2021, the Delaware USAO commits to redoubling our efforts to educate seniors on the indicia of fraud and to vigorously prosecute those who use the pandemic to prey on our elder population.”

**David C. Weiss, U.S. Attorney for the District of Delaware**

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“In the coming year, I will be focused on outreach to older Americans, too many of whom have suffered from COVID-19—from the disease, from the isolation it has brought, and from fraud schemes intended to prey on the vulnerable. May 2021 be a year when we see and hear from our elders.”

**Marc Krickbaum, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa**



“Combating all forms of elder abuse and preventing the financial exploitation of seniors is a key priority for the DOJ and my Office. In 2021, we will continue to investigate and prosecute bad actors who maliciously target older adults, and increase our efforts to educate the elderly, their families, and their caretakers about detecting fraud schemes and avoiding victimization. Our goal is to protect the elderly, deliver justice and bring peace of mind to seniors in North Carolina and across the nation.”

**Andrew R. Murray, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina**



“Physical abuse, financial exploitation, and caregiver neglect and abandonment rob older citizens of their dignity, and can cost them their lives. The Elder Justice Initiative and Attorney General Barr’s National Nursing Home Initiative have put the spotlight on serious crimes against seniors, and led to the Department of Justice prosecuting an unprecedented number of criminals preying on the elderly. We expect to do even more in 2021.”

**Nicholas A. Trutanich, U.S. Attorney for the  
District of Nevada**



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## CONCLUSION

As detailed in this Annual Report to Congress, the Department of Justice continues to devote substantial resources to, and has made significant progress in, protecting the elderly from abuse and financial exploitation, preventing such fraud and abuse, and prosecuting the perpetrators. Particularly in this time of the pandemic, when the elderly are even more vulnerable to fraud and abuse, the Department has stepped up its efforts to protect the elderly. We have more to do, and intend to do it. The Department remains committed to protecting seniors from fraud and abuse through the pandemic and beyond.

**APPENDIX A: ALL CASES<sup>83</sup>**

Component or USAO	Case Name	Case Number	Type	Outcome	Brief Case Description or Link to Press Release	Perpetrators Not Identified Elsewhere
ALABAMA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Montreal Holley</i>	2:19-cr-00409-ALB-SMD	Criminal	Pending	Montreal Holley was a branch manager at Regions Bank in Montgomery, Alabama. One of his customers was an elderly lady. He began managing her accounts. He took money from her accounts and used the money for his personal benefit.	N/A
ALABAMA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Real Property</i>	4:19-cv-01257	Civil	The Court entered a consent order on October 29, 2019 on government's motion granting the victim's claim to several pieces of real property and defaulting the target who stole the victim's money. The three properties combined a net equity of approximately \$1.6 million.	Civil Forfeiture Complaint to recover real property. The Court entered a Final Order turning over the real properties to the victim by Order dated 10/29/19.	N/A
ALABAMA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. E Trade Account</i>	4:19-cv-01747	Civil	In September 2020, the Government moved to stay the case as to all parties. The Judge granted the motion and has stayed as to all parties. The Stay is based on pending criminal investigation into one of the claimants. It is unclear when the civil case will move forward.	Civil Forfeiture Complaint for 2 investment accounts concerning the forfeiture of \$5.5 Million in assets allegedly stolen from the elderly victim.	N/A
ALABAMA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Thomas Edwards Burns</i>	19-cr-00197	Criminal	78 months; \$121,208.59 restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdal/pr/grand-bay-insurance-agent-receives-78-month-sentence-wire-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdal/pr/grand-bay-insurance-agent-receives-78-month-sentence-wire-fraud</a>	N/A
ALABAMA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Alexander Leo Rodgers</i>	19-cr-00300	Criminal	Sentencing pending	Rodgers gained access to an elderly man's bank account into which is SSA benefits were deposited and committed wire fraud to withdraw the funds. Rodgers pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing.	N/A
ALABAMA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Meoshi Shonta Nelson</i>	19-cr-00311	Criminal	Pending	The United States alleges that Meoshi Nelson, a convicted felon, misrepresented that she was not a convicted felon when applying to receive SSA funds for individuals living in her group boarding homes and that she illegally received SSA funds as a representative payee.	Nelson, Raven Symone
ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Kavod Pharmaceuticals LLC (F/K/A Rising Pharmaceuticals, LLC, F/K/A Rising Pharmaceuticals, Inc.)</i>	2:19-cr-689	Criminal	\$1.5 million criminal penalty and \$438,066 in restitution (\$1.5 million in restitution offset by approximately \$1.1 million in civil damages for False Claims Act violations)	The Antitrust Division filed an Information in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on December 3, 2019 charging Rising Pharmaceuticals with conspiring to fix prices and allocate customers for Benazepril HCTZ, a medicine used to treat hypertension. Anticompetitive drug prices significantly impact the elderly, who often live on fixed incomes and depend on the availability of medications at an affordable, predictable price. The Division filed a deferred prosecution agreement to resolve the charges. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/second-pharmaceutical-company-admits-price-fixing-resolves-related-false-claims-act">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/second-pharmaceutical-company-admits-price-fixing-resolves-related-false-claims-act</a>	N/A

<sup>83</sup> The total number of cases in Appendix A is 292.

Component or USAO	Case Name	Case Number	Type	Outcome	Brief Case Description or Link to Press Release	Perpetrators Not Identified Elsewhere
ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Sandoz Inc.</i>	2:20-cr-111	Criminal	\$195 million criminal penalty	The Antitrust Division filed a four-count Information in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on March 2, 2020 charging Sandoz Inc. with conspiring to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix prices for generic drugs. Drugs affected included clobetasol, desonide ointment, nystatin triamcinolone cream, benazepril HCTZ, and tobramycin inhalation solution. Anticompetitive drug prices significantly impact the elderly, who often live on fixed incomes and depend on the availability of medications at an affordable, predictable price. The Division filed a deferred prosecution agreement to resolve the charges. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/major-generic-pharmaceutical-company-admits-antitrust-crimes">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/major-generic-pharmaceutical-company-admits-antitrust-crimes</a>	N/A
ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Apotex Corp.</i>	2:20-cr-169	Criminal	\$24.1 million criminal penalty	The Antitrust Division filed an Information in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on May 7, 2020 charging Apotex Corp. with fixing the price of the generic drug pravastatin. Anticompetitive drug prices significantly impact the elderly, who often live on fixed incomes and depend on the availability of medications at an affordable, predictable price. The Division filed a deferred prosecution agreement to resolve the charges. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/generic-pharmaceutical-company-admits-fixing-price-widely-used-cholesterol-medication">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/generic-pharmaceutical-company-admits-fixing-price-widely-used-cholesterol-medication</a>	N/A
ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Inc., USA</i>	2:20-cr-200	Criminal	The offense charged carries a statutory maximum penalty of \$100 million, which may be increased to twice the gain derived from the crime or twice the loss suffered by victims if either amount is greater than \$100 million	The Antitrust Division filed an Information on June 30, 2020 charging Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Inc., USA with conspiring to fix prices of pravastatin and other generic drugs. Anticompetitive drug prices significantly impact the elderly, who often live on fixed incomes and depend on the availability of medications at an affordable, predictable price. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/fifth-pharmaceutical-company-charged-ongoing-criminal-antitrust-investigation">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/fifth-pharmaceutical-company-charged-ongoing-criminal-antitrust-investigation</a>	N/A
ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Ara Aprahamian</i>	2:20-cr-64	Criminal	The statutory maximum penalty for price fixing is 10 years in prison and a \$1 million fine for individuals. The maximum fine may be increased to twice the gain derived from the crime or twice the loss suffered by victims if either amount is greater than \$1 million. The false statement offense charged is punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years, and a fine of not more than \$250,000.	The Antitrust Division filed a three-count indictment in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on February 4, 2020 charging a former senior executive at a generic pharmaceutical company with participating in two conspiracies to fix prices, rig bids, and allocate customers for generic drugs. Drugs affected included medications used to treat and manage arthritis, seizures, pain, various skin conditions, and blood clots. Anticompetitive drug prices significantly impact the elderly, who often live on fixed incomes and depend on the availability of medications at an affordable, predictable price. The defendant was also charged with making a false statement to federal agents. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/generic-drug-executive-indicted-antitrust-and-false-statement-charges">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/generic-drug-executive-indicted-antitrust-and-false-statement-charges</a>	N/A

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ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Hector Armando Kellum</i>	2:20-cr-65	Criminal	The offense charged carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$1 million criminal fine for individuals. The maximum fine may be increased to twice the gain derived from the crime or twice the loss suffered by the victims of the crime, if either of those amounts is greater than the statutory maximum fine.	The Antitrust Division filed an Information in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on February 4, 2020 charging a former senior executive of a generic pharmaceutical company with participating in a conspiracy to fix prices, rig bids, and allocate customers for generic drugs, including clobetasol and nystatin triamcinolone cream. The Defendant pled guilty on February 14, 2020. Anticompetitive drug prices significantly impact the elderly, who often live on fixed incomes and depend on the availability of medications at an affordable, predictable price. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-generic-pharmaceutical-executive-pleads-guilty-role-criminal-antitrust-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-generic-pharmaceutical-executive-pleads-guilty-role-criminal-antitrust-conspiracy</a>	N/A
ANTITRUST	<i>U.S. v. Florida Cancer Specialists &amp; Research Institute, LLC</i>	2:20-cr-78	Criminal	\$100 million criminal penalty and eliminated certain barriers to future competition in the provision of cancer care in Southwest Florida.	The Antitrust Division filed an Information in the Middle District of Florida on April 30, 2020 charging Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute LLC, one of the largest cancer treatment centers in the United States, with conspiring to allocate medical and radiation cancer treatments for patients in Southwest Florida, many of whom were elderly and retirees. The company resolved the charge by deferred prosecution agreement. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/leading-cancer-treatment-center-admits-antitrust-crime-and-agrees-pay-100-million-criminal">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/leading-cancer-treatment-center-admits-antitrust-crime-and-agrees-pay-100-million-criminal</a>	N/A
ARIZONA	<i>U.S. v. Morgan Forster</i>	19-cr-917 TUC	Criminal	21 Months Prison, \$176,000 restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/defendant-sentenced-prison-launders-funds-lottery-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/defendant-sentenced-prison-launders-funds-lottery-fraud-scheme</a>	Omar Stephenson, Lionel England and Kemar Warren
ARIZONA	<i>U.S. v. Joseph Batts</i>	CR18-2216-TUC-RCC	Criminal	Pending	Defendants involved in international lottery fraud scheme targeting thousands of elder Americans. Losses from the scheme are in the millions of dollars.	Malcolm, Danny McIntosh, David McCoon, Ferlando
ARIZONA	<i>U.S. v. Sheldon Hibbert</i>	CR19-01973-TUC-JGZ	Criminal	Pending	Defendant charged for his involvement as money runner in multi-million dollar lottery-fraud scheme targeting the elderly.	N/A
ARIZONA	<i>U.S. v. Ruby Hall</i>	CR19-02868-TUC-JAS	Criminal	Pending	Defendant charged for her involvement as money runner in lottery fraud scheme targeting the elderly.	N/A
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Marie Fulle</i>	2:19-cr-00440-VAP	Criminal	Pending	Comerica bank manager, Marie Fulle, committed bank fraud by embezzling over \$1M from her former Comerica client, a vulnerable elderly victim with memory loss. Defendant also stole from the bank.	N/A
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Tito Lozada</i>	2:19-CR-00680-JFW	Criminal	All defendants have pleaded guilty, three have been sentenced so far: Maria Luisa Henao, 33 months imprisonment, \$190,422.07 restitution; Mercedes Montanez, 27 months imprisonment, \$190,422.07 restitution; Luisa Camargo, 8 months imprisonment (time served) and \$38,069 restitution.	Defendants targeted and defrauded elderly Hispanic women to obtain large sums of money and/or valuable jewelry by falsely convincing the victims that defendants had a winning lottery ticket and needed help cashing it. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/four-charged-lottery-ticket-scheme-targeted-elderly-hispanic-women-across-southern">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/four-charged-lottery-ticket-scheme-targeted-elderly-hispanic-women-across-southern</a>	Montanez, Mercedes; Camargo, Luisa; Henao, Maria Luisa
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. \$335,650.22 in Cathay Bank Funds and \$120,002.33 in HSBC Bank Funds</i>	2:19-cv-07288	Civil	Pending	Subjects laundered hundreds of thousands of dollars in proceeds of romance scams and business email compromise scams through an unlicensed money transmitting business (informal value transfer system).	Subjects identified in complaint: Wang, Dianwei; Song, Zhili

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CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Rowena Lokeni</i>	8:19-cr-00153-JFW	Criminal	Lokeni, Rowena: 15 months' imprisonment, \$0 fine, \$176,015.23 restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-woman-admits-embezzling-social-security-benefits-intended-disabled-and">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-woman-admits-embezzling-social-security-benefits-intended-disabled-and</a> <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-woman-sentenced-15-months-prison-stealing-social-security-benefits">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/orange-county-woman-sentenced-15-months-prison-stealing-social-security-benefits</a>	N/A
CALIFORNIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Dimitri Ross</i>	2:18-cr-266 WBS	Criminal	Willis and Ross have pleaded guilty. Remaining defendant is scheduled for trial in Spring 2021.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/guilty-plea-sacramento-based-scheme-defraud-social-security-administration">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/guilty-plea-sacramento-based-scheme-defraud-social-security-administration</a>	Eric Lemoyne Willis and Joshua Bilal George
CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Kimberly Dominguez</i>	CR 19 0591 HSG	Criminal	Both defendants have pled guilty. Sentencing currently set for September, 2020.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndca/pr/husband-and-wife-plead-guilty-social-security-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndca/pr/husband-and-wife-plead-guilty-social-security-fraud-scheme</a>	Dominguez, Erick
CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Gregory Barrett</i>	CR 20-0007 CRB	Criminal	Defendant expected to plead guilty in September, 2020.		N/A
COLORADO	<i>U.S. v. Safder Iqbal</i>	19-cr-135	Criminal	Iqbal was sentenced on 1/22/20 to 60 months in prison and ordered to pay \$377,889.35 in restitution.	Tech support scheme out of India, money mule in Colol	N/A
COLORADO	<i>U.S. v. Danish Rashid</i>	19-cr-280	Criminal	Pled guilty, sentenced on 2/20/20 to 8 months in prison and ordered to pay \$13,860 in restitution	Tech support scam ran from India, mules in Colorado	N/A
CONNECTICUT	<i>U.S. v. Lester Burroughs</i>	19cr292	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/torrington-financial-advisor-and-securities-broker-admits-misappropriating-client-funds">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/torrington-financial-advisor-and-securities-broker-admits-misappropriating-client-funds</a>	N/A
CONNECTICUT	<i>U.S. v. Jennifer O'Brien</i>	19cr308	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/pennsylvania-woman-who-stole-mother-pleads-guilty-failing-file-tax-returns">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/pennsylvania-woman-who-stole-mother-pleads-guilty-failing-file-tax-returns</a>	N/A
CONNECTICUT	<i>U.S. v. Melissa Meole</i>	19mj1386	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/north-branford-woman-charged-embezzlement-fraud-and-identity-theft-offenses">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/north-branford-woman-charged-embezzlement-fraud-and-identity-theft-offenses</a>	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ TEXAS/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Robert Boling Jr.</i>	SA19-CR-0524 (OG)	Criminal	Brown and Crawford pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. Other defendants awaiting trial.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/five-fraudsters-indicted-million-dollar-scheme-targeting-thousands-us-servicemembers-and">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/five-fraudsters-indicted-million-dollar-scheme-targeting-thousands-us-servicemembers-and</a>	Brown; Fredrick Crawford, Trorice Kerr, Allan Albert; Seok, Jongmin
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Haden Martin</i>	20-cv-0996	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Ovnian Chalikyan</i>	20-cv-4211	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Mathis Jones</i>	20-cv-4216	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. George Masaki Kimura</i>	20-cv-4218	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Walter Mason</i>	20-cv-4230	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. William Treadway</i>	20-cv-4234	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A

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CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Johnny Enso Hidalgo Marchan</i>	15-cr-20471	Criminal	All 3 defendants convicted. Hermoza sentenced to 88 months in prison, Guerra sentenced to 90 months in prison. Hidalgo sentencing scheduled for September 2020.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-men-extradited-overseeing-call-centers-threatened-and-defrauded-spanish-speaking-us">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-men-extradited-overseeing-call-centers-threatened-and-defrauded-spanish-speaking-us</a>	Francesco Guerra, Rodolfo Hermoza
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Angel Adrianzen</i>	19-cr-20658	Criminal	Convicted. Sentencing scheduled for fall 2020.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-resident-pleads-guilty-telemarketing-conspiracy-defraud-us-consumers">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-resident-pleads-guilty-telemarketing-conspiracy-defraud-us-consumers</a>	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Timothy Booker</i>	20-cv-14134	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Verna Myvett</i>	20-cv-80733	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Nancy Reingold</i>	20-cv-80734	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Doris Stevens</i>	20-cv-80736	Civil	Consent Decree entered barring continued facilitation of lottery fraud.	Defendant facilitated lottery fraud victimizing senior citizens.	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/CONNECTICUT	<i>U.S. v. Norman Newman</i>	20-CR-0047	Criminal	Awaiting trial	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/list-broker-indicted-facilitating-elder-fraud-schemes">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/list-broker-indicted-facilitating-elder-fraud-schemes</a>	N/A
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH/NEVADA	<i>U.S. v. Mario Castro</i>	2:19-cr-295	Criminal	Burrow pled guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud. Other defendants awaiting trial.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/six-charged-multi-million-dollar-elder-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/six-charged-multi-million-dollar-elder-fraud-scheme</a>	Castro, Jose; Castro, Salvador; Castro, Miguel; Mendez, Jose; Burrow, Andrea
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRNACH/ NEW YORK/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Nicholas Palumbo</i>	1:20-cv-473	Civil	Injunction granted barring defendants from facilitating fraud.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-files-actions-stop-telecom-carriers-who-facilitated-hundreds-millions">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-files-actions-stop-telecom-carriers-who-facilitated-hundreds-millions</a>	Palumbo, Natasha; ECommerce National, LLC; SIP Retail
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRNACH/ NEW YORK/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Jon Kahen</i>	2:20-cv-474	Civil	Injunction granted barring defendants from facilitating fraud.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-files-actions-stop-telecom-carriers-who-facilitated-hundreds-millions">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-files-actions-stop-telecom-carriers-who-facilitated-hundreds-millions</a>	Global Voicecom, Inc.; Global Telecommunication Services Inc.; KAT Telecom, Inc.
CRIMINAL DIVISION	<i>U.S. v. Lester Stockett (Creaghan Harry, et al.)</i>	19-00246	Criminal	\$424,449,031.58	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/owner-and-chief-executive-officer-telemedicine-company-pleads-guilty-424-million-conspiracy#:~:text=Lester%20Stockett%2C%2052%2C%20of%20Medellin,c onspiracy%20to%20commit%20money%20laundering.">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/owner-and-chief-executive-officer-telemedicine-company-pleads-guilty-424-million-conspiracy#:~:text=Lester%20Stockett%2C%2052%2C%20of%20Medellin,c onspiracy%20to%20commit%20money%20laundering.</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION	<i>U.S. v. Elliot Loewenstern (Creaghan Harry, et al.)</i>	19-00246	Criminal	See Stockett	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-health-care-fraud-takedown-northeastern-us-results-charges-against-48-individuals">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/federal-health-care-fraud-takedown-northeastern-us-results-charges-against-48-individuals</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION	<i>U.S. v. Joseph DeCorso</i>	19-00249	Criminal	\$13,389,737.48	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-jersey-doctor-pleads-guilty-13-million-conspiracy-defraud-medicare-telemedicine-orders#:~:text=Joseph%20DeCorso%2C%2062%2C%20pleaded%20guilty,U. S.%20District%20Judge%20Peter%20G.&amp;text=In%20connection%20with%20his%20plea,to%20proceeds%20of%20the%20conspiracy.">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-jersey-doctor-pleads-guilty-13-million-conspiracy-defraud-medicare-telemedicine-orders#:~:text=Joseph%20DeCorso%2C%2062%2C%20pleaded%20guilty,U. S.%20District%20Judge%20Peter%20G.&amp;text=In%20connection%20with%20his%20plea,to%20proceeds%20of%20the%20conspiracy.</a>	N/A

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CRIMINAL DIVISION	<i>U.S. v. Raymond Shores</i>	19-80055	Criminal	\$120,829,003.88	On October 25, Raymond Shores pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. The charges stem from the defendant's role in a \$126 million scheme to fraudulently bill Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Tricare for DME that was medically unnecessary and for which doctors' orders had been procured through bribes and kickbacks. Shores is cooperating; there will not be a press release.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION	<i>U.S. v. John Agbi</i>	19-80170	Criminal	\$0.00	On November 4, John Agbi, a physician, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. The charges stem from Dr. Agbi's role as a telemedicine physician at Sunrise Medical Inc., where the defendant accepted kickbacks in exchange for signing doctors' orders for DME. The defendant signed doctors' orders regardless of medical necessity, without a physical examination of the patient and often without speaking to the patients for whom he was prescribing. Doctors' orders signed by Dr. Agbi through Sunrise were used to bill Medicare for approximately \$7.5 million worth of DME. Dr. Agbi is cooperating	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jay Passerino</i>	1:20-cr-20073 (S.D.F.L.)	Criminal	Pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.	In February 2020, this defendant was charged in an Information for his role as an affiliate marketer who disseminated materially false emails and other marketing materials to solicit potential investors to invest in binary options. As alleged, the defendant, who was the Vice President of a Miami-based affiliated-marketing business, participated in directing investors, including senior citizens, to invest in binary options by directing marketing campaigns in the United States and abroad, knowing that the solicitations were untrue. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/criminal-vns/case/Jay-Passerino">https://www.justice.gov/criminal-vns/case/Jay-Passerino</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Lisa Mel</i>	8:18-cr-00571 (D. MD.)	Criminal	12 months and 1 day; \$288,024 restitution	From in or about May 2015 through in or around November 2016, Defendant Mel participated in a scheme to defraud investors out of over \$100 million in the United States and across the world in financial instruments known as "binary options."	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Shira Uzan</i>	8:18-cr-00608 (D. MD.)	Criminal	4 months; \$1,819,595 restitution	From in or about January 2015 through in or around September 2016, Defendant Uzan participated in a scheme to defraud investors out of over \$100 million in the United States and across the world in financial instruments known as "binary options."	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Liora Welles</i>	8:18-cr-00613 (D. MD.)	Criminal	14 months; \$2,395,310 restitution	From in or about September 2014 through in or around August 2016, Defendant Uzan participated in a scheme to defraud investors out of over \$100 million in the United States and across the world in financial instruments known as "binary options."	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Anog Maarek</i>	8:19-cr-00077 (9) (D. MD.)	Criminal	8 months time served and \$1,591,077 restitution.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-owners-binary-options-company-and-13-other-individuals-charged-140-million-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-owners-binary-options-company-and-13-other-individuals-charged-140-million-fraud</a>	N/A

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CRIMINAL DIVISION/ MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Yakov Cohen et al.</i>	8:19-cr-00077 (D. MD.)	Criminal	Fifteen Defendants were charged in a four-count Superseding Indictment with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and three counts of wire fraud.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-owners-binary-options-company-and-13-other-individuals-charged-140-million-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-owners-binary-options-company-and-13-other-individuals-charged-140-million-fraud</a>	Yosef Herzog, Ori Maymon, Nissim Alfasi, Elad Bigelman, Runal Jeebun, Sabrina Elofer, Afik Tori, Anog Maarek, Oron Montgomery, David Barzilay, Gilad Mazugi, Hadas Ben Haim, Yousef Bishara, and Nir Erez
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Bishop Mittal</i>	19-CR-0078 (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	Plea to conspiracy re: international tech	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/north-carolina-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-international-tech-support-scam">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/north-carolina-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-international-tech-support-scam</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Dino Nastasi</i>	3:15-cr-00213 (1) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	Sabrina Mommers sentenced to 49 months, \$11,236,857.65 restitution; Stephen Finck sentenced to 78 months, \$11,236,857.65 restitution; David Fairchild sentenced to 87 months, \$11,236,857.65 restitution; Dino Nastasi sentenced to 102 months, \$11,236,857.65 restitution; Carlin Woods sentenced to 63 months, \$2,972,569.69 restitution; Gavin Jordan sentenced to 57 months, \$11,236,857.65 restitution; Donald Dadt sentenced to 90 months, \$7,000,000 restitution; Michael Saxon sentenced to 75 months, \$2,537,893.01 restitution; Thomas Sniffen sentenced to 114 months, \$11,236,857.65 restitution	From in or around September 2011 and continuing through at least May 2014, Defendant Dino Nastasi participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	Sabrina Mommers, Stephen Finck , David Fairchild , Carlin Woods, Gavin Jordan, Donald Dadt, Michael Saxon, Thomas Sniffe,
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Donald Dodt</i>	3:15-cr-00213 (13) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	90 months; \$7,000,000 restitution	From in or around January 2010 and continuing intermittently through at least May 2014, Defendant Gavin Jorden participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Carlin Woods</i>	3:15-cr-00213 (9) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	63 months; \$2,972,569.69 restitution	From in or around September 2011 and continuing through at least May 2014, Defendant Dino Nastasi participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A

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CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Michael Saxon</i>	3:15-cr-213 (11) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	75 months; \$2,537,893.01 restitution	From in or around Fall 2013 and continuing through at least May 2014, Defendant Michael Saxon participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Gavin Jordan</i>	3:15-cr-213 (12) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	57 months; \$11,236,857.65 restitution	From in or around January 2010 and continuing intermittently through at least May 2014, Defendant Gavin Jordan participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. David Fairchild</i>	3:15-cr-213 (2) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	87 months; \$11,236,857.65 restitution	From in or around September 2010 and continuing through at least March 2014, Defendant David Fairchild participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Sabrina Mommers</i>	3:15-cr-213 (3) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	49 months; \$11,236,857.65 restitution	From at least May 2013 and continuing intermittently through at least May 2014, Defendant Sabrina Mommers participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Stephen Finck</i>	3:15-cr-213 (6) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	78 months; \$11,236,857.65 restitution	From in or around September 2013 and continuing through at least May 2014, Defendant Stephen Finck participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Thomas Sniffen</i>	3:15-cr-213 (7) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	114 months (9.5 years); \$11,236,857.65 restitution	From in or around Fall 2013 and continuing through at least May 2014, Defendant Michael Saxon participated in a fraudulent sweepstakes telemarketing scheme based in Costa Rica for the purpose of defrauding United States residents by convincing them to pay money in an effort to claim a fictitious sweepstakes prize.	N/A

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CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Robert Leslie Stencil</i>	3:16-cr-221 (1) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	Robert Stencil sentenced to 135 months in prison, \$2,745,239 restitution; Dennis Sverdlen sentenced to 3 years probation, \$1,949,034.17 restitution; Nicholas Fleming sentenced to 5 months in prison, \$1,398,250 restitution; Paula Saccomanno sentenced to 5 months in prison, \$1,949,034.17 restitution; Martin Lewis sentenced to 3 years probation, \$1,635,753.75 restitution; Michael Duke sentenced to 70 months in prison, \$1,635,485 restitution.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-their-roles-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-their-roles-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly-victims</a>	Dennis Sverdlen, Nicholas Fleming, Paula Saccomanno, Martin Lewis, Michael Duke.
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Martin Delaine Lewis</i>	3:16-cr-221 (5) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	3 years probation; \$1,635,753.75 restitution	Beginning in or about December 2015 and continuing through in or about July 2016, Defendant Lewis participated in a scheme to defraud U.S. residents by convincing them to invest in Niyato Industries under the false pretense that their investment would increase substantially in value in the immediate future, knowing that Niyato was a sham company that lacked any facilities or technology, and virtually all investor funds were being disbursed among the co-conspirators.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Nicholas Fleming</i>	3:16-cr-221 (6) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	5 months; \$1,398,250 restitution	Beginning in or about December 2015 and continuing through in or about July 2016, Defendant Lewis participated in a scheme to defraud U.S. residents by convincing them to invest in Niyato Industries under the false pretense that their investment would increase substantially in value in the immediate future, knowing that Niyato was a sham company that lacked any facilities or technology, and virtually all investor funds were being disbursed among the co-conspirators.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Michael Allen Duke</i>	3:16-cr-221 (7) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	70 months; \$1,635,485 restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-their-roles-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-men-sentenced-prison-their-roles-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly-victims</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Paula Saccomanno</i>	3:16-cr-221 (8) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	5 months; \$1,949,034.17 restitution	Beginning in or about December 2015 and continuing through in or about July 2016, Defendant Lewis participated in a scheme to defraud U.S. residents by convincing them to invest in Niyato Industries under the false pretense that their investment would increase substantially in value in the immediate future, knowing that Niyato was a sham company that lacked any facilities or technology, and virtually all investor funds were being disbursed among the co-conspirators.	N/A

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CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Dennis Swerdlen</i>	3:16-cr-221 (9) (W.D.N.C.)	Criminal	3 years probation; \$1,949,034.17 restitution	Beginning in or about December 2015 and continuing through in or about July 2016, Defendant Lewis participated in a scheme to defraud U.S. residents by convincing them to invest in Niyato Industries under the false pretense that their investment would increase substantially in value in the immediate future, knowing that Niyato was a sham company that lacked any facilities or technology, and virtually all investor funds were being disbursed among the co-conspirators.	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Cole Parks</i>	3:18-cr-311 (W.D.N.C.) (6)	Criminal	Pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud, one count of wire fraud, and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/seven-charged-telemarketing-sweepstakes-scheme-victimized-people-united-states-including">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/seven-charged-telemarketing-sweepstakes-scheme-victimized-people-united-states-including</a>	Nicholas Richer
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Nicholas Richer</i>	3:18-cr-311 (W.D.N.C.) (7)	Criminal	Pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, and one count of international money laundering; sentenced to 51 months; \$1,102,448 restitution.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/seven-charged-telemarketing-sweepstakes-scheme-victimized-people-united-states-including">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/seven-charged-telemarketing-sweepstakes-scheme-victimized-people-united-states-including</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ OKLAHOMA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Afeez Olajide Adebara, et al.</i>	19-cr-208 (N.D. Ok.)	Criminal	10 Defendants were charged in a single-count indictment with conspiracy to commit money laundering. Oluwaseun John Ogundeple pled guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndok/pr/10-men-involved-nigerian-romance-scams-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndok/pr/10-men-involved-nigerian-romance-scams-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy</a> Adebara, with the aid of his conspirators, operated a sophisticated money laundering operation that obscured the source of money that was sent by elderly victims to who they believed were romantic partners from online dating sites, but were actually romance scammers operating from Nigeria. The scheme relied on the use of fake passports to fraudulently open up multiple bank accounts, which victim funds were then funneled through prior to being reduced to cash. The coconspirators then used the money to purchase salvage vehicles and other goods that were sent to Nigeria as a way to export the funds. The three charged victims sent approximately \$1.2 million to the scammers.	Adedeji, Jamiu; Ditep, Joshua; Kehinde, Tobiloba; LNU #1, FNU; LNU #2, FNU; LNU #3, FNU; Obiefuna, Jr., Chibuzo; Ogundele, Oluwaseun; Usoro, Paul
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ OKLAHOMA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Oluwaseun John Ogundeple</i>	19-cr-208 (N.D. Ok.)	Criminal	Pled guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/10-men-involved-nigerian-romance-scams-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/10-men-involved-nigerian-romance-scams-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Cengiz Jan Comu, et al.</i>	3:19-cr-00112 (2) (N.D. Tex.)	Criminal	4 new Defendants were charged with one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and 10 counts of mail fraud.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-additional-individuals-charged-role-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-additional-individuals-charged-role-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. John Mervyn Price</i>	3:19-cr-00112 (2) (N.D. Tex.)	Criminal	Pled to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, 10 counts of mail fraud, 10 counts of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-earthwater-executives-plead-guilty-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-earthwater-executives-plead-guilty-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly</a>	N/A

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CRIMINAL DIVISION/ TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Cengiz Jan Comu</i>	3:19-cr-00112 (2) (N.D. Tex.)	Criminal	Pled to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, 10 counts of mail fraud, 10 counts of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-earthwater-executives-plead-guilty-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-former-earthwater-executives-plead-guilty-investment-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly</a>	N/A
CRIMINAL DIVISION/ TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Donald Andrew Rothman</i>	3:19-cr-00437 (N.D. Tex.)	Criminal	Rothman pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud.	Defendant participated in a high-yield investment fraud scheme involving the sale of stock in a company called EarthWater. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-additional-individuals-charged-role-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-additional-individuals-charged-role-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme</a>	N/A
DELAWARE	<i>U.S. v. Aaron Davis</i>	19-CR-101-LPS	Criminal	Pending	Defendant engaged in a wide-ranging series of fraudulent schemes involving bank and wire fraud. In one of those schemes, he used personal identifying information to steal social security benefits from an elderly individual.	N/A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Jamar Skeete</i>	1:19-cr-00414	Criminal	Pending		N/A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Julien Richardson</i>	1:20-cr-00031	Criminal	Defendant pleaded guilty on 2/27/2020; pending sentencing.	The defendant and other conspirators engaged in a wire fraud scheme that targeted seniors throughout the country, usually claiming the victim won a lottery for which taxes needed to be paid or purporting to be their grandchildren who were requesting money for emergency situations.	N/A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Tricia Steele Boutros</i>	1:20-cr-00082	Criminal	Defendant pleaded guilty on 5/8/2020; pending sentencing.	Defendant illegally accessed bank accounts belonging to individuals and businesses, and then knowingly transferred funds for her personal use. The defendant obtained more than \$3 million dollars from the scheme, including from an elderly person.	N/A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Fetehi Mohammed</i>	19-CR-290	Criminal	sentenced to 33 months incarceration.	Between February 1, 2017, through on or about March 27, 2019, Mohammed exploited his position as a bank branch manager to execute a scheme to defraud elderly bank customers. Mohammed used the trust that he had built with a half-dozen senior clients to steal over \$500,000 from their accounts and to transfer some of those funds from Virginia into the District of Columbia for his use and benefit.	N/A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Prince Obiako</i>	19-MJ-315	Criminal	Defendant pleaded guilty on 7/6/2020; pending sentencing.	The defendant and other conspirators used a romance scam to cheat their victims out of more than \$1,000,000--all of which was sent out of the United States by wire transfers and money transfers.	N/A
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Rashad Liverpool</i>	2019 CF2 012075; 2019 CF2 012076	Criminal	Both defendants pleaded guilty on 2/21/20; sentencing pending.	A bank manager and a personal banker befriended an elderly woman with diminished capacity by visiting her frequently after hours at her home. They used undue influence and deception to have her write checks that she thought were being deposited into her other accounts but instead were deposited into accounts that they controlled. The funds were then used for their own personal benefit.	Tillery, Robert
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	<i>U.S. v. Sarah Jalloh</i>	2019 CMD 013647	Criminal	Defendant completed diversion program.	Home health aide for elderly woman with cancer and diminished capacity stole ATM/debit cards from woman's house. She guessed the PIN for the cards by using the code the woman used to access her phone. She ultimately made 7 withdrawals before the woman's daughter identified and reported the fraud.	N/A

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Kirstein</i>	13 cr 0469	Criminal	41 mos, \$56,258	On 3/9/2020, Clifford Kirstein, a Canadian telemarketer, was sentenced to 41 months in prison and ordered to pay \$56,258 in restitution to eight victims for conning the American senior citizens by impersonating their grandchildren over the telephone and asking for financial help to get the purported distressed relatives out of trouble in a foreign country. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/canadian-national-who-conned-us-senior-citizens-out-money-grandparent-scam-sentenced-41">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/canadian-national-who-conned-us-senior-citizens-out-money-grandparent-scam-sentenced-41</a> )	Agiyl Kamaldin, Mark El Bernachawy, Kelen Magael Buchan, and Peter Iacino
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Paul Horton Smith, Sr.</i>	5:20-cr-00120	Criminal	N/A	On June 19, 2020 Paul Horton Smith Sr. was indicted for engineering a \$10 million Ponzi scheme targeting elderly and retired victims. Smith, Sr. was previously arrested on May 21, 2020 based on a criminal complaint. From 2013 through 2020, Smith Sr. offered 75 clients an invest called "Northstar," which he said would provide a annual rate of return between 5% and 6%, instead he used the victim investors' money as lulling payments to earlier investors. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/inland-empire-man-arrested-wire-fraud-charge-he-engineered-10-million-ponzi-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/inland-empire-man-arrested-wire-fraud-charge-he-engineered-10-million-ponzi-scheme</a> )	N/A
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Keno Romario Brown</i>	19 cr 0001	Criminal	Pending	On 3/12/2020, following a seven day trial, a federal jury convicted Keno Romario Brown of defrauding more than 100 elderly victims through an advance fee scheme, specifically, by falsely representing that the victims had won a lottery or sweepstakes and demanding taxes or other fees before the victims could receive the prize. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/fraudster-convicted-after-federal-trial-scamming-more-100-elderly-victims-through-lottery">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/fraudster-convicted-after-federal-trial-scamming-more-100-elderly-victims-through-lottery</a> )	N/A
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ MASSACHUSETTS	<i>U.S. v. Allcott</i>	1:20-CR-10109	Criminal	Pleaded guilty on July 27, 2020.	On 7/27/2020, Timothy Allcott pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. From 2015 through 2018, Timothy Allcott and Thomas Renison, owners of ARO, fraudulently solicited and raised over \$5 million from at least 15 investors, nearly all of whom were over 60 years old. In 2014, Renison was barred from working in the securities industry by the SEC and state regulators in Maine; therefore, ARO's public filings did not list Renison as a member of ARO to conceal Renison's ownership stake. Allcott and Renison provided investors with promissory notes issued by AOR containing three to five year terms and interest rates between 8% and 12% per year. Allcott and Renison raised the funds through materially false and misleading statements and misappropriated large portions of the investments. Investors lost more than \$4 million.	N/A

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ MINNESOTA	<i>U.S. v. Dahl, Jr.</i>	18 cr 305	Criminal	Pleaded guilty on July 20, 2020.	On July 20, 2020, Wayne Dahl, the owner and CEO of Your Magazine Service, Inc. (YMS), pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud. YMS was a fraudulent telemarketing company which operated a call center in Minnesota which sold magazine subscriptions to more than 13,000 victims, most of whom were elderly, generating over \$10 million in revenue. On July 2, 2020, Michael Oelrich pleaded guilty to one count conspiracy to commit mail fraud, admitting he transferred more than \$30 million to companies he operated from 2012 through 2019. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/ceo-chaska-telemarketing-company-pleads-guilty-mail-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/ceo-chaska-telemarketing-company-pleads-guilty-mail-fraud</a> )	N/A
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ NEW YORK/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Chartier, et al.</i>	17-CR-372 (E.D.N.Y.)	Criminal	Sentencing Pending	Between 2013 and 2017, 16 subjects associated with My Street Research engaged in market manipulation scheme which defrauded investors in various publicly-traded companies out of more than \$147 million. The scheme utilized multiple boiler rooms in New York where high pressure sales representatives made various misrepresentations to investors. On 3/18/2020, following a six week trial, Jeffrey Chartier and Lawrence Isen were found guilty on all counts for their roles in the conspiracy. Chartier and Isen are the 15th and 16th defendants convicted in this case. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/ex-stockbrokers-convicted-conspiring-long-island-boiler-rooms-dump-stock-unsuspecting">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/ex-stockbrokers-convicted-conspiring-long-island-boiler-rooms-dump-stock-unsuspecting</a> )	Lawrence Isen
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ NEW YORK/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Pagartanis</i>	18-CR-374 (E.D.N.Y.)	Criminal	170 mos, \$6.5 million restitution	On 1/9/2020, Steven Pagartanis was sentenced to 170 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay more than \$6.5 million in restitution for defrauding dozens of elderly investors of over \$13 million over the course of 18 years. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/former-long-island-investment-advisor-sentenced-170-months-prison-multi-million-dollar">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/former-long-island-investment-advisor-sentenced-170-months-prison-multi-million-dollar</a> )	N/A
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Brown</i>	1:19-CR-114	Criminal	210 mos, \$22.5 million restitution	From 2007 through September 2019, Hal Brown fraudulently obtained more than \$22.5 million from at least 60 victims, some of whom were at, or near, retirement age, by engaging in a sophisticated Ponzi scheme through his company Oodles Inc. and its various affiliates (collectively "OODLES"). Brown used his religious reputation and his respected status in the local community to con his investor-victims into trusting him with their money. Brown falsely represented that OODLES owned hundreds of millions of dollars in intellectual property, namely family entertainment shows and movies with a religious theme. Brown repeatedly lied to victims about the imminent sale of those intellectual properties to various well-known media companies. To perpetuate the fraud, Brown developed marketing material seeking investments or loans for OODLES that claimed large returns on funds invested or lent to the company. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/ashville-man-sentenced-175-years-orchestrating-22-million-ponzi-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/ashville-man-sentenced-175-years-orchestrating-22-million-ponzi-scheme</a> )	N/A

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Diaz</i>	19 cr 342	Criminal	65 mos, \$165,000 restitution	On 12/3/2019, Yahaira Diaz was sentenced to 65 months' imprisonment and ordered to pay \$165,000 in restitution for orchestrating a grandparent fraud scheme in which victims were convinced, via phone, to send bail money to help their purported grandchildren after fictitious car accidents involving DUIs. Diaz identified and arranged for access to residential locations where her co-conspirators fraudulently instructed victims to send funds. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edpa/pr/pottsville-woman-sentenced-5-years-prison-perpetrating-elder-financial-fraud-known">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edpa/pr/pottsville-woman-sentenced-5-years-prison-perpetrating-elder-financial-fraud-known</a> )	N/A
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/ VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Gibson, et al.</i>	2:17-cr-126 (E.D.V.A.)	Criminal	10 yrs, \$25 million restitution	From 2012 through July 2017, Daryl Bank, Raeann Gibson, Billy Seabolt and others, engaged in a nationwide fraudulent investment scheme which deceived approximately 300 unsuspecting investors – most at or near retirement age – by convincing them to invest in companies owned and controlled by Daryl Bank. At Bank's direction, Gibson then stole outright significant portions of investment funds to fund their criminal enterprise and Bank's lavish lifestyle. The trial of Bank and Seabolt has been postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. ( <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/chief-operating-officer-sentenced-25-million-investment-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/chief-operating-officer-sentenced-25-million-investment-fraud</a> )	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Chuen Cheng Chou</i>	5:19-cv-384	Civil	Consent decree entered barring defendant from facilitating fraud	Jamaican Lottery Fraud case	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Salvatore Esposito</i>	6:19-208-CEM-DCI	Criminal	87 months for Salvatore Esposito and 71 months for Joseph Esposito; jointly and severally liable for \$9,395,937.15 restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/operators-us-coin-bullion-llc-plead-guilty-more-7-million-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/operators-us-coin-bullion-llc-plead-guilty-more-7-million-fraud</a>	Joseph Esposito
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Jonathan Oshane Thompson</i>	6:19-cv-1514	Civil	Consent decree entered barring defendant from facilitating lottery fraud.	Jamaican Lottery Fraud case	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Nicholas Pellegrino</i>	8:19-cr-328	Criminal	30 months; \$329,765.75 restitution	Pellegrino was charged with money laundering conspiracy, receipt of stolen property, and interstate transportation of stolen property for his role as a runner in a tax impersonation conspiracy targeting the elderly. Pellegrino laundered and attempted to launder \$290,000 in victims' money.	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Joseph Anile</i>	8:19-cr-334-35CPT	Criminal	Pending	Anile conspired with DaCorta in a FOREX fraud/Ponzi-style scheme. Anile pleaded guilty, and he is cooperating.	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Ronald Carapelluci</i>	8:19-cr-466	Criminal	Pending	Defendants were engaged in a scheme targeting elderly victims by calling and convincing them to provide funds to sell their timeshares and other types of property. Victims, some in their late 80's, lost thousands of dollars in the fraud.	Parrado, Manuel
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Linda Bagdon</i>	8:19-cr-586	Criminal	Pending	Bagdon is charged with money laundering conspiracy and illegal monetary transactions for her role in a series of fraud schemes involving an Indian call center(s). During the time period charged, the Indian call center workers falsely and fraudulently persuaded victims to transmit funds to Francis, Bagdon and/or runners via IRS impersonation fraud, government grant scam, lottery scam, and tech support fraud.	N/A

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FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Lori Owen</i>	8:19-cr-587-33AEP	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/udson-woman-indicted-fraud-and-money-laundering-charges">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/udson-woman-indicted-fraud-and-money-laundering-charges</a>	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Michael J. DaCorta</i>	8:19-cr-605-WFJ-CPT	Criminal	Pending	DaCorta is charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud and wire fraud and an illegal monetary transaction for his role in a FOREX fraud/Ponzi-style scheme, which resulted in more than 700 victim-investors losing more than \$72 million. The Commodity Futures Trading Commission filed a parallel civil case, which resulted in, among other measures, a court-appointed receiver; the CFTC's case has been stayed due to the criminal investigation/prosecutions.	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Glenn Francis</i>	8:19-cr-9-25SPF	Criminal	Pending	Between 2014-2019, Francis worked with Indian call centers to perpetrate Internal Revenue Service Impersonation Fraud, Payday Loan Fraud, and Tech Support Fraud. Francis assisted in collecting fraud proceeds in excess of \$3,000,000 from hundreds of victims.	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Ari Linett</i>	8:19-cv-02014	Civil	Consent decree entered barring defendant from facilitating fraud.	Jamaican Lottery Fraud case	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Otis Marvin Virgo Evans</i>	8:19-cv-2011	Civil	Consent decree entered barring defendant from facilitating fraud.	Jamaican Lottery Fraud case	N/A
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Rachel Maria Winslow</i>	8:20-140-35CPT	Criminal	Pending	From at least as early as March 2009 through in or about December 2013, defendants operated an international fraud and money laundering ring as part of investment fraud scheme that obtained money from foreign victims, many of whom were elder, primarily by selling worthless stock. Defendants established shell entities, made use of preexisting entities, and/or opened bank accounts, received victim-investors' funds, and wired the fraud proceeds to other accounts.	Dembrowski, Ronald Joseph Visicaro, Frank Sebastian
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Massimiliano Turi</i>	8:20-cr-151-WFJ-TGW	Criminal	Pending	From at least as early as March 2009 through in or about December 2013, defendants operated an international fraud and money laundering ring as part of investment fraud scheme that obtained money from foreign victims, many of whom were elder, primarily by selling worthless stock. Defendants established shell entities, made use of preexisting entities, and/or opened bank accounts, received victim-investors' funds, and wired the fraud proceeds to other accounts.	Landa, Alexander Gerstel, Layne
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Philip Roy Wasserman</i>	8:20-cr-207-T-36JSS	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/former-lawyer-and-cpa-charged-defrauding-elderly-investors">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/former-lawyer-and-cpa-charged-defrauding-elderly-investors</a>	Kenneth Murray Rossman
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Paul Wagner</i>	8:20-cr-88-T-33CPT	Criminal	Pending	Defendants were engaged in a scheme targeting elderly victims by calling and convincing them to provide funds to sell their timeshares and other types of property. Victims, some in their late 80's, lost thousands of dollars in the fraud.	N/A

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FLORIDA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Edward Newton</i>	5:19cr84/RH	Criminal	Def Edward Newton - 33 months BOP followed by 3 years Supervised Release, Restitution \$326,664.26 / Def Christopher Mayes - 37 months BOP followed by 3 years Supervised Release, Restitution \$326,664.26 / Def Christian Pantazonis - 30 months BOP followed by 3 years Supervised Release, Restitution \$326,664.26	Florida construction contractor induced victims to enter into contracts for hurricane home repairs and took deposits, then did little/no work in furtherance of the contract and failed to return the money.	Mayes, ChristopherPantazonis, Christian
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Sean Kerwin Bindranauth</i>	19-10016-CR-MARTINEZ	Criminal	Pending	The case was a 10-count \$1,000,000 money laundering conspiracy. Defendant and others used investment and romance scams to induce victims to wire funds, send personal checks, or cash to defendant Bindranauth for a purported investment or promissory payment. Defendant would send the funds out of the U.S. to Nigeria through Western Union and MoneyGram as well as bank to bank transfers.	N/A
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Aldo Marchena</i>	19-20622-CR-UNGARO	Criminal	On August 7, 2020, defendant was sentenced to 46 months' imprisonment, 3 years' supervised release and ordered to pay \$900,000 in restitution.	Defendant stole money from investment accounts held for the benefit of clients and used funds for his personal benefit.	N/A
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Naomi Levy</i>	19-20817-CR-KING	Criminal	Sentencing set for January 21, 2021.	Defendant was recruited to be a money mule to create a shell company and later bank accounts which received funds from elderly victims who were tricked into thinking that they were refunding a fake computer company which was allegedly fixing or updating their computers. These victims were called by a coconspirator and told that they had to pay a fee for the service of updating or fixing their computers. The coconspirators then gained access to their accounts and manipulated their bank account to make it appear that the company had overpaid a refund which the victims were required to repay. In reality the funds belonged to the victims who were provided information to send the "overpayments" to accounts controlled by the coconspirators.	N/A
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Randy Perez</i>	19-20850-CR-ALTONAGA	Criminal	On August 28, 2020, defendant was sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment and 3 years' supervised release. Restitution is to be determined.	Defendant was hired to be an administrative assistant to victim. He has access to her personal identifying information and bank accounts. He used her credit cards for his personal benefit and opened up lines of credits using her information. He also used the lines of credit for his personal benefit.	N/A

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FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Arnold Jermaine Smith</i>	19-60263-CR-SCOLA	Criminal	Pending	Defendant was recruited to act as a money mule who created shell companies and later opened bank accounts which received funds from elderly victims. These victims were tricked into thinking that they were refunding a computer service company (which was fake) that was allegedly fixing or updating their computers. The victims were told by a caller that there was a fee to fix their computers. The conspirators then gained access to the victims' bank accounts and made it appear that the fake computer company had overrefunded the victim with funds which were in reality the victims' own money. The victims were then given instructions on how to send back the "overpayments" to accounts controlled by the conspirators. Trial set for October 2020.	N/A
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Isaac Grossman</i>	19-60300-CR-ALTONAGA	Criminal	Pending	From September 2014 through April 2018 Grossman raised approximately \$2.4 million in investor funds for a company that he was the president of, Dragon-Click Corp. Victims targeted were mostly elderly retirees. He told potential investors that Dragon-Click was developing an internet application which would revolutionize internet shopping by allowing a user to upload a photograph of any item the user wanted to purchase, identify all retailers offering that item for sale, provide price comparisons for that item across retailers and provide a link to retailers' websites where the user could purchase the item. Defendant promised that investors would double or triple their investments and that Dragon Click was on the verge of being sold to a large technology company.	N/A
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Rockclif Burchell</i>	19-60313-CR-SINGHAL	Criminal	Case set for trial February 2021	Between May 2012 and July 2017 the defendants participated in a scheme to defraud the U.S. Veteran Affairs and Social Security Administration by fraudulently redirecting retirees' benefits to accounts controlled by them. The scheme which was international in scope involved conspirators in Jamaica, Georgia and Florida. The conspirators obtained the personal identifying information of veterans and social security beneficiaries and used that information to gain control of their accounts at the VA and SSA. The conspirators then redirected the benefits to bank accounts as well as prepaid debit cards and accounts which they controlled.	Jamare Mason, a/k/a "Star Maxx"; Ronaldo Garfield Green, Mario Andre Ricketts, Mayott Joseph, a/k/a "Trial Joseph", Kadeem Gordon, a/k/a So Dope Gordon "Omar", Shaquille Bailey
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Karen Turk</i>	19-80148-CR-Rosenberg	Criminal	Defendant was sentenced on January 9, 2020, to 1 month imprisonment, 1 year supervised release with 5 months' home confinement and ordered to pay \$46,376 in restitution.	Defendant was the representative payee for her elderly mother. She used her mother's SSA benefits for herself and falsely told the SSA that she used the money for her mother.	N/A

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FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Rasheed Olawale Oladele</i>	20-20099	Criminal	Pending	Romance scam where the coconspirators created fraudulent on-line profiles then used those profiles to initiate relationships with men and women over the internet. The coconspirators used social engineering tactics and chatting scripts to converse with their victims over email and telephone. They developed trust with their victims and then had the victims engage in financial transactions including sending funds to accounts controlled by the coconspirators.	N/A
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Ian Felder</i>	20-80037-CRF- Marra	Criminal	On August 25, 2020, and September 1, 2020, defendants Charles and Stubbs pled guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft respectively. They are to be sentenced in November 2020. The remaining defendants are set for trial January 2021.	The conspirators obtained the banking information of elderly victims, then call the victims and trick them into giving up their bank cards, by telling them that their accounts had been compromised. Because the conspirators have legitimate information from the victims' bank accounts, the victims are convinced that they are talking to a real bank representative. The conspirators then rack up as many charges or withdrawals as soon as possible.	Shaquille Robinson, Shaumbrica Stubbs, Luclesse Vernesse, Samuel Charles, Dierdre Dixon
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Avair Corp.</i>	1:15-cv-1250 (N.D. Ga.)	Civil	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/pharmaceutical-company-targeting-elderly-victims-admits-paying-kickbacks-resolves">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/pharmaceutical-company-targeting-elderly-victims-admits-paying-kickbacks-resolves</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Ahamefule Aso Odus</i>	1:18-CR-492-WMR-CCB	Criminal	Paul Chinonso Anyanwu (4), Count(s) 1, CBOP: EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS. SUPERVISED RELEASE: THREE (3) YEARS WITH SPECIAL CONDITIONS. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT: \$100. RESTITUTION: \$57,000 and Forfeiture of A Money Judgment in The Amount of \$57,000	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/dozens-charged-atlanta-based-money-laundering-operation-funneled-30-million-proceeds">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/dozens-charged-atlanta-based-money-laundering-operation-funneled-30-million-proceeds</a>	Nnadozie, Chukwukadibia; Odus, Uchechi Chidimma; Onimole, John Ifeoluwa; Onamuti, Oluwafunmilade
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Cecilio Numencio Rodrigues-Rivas</i>	1:19CR-339	Criminal	13 MONTHS CONFINMENT; S/R 3 YRS; S/A \$100; RESTITUTION \$92,015.00	Defendant received funds derived from a scam in which his co-conspirators made fraudulent telephone calls to elder victims in Florida, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas, and Wisconsin purporting to be the grandchild of the victim and to be in need of emergency funds.	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. James Torchia</i>	1:19-CR-377	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/former-georgia-ceo-indicted-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/former-georgia-ceo-indicted-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Nnamdi Marcellus Mgbodile</i>	1:19-CR-439	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/georgia-man-indicted-65-million-dollar-online-romance-scam-and-business-email">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/georgia-man-indicted-65-million-dollar-online-romance-scam-and-business-email</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Shivang Thakur</i>	1:19-CR-511	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/defendant-indicted-phone-scam-targeting-us-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/defendant-indicted-phone-scam-targeting-us-victims</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Katherine Craig</i>	1:20-CR-00007-TCB-CMS	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/timeshare-resort-manager-arrested-massive-elder-fraud-and-embezzlement-targeting">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/timeshare-resort-manager-arrested-massive-elder-fraud-and-embezzlement-targeting</a>	N/A

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GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Darius Sowah Okang</i>	1:20-CR-114	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/dozens-charged-atlanta-based-money-laundering-operation-funneled-30-million-proceeds">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/dozens-charged-atlanta-based-money-laundering-operation-funneled-30-million-proceeds</a>	Dominique Raquel Golden, Blessing Oluwatimilehin Ojo, Desire Elorm Tamakloe, Solomon Agyapong, Afeez Olaide Adeniran, Francesco Benjamin, Joshua Roberts, Hamza Abdallah, Prince Sheriff Okai, Kelvin Prince Boateng, Monique Wheeler, Matthan Bolaji Ibadapo, Stephen Abbu Jenkins, Kahlia Andrea Siddiqui, Alexis Ciera Johnson, Abubakar Sadik Ibrahim, Emanuela Joe Joseph, Obinna Nwosu, Ojebe Obewu Ojebe, Gregory Thomas Hudson
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Mehulkumar Manubhai Patel</i>	1:20-CR-204	Criminal	Pending	Defendants laundered over \$400,000 on behalf of and India-based call centers that scammed US residents, including many elderly victims, with tech support and Social Security scams perpetuated over the phone.	Dave, Chitali
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Durrell Tyler</i>	1:20-CR-207	Criminal	Pending	Defendant was charged with access device fraud and aggravated identity theft where he targeted elder Americans and stole their PII, including SSNs, to obtain credit and buy goods and services in their names.	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jianjie Liu</i>	1:20-CR-208	Criminal	Pending	Liu was charged in June, 2020 with a money laundering conspiracy and substantive counts of money laundering funds received from elderly scam victims. The victims fell prey to various phone scams, including grandparent, tech support scams, Social Security scam, and grant scams.	N/A
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Neville Sajere</i>	1:20-CR-28	Criminal	Pending	Sajere and his wife were charged in January, 2020 with bank fraud and money laundering for their involvement in a large scale scheme to defraud SSA and FEMA by using stolen identities of retirees to file for retirement benefits and FEMA benefits. The benefits were then directed onto Green Dot cards opened using stolen information from other victims. In this manner, Sajere and his wife received over \$800,000 in stolen government funds and accessed PII of hundreds of retirement age victims.	Sajere, Ivie Shevon Fletcher, Kiera Nichole Gray, Mario Dupree
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Rochella Ellison</i>	2:20-CR-024	Criminal	Pending	Caretakers stole controlled substances from elderly patients.	Nadia Gibson

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GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Peter Efthimiou</i>	4:19-cr-156	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. William Frey</i>	4:19-cr-157	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Richard Steinkohl</i>	4:19-cr-158	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Dino Soriano</i>	4:19-cr-159	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jawad Salim</i>	4:19-cr-160	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Milagros Rivera</i>	4:19-CR-161	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. Vishwas Kadam</i>	4:19-cr-162	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Roland Green</i>	4:19-cr-163	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Leo Frangipane</i>	4:19-CR-164	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Tina Renee Folden</i>	4:19-cr-165	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Karen Butler</i>	4:19-cr-166	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Cathy Bagley</i>	4:19-cr-167	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/nineteen-defendants-charged-largest-healthcare-fraud-scheme-southern-district-history</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Karen Dickerson</i>	4:19-cr-72	Criminal	Defendant pled guilty on Nov. 12, 2019 and is awaiting sentencing.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/savannah-woman-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdga/pr/savannah-woman-indicted-money-laundering-conspiracy</a>	N/A
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Anthony Securo</i>	6:19-cr-10	Criminal	Pending		N/A

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IDAHO	<i>U.S. v. Edward Fisher</i>	1:20-cr-00100-BLW	Criminal	On September 3, 2020, Defendant pleaded guilty to Bank Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft and is scheduled for sentencing on December 7, 2020.	On April 22, 2020, Defendant Edward Fisher visited two Wells Fargo bank branches in Ada County, Idaho. During each incident, Defendant provided the teller with a fictitious identification and Discover credit card belonging to an elderly individual who is a legitimate Wells Fargo account holder. Defendant filled out separate \$3,500 withdrawal slips and attempted to make the withdrawals from the victim's account. Defendant also attempted the scheme twice the day before using identification belonging to a separate victim.	N/A
ILLINOIS/CENTRAL	<i>U.S. v. Kandis Mills</i>	2:19-cr-20078-CSB-EIL	Criminal	Pending	Kandis Mills was a nurse at a facility providing a variety of care. Mills stole patient medicine, include pain medication, for her personal use and attempted to conceal her drug use by providing patients with diluted solutions.	N/A
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Diane Lazar</i>	20 CR 78	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/former-suburban-insurance-agent-charged-fraud-allegedly-swindling-money-elderly-client">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/former-suburban-insurance-agent-charged-fraud-allegedly-swindling-money-elderly-client</a>  Lazar was an insurance agent who abused her relationship with an elderly client to get her own daughter designated as beneficiary on the client's annuity and life insurance policies. Lazar submitted fraudulent applications falsely identifying her daughter as the client's grandchild and concealing that the beneficiary was actually her daughter. After the client died, Lazar made fraudulent claims for the proceeds of those policies, again falsely identifying her daughter's relationship to the client. Also after her client's death, she stole over \$100k from a bank account belonging to the client by submitting a fraudulent power of attorney to the bank. The intended loss was over \$500,000.	N/A
ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Erica Rose</i>	3:20-cr-30013	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil/pr/east-saint-louis-caretaker-and-accomplice-indicted-stealing-identities-and-defrauding">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil/pr/east-saint-louis-caretaker-and-accomplice-indicted-stealing-identities-and-defrauding</a>	McKinney, Ashley a/k/a Ashley N. Heidelberg
ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Danny Vaughn</i>	3:20-CR-30068	Criminal	Pending	This case involves a money mule in his early 60s. He received copies of victims' credit cards from co-conspirators in the mail, along with packages containing other fraudulently acquired property. He then used the credit cards to purchase items from local retailers, and shipped all of the fraudulently acquired items to addresses overseas, including Malaysia.	N/A
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Edwin Agbi</i>	1:19-cr-00280-JRS-DLP-1	Criminal	Pending	Elderly victim was involved in a romance scam. The elderly victim met his "girlfriend" on an online dating platform. The "girlfriend" said she needed money, and directed the victim to send funds to her personal bankers, one of whom was AGBI. AGBI received packages of United States currency in the mail from victims, pocketed some of the cash for himself, and then took the remainder to an individual who sent the funds to Nigeria.	N/A

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INDIANA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Angeles Palacios</i>	1:19-cr-00311-JMS-DML-1	Criminal	Pending	Elderly victim was involved in a romance scam. The victim met his "girlfriend" on an online dating platform. The "girlfriend" said she needed money, and directed the victim to send funds to her personal bankers, one of whom was PALACIOS. PALACIOS had opened several bank accounts at the direction of her handler. PALACIOS received funds via wire transfers from victims, withdrew funds when instructed, and then gave the money to her handler. PALACIOS was compensated in cash. She recruited additional people into the Scheme.	N/A
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Annie Fields</i>	1:19-cr-0269-TWP-MJD	Criminal	Fields, Annie: 21 months' imprisonment, \$0 fine, \$36,895 restitution	Defendant was employed by a small business operated by an elderly couple. Her duties included bookkeeping and clerical responsibilities. For approximately 2 years, the Defendant wrote unauthorized checks drawn upon the small business' bank account made payable to herself or the benefit of others. The Defendant also hid her creation of these unauthorized checks by creating false copies of the checks which included a different payee. The Defendant further made unauthorized transactions for her personal benefit with the company credit card, and created false credit card statements to hide the unauthorized credit card transactions.	N/A
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Charlene Gee</i>	2:20-CR-008	Criminal	Pending	Defendant, was the Human Resources Director for Sebos Nursing and rehabilitation Center, located in Hobart, Indiana. Between December 8, 2018 and August 9, 2019, she devised a scheme to defraud Sebos when she altered 18 Payroll Sign Up Sheets indicating bonus awards were due to herself and another employee, which amounts were paid but were unauthorized bonuses that neither she nor the other employee earned nor were eligible to receive.	N/A
IOWA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. H. David Derby</i>	19-CR-1035	Criminal	H. David Derby sentenced to 26 months and Patty Derby sentenced to 24 months imprisonment	Defendants abused the power of attorney they had for the elderly victim and used that to transfer funds from the victim's account and used those funds for unauthorized purposes.	Derby, Patti
IOWA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Janice Schultz</i>	20-CR-1003	Criminal	5 years probation and a fine and restitution imposed	Apartment manager uses her influence on elder victim to obtain a POA and then uses victims funds for her own benefit	N/A
IOWA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Andrew Garrett</i>	20-CR-2	Criminal	Sentenced to 21 months.	Defendant's mother had the power of attorney for his grandmother. Defendant was able to access grandmother's account and for the next two years defrauded his grandmother out of all of her funds including proceeds from the sale of property.	N/A
IOWA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Sara Coleman</i>	4:19-cr-174	Criminal	4 years' probation.	VA Nurse was diverting drugs from elderly VA patients.	N/A
IOWA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Samantha Montanye</i>	4:20-cr-021	Criminal	Pending	Montanye was a CNA who stole Fentanyl patches intended as medication for elderly patients from the medication cart at a nursing home.	N/A
IOWA/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Schulte Staci</i>	4:20-cr-0009	Criminal	Pending	Nursing home employee diverted hydrocodone, oxycodone, tramadol and morphine from elderly nursing home patients.	N/A
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Mitchell Allen Artrip</i>	0:19-CR-10	Criminal	Sentenced to 13 months' incarceration; approximately \$100,000 in restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edky/pr/ashland-man-pleads-guilty-representative-payee-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edky/pr/ashland-man-pleads-guilty-representative-payee-fraud</a>	N/A

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KENTUCKY/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Melissa Lynn Phelps</i>	2:19-CR-75-DLB-CJS	Criminal	Pleaded guilty. Awaits sentencing.	The defendant, who was serving as a caregiver for her ailing grandmother, stole money from the grandmother's checking account through the use of pre-signed checks.	N/A
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Thomas D. Inkoom</i>	5:19-CR-139	Criminal	Inkoom and Wuupini have pleaded guilty and await sentencing; Majeed is heading to trial this fall.	<a href="https://www.lex18.com/news/nicholasville-woman-loses-over-750k-in-romance-scam-3-indictedVictim">https://www.lex18.com/news/nicholasville-woman-loses-over-750k-in-romance-scam-3-indictedVictim</a> > <a href="https://www.lex18.com/news/nicholasville-woman-loses-over-750k-in-romance-scam-3-indictedVicti">https://www.lex18.com/news/nicholasville-woman-loses-over-750k-in-romance-scam-3-indictedVicti</a>	Majeed, Baaki Abdul; Wuupini, Kahad A.
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Joseph G. Peavler</i>	5:19-CR-165	Criminal	Sentenced to 30 months' incarceration; 3 years' supervised release; \$1,696,439.37 in restitution	Peavler was a property manager for an elderly widow, who owned three large warehouses. He rented out one of them without her knowledge, grossing over \$1.2mn, by representing that he or his company was the lawful owner of the warehouse. He told the elderly owner, and her estate after she died, that the warehouses were vacant.	N/A
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Ismaila S. Fafunmi</i>	5:19-CR-169	Criminal	Pleaded guilty. Awaits sentencing.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edky/pr/indianapolis-man-indicted-money-laundering-funds-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edky/pr/indianapolis-man-indicted-money-laundering-funds-elderly-victims</a>	N/A
KENTUCKY/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Donna Bradshaw</i>	3:19-cr-161	Criminal	Defendant Tammy Gilbert plead guilty on 6/25/20.	Donna Bradshaw is L.P.'s sister-in-law. Bradshaw convinced L.P. to pay for numerous alleged expenses, including medical care for a child, mortgage payments to avoid foreclosure, and taxes on an estate inheritance. As part of the fraud involving the mortgage payments, Bradshaw sent L.P. numerous emails, purportedly sent by OSHA employees, which claimed that the US government would repay monies L.P. had paid on Bradshaw's behalf. As part of the fraud involving taxes on the estate inheritance, L.P. received telephone calls, allegedly from employees of an actual law firm in Louisville. In these telephone calls, L.P. understood that he was talking to an L.T., and L.P. was told that the firm was handling the estate of T.H., and that Bradshaw was to receive over \$1 million from the estate. L.P. also received letters on the firm's letterhead, purportedly signed by S.T., an actual partner in the firm, which reflected that the firm was handling the T.H. estate and that Bradshaw was a significant beneficiary. Bradshaw subsequently contacted the firm and learned that although the firm did handle the T.H. estate, the firm was unfamiliar with Bradshaw, and all the letters were forgeries. Bradshaw also learned that the T.H. estate was valued at approximately \$14,000. Finally, the firm had never heard of L.T.	Gilbert, Tammy

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KENTUCKY/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Candi Fluhr</i>	3:19-cr-201	Criminal	Defendant plead guilty on 7/13/20.	Candy Fluhr embezzled \$825,0000 from Victim Company in Bullitt County from June 2016 through October 2017. She worked as the controller of Victim Company and was able to embezzle funds by writing checks to relatives, making unauthorized ATM withdrawals, making unauthorized purchases using a company debit card, making unauthorized transfers to her personal credit card, by making fake bank account statements, by not remitting funds withheld from employees salaries to retirement accounts, by not paying federal and state taxes, and a number of other means. She also forged the names of employees of Victim Company. Fluhr ultimately wrote a letter to her employer admitting to much of the theft. Victim Company is a closely held business owned by and elderly businessman. The owner is now unable to retire and it appears his age made him more susceptible to the embezzlement and slower to detect the wrong-doing of his employee, Fluhr.	N/A
KENTUCKY/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Robert Bondonno</i>	3:20-CR-00009	Criminal	Pending	Bondonno convinced his elderly victim to provide funds he would allegedly invest in a rehabilitation facility known as "The Wichita Project." Bondonno did not actually invest the funds as he claimed he would and instead used the funds for his own personal expenses and laundered investment funds through other business entities to hide his fraud.	Ainsworth, Bearkes Dawkins, Gregory W. Oden, Courtland Van
KENTUCKY/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Marvin Upton</i>	5:19-cr-53	Criminal	Pending	Marvin Upton is a union boilermaker and pastor of a Pentecostal church in Crofton, Kentucky, and, along with his wife, Cynthia Upton, owns C&M Consignment. In 2010, the Uptons began caring for a church member, S.G., who suffered from Alzheimer's Disease, and after Ms. G passed away, they began caring for her son, D.G., who also suffered from some form of dementia. In 2016, after she became concerned that D.G.'s money was being dissipated by the Uptons, D.G.'s aunt sought and obtained legal guardianship of D.G. Between the years of 2013-2015, the IRS believes that the Uptons obtained approximately \$687,000 from D.G. and failed to report any of this money on their tax returns, even though at least a significant portion of those funds should have been taxable, whether obtained for legitimate services provided to D.G. or through fraud.	Upton, Cynthia

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LOUISIANA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Martin Alonso Aceves Custodio</i>	2:19-cr-202	Criminal	Two of the six defendants, JESUS ADRIAN LEDESMA BERNAL and JULIO CESAR RIVERA ROJAS, have pleaded guilty. LEDESMA BERNAL was sentenced on Aug. 4, 2020, to 18 months in BOP.	This indictment involves a Mexican based criminal organization that was soliciting victims from Canada, the US and South America through a fraudulent time-share scam. In sum, telemarketers/sales people from the Mexican organization would contact Mexican time-share owners and pretend to have an interested buyer/renter. The telemarketers/salespeople used aliases and pretended to work for US based companies. Once the victim agreed to the sale/rental, the Mexican organization would begin to extract a variety of bogus fees, taxes, etc. until the victim either stopped paying or ran out of money. At no time was a sale/rental ever consummated. The six individuals arrested were all part of the Mexican organization who happened to be traveling to the United States. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/six-mexican-nationals-indicted-timeshare-telemarketing-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/six-mexican-nationals-indicted-timeshare-telemarketing-scam</a>	ANTILLON ZAHUITA, CLAUDIA ELENA: FLANERY FIERRO, LIZA: LEON KURI, SERGIO: LEDESMA BERNAL, JESUS ADRIAN: RIVERA ROJAS, JULIO CESAR.
LOUISIANA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Kevin Hanley</i>	19-cr-120	Criminal	Pending	The charges stem from the defendants' roles in a scheme to solicit medically unnecessary cancer genetic (CGx) tests from Medicare beneficiaries, have the tests approved by telemedicine doctors who did not engage in treatment of the beneficiaries, and submit claims through diagnostic testing laboratories that paid kickbacks in exchange for the referrals. Allen and his co-conspirators, through companies they controlled, solicited the tests and arranged for approvals by telemedicine providers. They then transmitted the test samples and orders to labs in Louisiana, including Acadian, where Hanley was the CFO, and elsewhere. Acadian, through Hanley and others, paid kickbacks to companies controlled by Allen and others to obtain the referrals, and submitted claims to Medicare for the tests. Acadian and other labs billed Medicare for more than \$240 million.	Mark Thomas Allen
LOUISIANA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Wallace Byers</i>	19-cr-24	Criminal	Byers sentenced to 121 months in federal prison and \$6,880,000 in restitution.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/florida-man-sentenced-federal-prison-investment-fraud-scheme-involving-baton-rouge-area">https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/florida-man-sentenced-federal-prison-investment-fraud-scheme-involving-baton-rouge-area</a>	N/A
LOUISIANA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Pamela Webb</i>	1:20-cr-00032	Criminal	Pending arraignment.	Bank employee stole funds from the safety deposit box of eighty-one year old man who has since deceased.	N/A
MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. Osakwe Ismael Osagbue</i>	8:19-cr-00448	Criminal	Osagbue, Osakwe Ismael -- four years in federal prison, three years of supervised release; restitution of \$1,365,746.24	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/california-fraudster-sentenced-maryland-four-years-federal-prison-credit-card-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/california-fraudster-sentenced-maryland-four-years-federal-prison-credit-card-fraud</a>	N/A
MARYLAND	<i>U.S. v. David James Green</i>	GLR-19-0567	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-florida-men-facing-federal-indictment-maryland-allegedly-scamming-elderly-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/two-florida-men-facing-federal-indictment-maryland-allegedly-scamming-elderly-victims</a>	McArnold, Charlemagne
MASSACHUSETTS	<i>U.S. v. Jayne Carbone</i>	1:20-cr-10048	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/saugus-woman-charged-wire-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/saugus-woman-charged-wire-fraud</a>	N/A

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MASSACHUSETTS	<i>U.S. v. Jeffrey Kellem</i>	19CR10277-WGY	Criminal	Kellem was sentenced on 12/10/2019 to 42 months imprisonment, 36 months of supervised release, \$250,000 fine and restitution of \$1,239,002.	Kellem is a Certified Public Accountant who used his position with a family business to embezzle more than \$1.6 million from the accounts of family members - one of whom was in her late 90's and the other of which has just passed away at the age of 104.	N/A
MASSACHUSETTS	<i>U.S. v. Antonita Stuard Leonard</i>	19-CR-10470-GAO	Criminal	Pending	Defendant laundered more than \$500,000 through various bank accounts. The elderly victims were contacted by telephone by purported IRS and or FBI agents, who informed them that they owed back taxes and risked prosecution if the taxes were not immediately paid. The purported agents then directed the victims to send money to the defendant.	N/A
MICHIGAN/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. David P. Schutter</i>	1:19-cr-269	Criminal	Pending	Theft of monthly social security benefits, transfer of the stolen funds to Jamaica. Only one count was charged.	Evelyn M. Hedlund
MINNESOTA	<i>U.S. v. Michael Oelrich</i>	20-CR-128	Criminal	Pending	Defendant Michael Oelrich pled guilty to conspiracy to commit mail fraud after participating in a telemarketing fraud scheme involving magazine subscription sales. Oelrich's companies used fraudulent sales scripts to defraud victim-consumers, many of whom were elderly or otherwise vulnerable, out of hundreds or even thousands of dollars. As part of the scheme, Oelrich obtained lists of consumers who had active magazine subscriptions through other companies. Oelrich directed his sales employees use a fraudulent sales script to call people on these lists and, through lies and misrepresentations, signed them up for expensive magazine subscriptions. Among other misrepresentations, Oelrich's employees falsely and fraudulently claimed they were calling from the victim-consumers' existing magazine subscription company about an existing magazine subscription. In reality, Oelrich's companies often had no relationship with the victim-consumers and were calling to defraud them. Between 2012 and 2019, Oelrich and his companies defrauded thousands of victims in numerous states, including Minnesota, out of more than \$100 million in payments.	N/A
MISSOURI/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Ojay Smith</i>	4:19CR00634 SNLJ	Criminal	SMITH, OJAY: 48 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, \$22,327.08 RESTITUTION	Defendant stole the bank account information of an elderly couple. He used the information to pay his debts and the debts of other individuals. In exchange for the payment of the debts of the third parties, the third parties would pay defendant a percentage of the debt he paid on their behalf.	N/A
MISSOURI/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Tamecia Buckley</i>	4:19CR00705 RWS	Criminal	Pending	Between February 1, 2019 and April 30, 2019, defendants used the identifying information of elderly residents of Ohio in order to fraudulently purchase cellular telephones and other electronic devices and accessories in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area.	DAVIS, ANTOINETTE

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MISSOURI/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Hamed Akande</i>	4:19CR00960 AGF/NAB	Criminal	Pending	The indictment charged that an individual identified as "L.T." targeted "M.C.," who was more than 60 years of age, commenced an online romantic relationship through the online dating website "Our Time." During the course of the romance scam, L.T requested financial assistance from victim M.C. for the purposes of, among other things, assisting with a business opportunity in Ukraine. In response and during the fraud, victim M.C. sent more than \$30,000.00 between September and November 2019 pursuant to L.T.'s instructions. Items requested by L.T. were sent to Akande's residence and eventually received by law enforcement from Akande's residence. At a status hearing conducted in connection with the government's motion for detention, the United States revealed that the scheme involved approximately 12 victims above the age of 60, and losses in excess of \$1,000,000.00.	N/A
MISSOURI/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Christopher Gibbon</i>	4:19CR01036 AGF/NAB	Criminal	Pending	Between December 1, 2016 and July 31, 2018, Gibbon acted as a money mule in a lottery scheme that targeted residents of New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Illinois who were above the age of 78. He received funds sent to him electronically and through the mails, and forwarded a portion of the funds to individuals located throughout the United States.	N/A
MISSOURI/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Kraig Gier</i>	20CR-00040-GAF	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmo/pr/independence-financial-advisor-pleads-guilty-1-million-fraud-against-elderly-clients">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdmo/pr/independence-financial-advisor-pleads-guilty-1-million-fraud-against-elderly-clients</a>	N/A
MONTANA	<i>U.S. v. Calvin Lee Lamewoman</i>	19 CR 0084	Criminal	5 years 3 mos in prison, 3 years supervised release, \$26,499.00 restitution for Medicare.	The defendant's grandmother tried to break up a fight. Her grandson assaulted her, and broke her jaw and ribs, among other serious bodily injury. The victim was in her 80s.	N/A
MONTANA	<i>U.S. v. Joshua Smells</i>	CR 19-110-BLG-SPW	Criminal	Defendant convicted by jury of beating an elderly 74-year-old man and causing facial injuries. Sentenced to 54 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release.		N/A
MONTANA	<i>U.S. v. Christopher Fulco</i>	CR 19-21-BU-DLC	Criminal	Pending		N/A
MONTANA	<i>U.S. v. Michael Lee Van Auken</i>	CR 19-64-GF-BMM	Criminal	Sentenced to 28 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$884,535.	Van Auken defrauded victims of money for investment, and the victims lost approximately \$719,340.67.	N/A
MONTANA	<i>U.S. v. Shawn Al Logan</i>	CR 19-68-BLG-SPW	Criminal	57 months in prison, five years of supervised release, \$195,949.00 in restitution.	A bank employee embezzled from an 88 year-old victim who was incompetent enough to have a power of attorney.	N/A
NEBRASKA	<i>U.S. v. Alex Ogunshakin</i>	8:19-cr-282	Criminal	Pending		Okpoh, Felix; Kayode, Abiola; Benson, Nnamdi
NEVADA	<i>U.S. v. Gina Marcks</i>	2:19-cr-315	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/five-defendants-arrested-and-indicted-india-based-telemarketing-and-email-marketing">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nv/pr/five-defendants-arrested-and-indicted-india-based-telemarketing-and-email-marketing</a>	Bond, Roger; Boonlert, Lada; Hill, Charles; Maryniak, Wendi

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NEW JERSEY	<i>U.S. v. Ramon Herrera</i>	19-CR-779	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/hudson-county-man-admits-role-wire-fraud-scheme-defraud-financial-institution-customers">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/hudson-county-man-admits-role-wire-fraud-scheme-defraud-financial-institution-customers</a>	N/A
NEW MEXICO	<i>U.S. v. Craig Young</i>	1:17-cr-01836-MV	Criminal	Two defendants have been sentenced. On March 2, 2020, Sharon Moore was sentenced to 20 years. On June 11, 2020, Craig Young was sentenced to 71 months. Susan and William Harris fled rather than appear for their sentencing on March 2, 2020. They were apprehended on April 17, 2020, and remain pending sentencing.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-nm/pr/federal-grand-jury-files-superseding-indictment-criminal-case-against-co-founders">https://www.justice.gov/usao-nm/pr/federal-grand-jury-files-superseding-indictment-criminal-case-against-co-founders</a>	Harris, Susan K; Moore, Sharon A.; Harris, William H. (in original and first superseding indictments)
NEW MEXICO	<i>U.S. v. Thomas H. Laws</i>	2:19-cr-02607-JAP	Criminal	Thomas Laws pled guilty on April 7, 2020, to four counts of wire fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft.	Defendant, a CPA and investment advisor, provided tax preparation and qualified intermediary services for elderly clients engaging in section 1031 property exchanges. He embezzled the clients' investment funds.	N/A
NEW YORK/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. John Cucinella</i>	19-CR-347 (RRM)	Criminal	Guilty plea, case awaiting sentencing.	This case involves a scheme perpetrated by the investment manager of a purported management firm located in Brooklyn. The defendant presented himself to elderly investors as a "financial concierge," telling clients that their funds would be used to invest in pre-IPO shares of private companies, but instead misappropriated nearly a \$1 million from more than 80 individuals. The defendant pleaded guilty to an information in this case.	N/A
NEW YORK/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Benjamin Conde</i>	19-CR-432	Criminal	Pending		N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Omnicare, Inc.</i>	1:15-cv-04179-CM	Civil	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/manhattan-us-attorney-files-lawsuit-against-omnicare-country-s-largest-long-term-care">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/manhattan-us-attorney-files-lawsuit-against-omnicare-country-s-largest-long-term-care</a>	CVS Health Corp.
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Lazaro Felix Rosabal Fleitas</i>	1:19-cr-631	Criminal	Guilty plea. Sentencing scheduled for December 2020.	As part of a fraud scheme, elderly victims received phone calls from an individual who typically identified himself as "Walter Elliott" and claimed that the relatives of the victims had been arrested and needed bail money. The victims were instructed by "Elliott" to send U.S. currency in packages to addresses in the Miami, Florida area. This defendant coordinated crews that provided addresses for the shipment of packages and picked up packages in and around Miami; he also coordinated transfer of the U.S. currency to Bitcoin.	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jose Antonio Viton</i>	1:19-cr-655	Criminal	Guilty plea. Sentencing scheduled for December 2020.	As part of a fraud scheme, elderly victims received phone calls from an individual who typically identified himself as "Walter Elliott" and claimed that the relatives of the victims had been arrested and needed bail money. The victims were instructed by "Elliott" to send U.S. currency in packages to addresses in the Miami, Florida area. This defendant picked up packages in the Miami area and gave them to his handler.	N/A

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NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Maria Fernanda Gutierrez Ospino</i>	1:20-cr-00102-VEC	Criminal	Pending	The charged scheme, which operated between in or about 2016 and in or about 2019, was designed to fraudulently obtain money from elderly victims in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere. In many cases, the elderly victim was falsely informed, among other things, that s/he had won a sweepstakes lottery but that, to claim the prize, s/he first needed to pay fees and/or taxes by mailing checks or wiring money to particular places or people. In some cases, the elderly victim was falsely informed that a family member or friend had been kidnapped and that s/he needed to pay a ransom.	Sancho, Jose Andre Urena
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Adrian Alfaro Diaz</i>	1:20-cr-205 (DLC)	Criminal	Pending	The defendant is charged with money laundering offenses in connection with funds obtained from elderly lottery exploitation victims.	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Michael Pizarro</i>	19 Cr. 588	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/serial-fraudster-pleads-guilty-scamming-elderly-victims-out-hundreds-thousands-dollars">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/serial-fraudster-pleads-guilty-scamming-elderly-victims-out-hundreds-thousands-dollars</a>	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Romana Leyva</i>	19 Cr. 667 (PAC)	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/two-defendants-arrested-10-million-tech-support-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/two-defendants-arrested-10-million-tech-support-fraud-scheme</a>	Ariful Haque
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. James T. Booth</i>	19 Cr. 699	Criminal	Sentencing scheduled for September 18, 2020	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/financial-adviser-pleads-guilty-running-multimillion-dollar-ponzi-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/financial-adviser-pleads-guilty-running-multimillion-dollar-ponzi-scheme</a>	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Manish Kalra</i>	19 Cr. 90 (VB)	Criminal	Sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment.	A citizen of India residing in Middleton, New York, was charged with money laundering for facilitating a technical-support fraud scheme targeting elderly individuals. The defendant opened bank accounts with at least seven banks to deposit payments from elderly victims. He received at least \$204,075 from the victims; he kept some of the money for himself and transmitted profits to co-conspirators. The defendant pled guilty to money laundering on July 30, 2019, and was sentenced on November 6, 2019 to 21 months' imprisonment.	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Lazett Fisher</i>	19 Mag. 8613	Criminal	Pending	The defendant is charged with participating in a money laundering conspiracy. Elderly victims who were told they won a lottery and needed to prepay fees in order to obtain their winnings sent money to the defendant and others, who transmitted that money to Jamaica.	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Roger Ralston</i>	19-cr-774	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ceo-security-company-charged-multimillion-dollar-stock-and-carbon-credit-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ceo-security-company-charged-multimillion-dollar-stock-and-carbon-credit-fraud</a>	N/A
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Anthony Cheedie</i>	19-cr-833 (SHS)	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/10-defendants-charged-manhattan-federal-court-running-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/10-defendants-charged-manhattan-federal-court-running-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud</a>	Allen, Chad; Hanna, Shane; Brewster, Cameron; Handren, Kevin; Ciaccio, Joseph; Minetto, Joseph; Depaola, Joseph; Larkin, Derrek; Cirilo, Mattie
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Mack Duodu</i>	20-mj-2797	Criminal	Pending	The defendant is charged with various offenses, including offenses relating to romance fraud involving elderly victims.	N/A
NEW YORK/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Keona Davis</i>	19-CR-00199-RJA	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/buffalo-woman-indicted-scheming-defraud-hurricane-victims">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/buffalo-woman-indicted-scheming-defraud-hurricane-victims</a>	N/A

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NEW YORK/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Perry Santillo</i>	19-cr-6135	Criminal	Pled guilty 10/2/2019. Sentencing scheduled for 9/15/2020.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/rochester-man-pleads-guilty-fraud-conspiracy-and-money-laundering-rochester-federal">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/rochester-man-pleads-guilty-fraud-conspiracy-and-money-laundering-rochester-federal</a>	N/A
NEW YORK/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Anthony Laughing</i>	6:20-mj-4040	Criminal	Pled guilty June 25, 2020, with sentencing scheduled for October 8, 2020.	Laughing was a money mule for a Candian lottery scam. The organizer of the scam called elderly victims in the Untied States telling them they had won the Canadian lottery and had to pay conversion taxes before they could collect their winnings. They were told to send cash in FedEx packages to mules, including Laughing, who took a portion of the money and either sent or drove the remainder to the organizer in Canada.	Laplant, Cory Garrow, Brenda Laughing, Devlin
NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Anthony March</i>	5:190CR-383-1	Criminal	Defendant pled guilty.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/wake-forest-investment-advisor-pleads-guilty-wire-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/wake-forest-investment-advisor-pleads-guilty-wire-fraud</a>	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Furman Ford</i>	5:19-CR-166-FL	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/federal-charges-and-arrest-announced-raleigh-man-who-allegedly-defrauded-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/federal-charges-and-arrest-announced-raleigh-man-who-allegedly-defrauded-elderly</a>	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Johnnie Harrell Jr.</i>	5:20CR-152-FL	Criminal	Defendant pled guilty.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/manager-zebulon-credit-union-pleads-guilty-embezzlement">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/manager-zebulon-credit-union-pleads-guilty-embezzlement</a>	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Hal Brown</i>	1:19cr114	Criminal	Defendant sentenced to 210 months in prison, 3 years supervised release, and to pay more than \$17 million as restitution.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/ashville-man-indicted-135-million-ponzi-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/ashville-man-indicted-135-million-ponzi-scheme</a>	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Mark Nicholas Pyatt</i>	1:20cr16	Criminal	Pyatt has pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/north-dakota-man-arrested-multiple-federal-charges-alleged-investment-scheme-0">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/north-dakota-man-arrested-multiple-federal-charges-alleged-investment-scheme-0</a>	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Michael Filipidis</i>	3:19cr245	Criminal	Defendant sentenced to 30 months	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/mint-hill-nc-man-charged-wire-fraud-and-aggravated-identity-theft-stealing-more-800000">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/mint-hill-nc-man-charged-wire-fraud-and-aggravated-identity-theft-stealing-more-800000</a>	N/A
NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Elizabeth Robin Williams</i>	3:19cr279	Criminal	Williams and Harrison have pled guilty, sentencing is pending for both.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/two-mint-hill-residents-plead-guilty-federal-charges-stealing-more-400000-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/two-mint-hill-residents-plead-guilty-federal-charges-stealing-more-400000-elderly</a>	Gerald Maxwell Harison ; Donna Graves
NORTH CAROLINA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Bishop Mittal</i>	3;19cr78	Criminal	Plea to conspiracy re: international tech support fraud scheme	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/north-carolina-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-international-tech-support-scam">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/north-carolina-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-international-tech-support-scam</a>	N/A
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Isa E. Jusuf</i>	1:19-cr-676	Criminal	Pending	While investigating an elder fraud case, the defendant lied to a grand jury about providing his driver's license to a target in connection with a loan scam that netted approximately \$50,000.	N/A

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OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Audrey Ivers Whitworth</i>	1:20CR042	Criminal	Pending	Audrey Ivers Whitworth worked as a Branch Manager at Farmers National Bank from November 2016 to August 5, 2019. The bank terminated her for opening her account and then using another employee's sign in to access her account. After her termination, the bank learned of a suspicious cashier's check issued from the account of the victim, who was 84 years old and had dementia. Whitworth caused a cashier's check for \$11,806 to be mailed, payable to CENLAR mortgage. The FBI interviewed Whitworth, who initially confessed only to the cashier's check. Later the FBI administered a polygraph test. Whitworth admitted to also making multiple cash withdrawals from the victim's account. Whitworth forged the victim's signature and withdrew cash on multiple occasions. The total loss amount is approximately \$84,000. Whitworth is currently a branch manager at Wayne Savings Bank.	N/A
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jamie Kidd-Dunbar</i>	1:20-mj-03016	Criminal	Pending	Jamie Kidd-Dunbar became the home health aide for the victim of Elyria, Ohio in 2016. The victim gave Jamie Kidd-Dunbar access to her Huntington National Bank debit card and associated PIN number for the sole purpose of purchasing items on the victim's behalf to include groceries. From January 2018 to June 2019, Jamie Kidd-Dunbar made unauthorized purchases on the victim's debit card in the amount of \$347,232.50. On August 20, 2019, Jamie Kidd-Dunbar was arrested by Elyria Police in this matter. Jamie Kidd-Dunbar gave Elyria Police Detectives a taped confession to using the victim's debit card for unauthorized transactions.	N/A
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Terrance Matthew Carter, III</i>	3:19-cr-356	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/three-toledo-charged-identity-theft-conspiracy-which-they-obtained-stolen-or">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/three-toledo-charged-identity-theft-conspiracy-which-they-obtained-stolen-or</a>	Gibson, Carrie Mae Carter, Angleina Marie
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Traci Ann Grillo</i>	3:19-cr-471	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/michigan-woman-indicted-allegedly-embezzling-300000-sylvania-electrical-company-and">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/michigan-woman-indicted-allegedly-embezzling-300000-sylvania-electrical-company-and</a>	N/A
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Sherry-Ann Jenkins</i>	3:20-cr-256	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/toledo-couple-indicted-fraudulent-medical-care-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/toledo-couple-indicted-fraudulent-medical-care-scheme</a>	Jenkins, Oliver H.
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Ali Abid</i>	4:19-cr-00582	Criminal	Pending	Defendant participated in a loan scam by collecting approximately \$50,000 for fictitious fees associated with a purported loan.	N/A
OHIO/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Oreatio Cecil Taylor</i>	5:20-mj-01101	Criminal	Pending	Oreatio Cecil Taylor drove to the home of an 86-year-old widow to pick up \$13,000 in cash as part of a grandparent scam. The victim had lost \$7,000 in the fraud a few days earlier. Police arrested Taylor on site and found that he was a Bahamian National, who had overstayed his visa by five years.	N/A
OHIO/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jesse Reed</i>	1:19-cr-090	Criminal	3 years probation	Defendant stole approximately \$33,000 of his mother's social security payments for his personal use.	N/A

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OKLAHOMA/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Hillary Ginn</i>	4:19-cr-00203-JED	Criminal	Pending	Hillary Ginn stole mail from mailboxes on six occasions at the Sheridan Station, a U.S. Postal Facility in south Tulsa, Oklahoma, from August 18, 2019 through September 22, 2019. Ginn stole over 1,000 checks and identifications of more than 400 individuals. Although her success rate of actually fraudulently obtaining funds from her theft of identities and checks, the damage to the Post Office and disruption of payments lost from her thefts were significant. The victims were disproportionately elderly because of their use of the mail to pay their bills using checks.	N/A
OKLAHOMA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Laura Johnson</i>	5:19-cr-00404-D-1	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdok/pr/three-indicted-warranty-deed-fraud-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdok/pr/three-indicted-warranty-deed-fraud-conspiracy</a>	Johnson, Thomas; Ashley, Cheryl
OREGON	<i>U.S. v. Karanjit Singh Khatkar</i>	3:19-cr-0030-BR	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/two-canadian-nationals-indicted-bitcoin-fraud">https://www.justice.gov/usao-or/pr/two-canadian-nationals-indicted-bitcoin-fraud</a>	Jagroop Singh Khatkar
OREGON	<i>U.S. v. Justin Matthew Yeager</i>	3:19-cr-00430-HZ	Criminal	Pending		N/A
OREGON	<i>Sherman, Mackenzie Braswell</i>	3:20-cr-00005-SI	Criminal	Pending	Defendant used falsified identifications with information from real people (one is elder) to fraudulently obtain bank loans and SNAP benefits.	N/A
OREGON	<i>U.S. v. Alfredo T. Castaneda</i>	3:20-cr-00170-BR	Criminal	Pending		N/A
PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Jabin Godspower Okpako</i>	4:CR 19-361	Criminal	Pending	Romance Fraud scheme targeting female victims throughout the United States, ranging from age 55 to 85. After cultivating online relationships with victims, the conspirators fraudulently induced victims to send funds for fictitious reasons, including to pay for medicine, repair machinery, and to make investments.	Christine Bradley Okpako
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Karl Edward Wiley</i>	17-cr-19	Criminal	Pending		Isaac Anthony Rivera
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Sue O'Neill</i>	2:19-cr-331	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-controller-marco-contractors-inc-pleads-guilty-87m-embezzlement-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/former-controller-marco-contractors-inc-pleads-guilty-87m-embezzlement-scheme</a>	N/A
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Ronnell Taylor Jr.</i>	20-cr-00017	Criminal	Pending	Defendants activated and programmed cell phones to forward numbers to VoIP numbers, which IRS imposters used to extort money from victims in the United States.	Galanis, Michael; Nealer, Barry
PUERTO RICO	<i>U.S. v. Johana Torres-Figueroa</i>	19-cr-476DRD	Criminal	Defendant sentenced to three years' probation	Defendant submitted a fraudulent application for FEMA benefits using means of identification of an elderly victim.	N/A
PUERTO RICO	<i>U.S. v. Wilson Nieves-Santiago</i>	20-071(PAD)	Criminal	Pending		N/A
RHODE ISLAND	<i>U.S. v. Angad Chandhok</i>	1:19-00083 JJM	Criminal	pending sentencing		N/A

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RHODE ISLAND	<i>U.S. v. Wisdom Oghenekaro Onyobeno</i>	1:19-cr-00115-JJM-LDA	Criminal	Pending	<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> Beginning in May 2015, victims were contacted by scammers (ONYOBENO and others) via online dating sites such as Plenty of Fish, Christian Mingle, and Our Time, and through social media platforms such as Words with Friends, often times feigning romantic intentions. The perpetrators of the scams gained the trust of their victims through any number of fraudulent representations, eventually convincing them to send money to bank accounts controlled by members of the conspiracy. Investigation is ongoing but victims identified to date, have sent over \$2 M to this part of the fraud ring. Onyobeno has been identified as purchasing high value vehicles with proceeds and sending them to Nigeria. He has also admitted to being in contact with Nigerian citizens in Nigerian to run the fraud.	Dominique Golden Syretta Scherer Breana Williams Sadae Mills
RHODE ISLAND	<i>U.S. v. Juliana Feliciano</i>	1:20-cr-0001 MSM	Criminal	Sentencing set for 1/21/2020	Elderly victims were called and told that their grandchildren were arrested and that bail needed to be sent via overnight mail	N/A
SOUTH DAKOTA	<i>U.S. v. Sheila White</i>	4:19-cr-40057	Criminal	Pending	Defendant targeted elderly mail customers, and stole prescription medications and other items of value.	N/A
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	<i>U.S. v. Frederick M. Stow</i>	3:20-cr-00110	Criminal	Pending		N/A
TENNESSEE/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Stephen Douglas Fry</i>	2:19-cr-20331-JTF	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtn/pr/financial-advisor-pleads-guilty-fraud-charges">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtn/pr/financial-advisor-pleads-guilty-fraud-charges</a>	Press Release.pdf
TEXAS/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Ivan T. Navarro-Jusino</i>	4:19-CR-192	Criminal	Sentencing June 3, 2020. Court UPWARDLY DEPARTED from USSG of 37 months to a SENTENCE OF 120 MONTHS!!! Full restitution of over \$480,000 was ordered.	Investment fraud scheme in which the defendant asserted that he could invest the victim's funds in a high-yielding investment account. In reality, after receiving the funds the defendant spent the money for his benefit. The victim lost approximately \$482,000. Defendant has entered a guilty plea to one count of wire fraud. The attached indictment states that it is sealed, but the case has been unsealed since that time.	N/A
TEXAS/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Babatope Joseph Aderinoye</i>	4:19-cr-252	Criminal	Pending	The defendant receives proceeds from various scams, including scams initiated out of Nigeria. As an example, his upstream co-conspirators deceive victims, including public school districts, to change the accounts into which they should make payments or transfer funds. The new accounts are fraudulent accounts created by the defendant. Funds are thereafter transferred to downstream fraudulent accounts, converted to cash, cars, or sent to accounts in Nigeria.	N/A
TEXAS/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Moses Moreira</i>	4:19-cr-316	Criminal	Pending	A complaint was filed in November in the Eastern District of Texas charging the defendant with engaging in a scheme that involved mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering; The investigation showed that the defendant controlled one or more bank accounts into which large sums of money generated by romance scams were deposited by unknowing females. The evidence showed that the defendant withdrew or otherwise moved the money out of the accounts, spending part of it and using most of the money to purchase autos and then have them shipped to Nigeria.; Losses identified to date from the various female victims are significant, i.e. approximately \$2 million.	N/A

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TEXAS/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Pamela Sue Hannan</i>	6:19-cr-56	Criminal	Both defendants pleaded guilty on August 6, 2020 and are pending sentencing.	Pamela Sue Hannan, 66, of Sherman, Texas, and Pamela Sue Jennings, 68, of Houston, Texas, were indicted by a federal grand jury on October 16, 2019. The defendants were both charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering. According to the indictment, Hannan and Jennings are alleged to have laundered funds received from romance scam victims and from victims of other fraudulent schemes on behalf of their co-conspirators, who were based outside of the United States. In order to facilitate the scheme, Hannan and Jennings opened bank accounts in the names of businesses which purported to provide legitimate services. In reality, these businesses were used to facilitate the money laundering scheme. Together, Hannan and Jennings received more than \$880,000 from victims of the scheme. The majority of the funds they received were subsequently transferred overseas to their co-conspirators.	Jennings, Pamela Sue
TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jan Cengiz Comu</i>	3:19-cr-112	Criminal	4 new Defendants were charged with one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and 10 counts of mail fraud. Jan Comu pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, 10 counts of mail fraud, 10 counts of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering. John Mervyn Price pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, 10 counts of mail fraud, 10 counts of wire fraud, and one count of money laundering.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-additional-individuals-charged-role-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/four-additional-individuals-charged-role-multi-million-dollar-investment-fraud-scheme</a>	Price, John Mervyn; Barnes, Harley E. III; Green, Richard Lawrence; Broyles, Daniel Thomas Sr.; Gagnier, Suzanne; Duchinsky, Joe; Duplain, Joseph; Filippo, Russell
TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Edward Agura</i>	3:20-cr-00147	Criminal	Pending	The defendant, a doctor, utilized the identities of elderly relatives and an elderly neighbor, to issue fraudulent prescriptions. The defendant would get the opioid prescriptions filled at a pharmacy and keep the drugs for his own personal use. The defendant also created medical records in the names of the victims to perpetuate the ruse.	N/A
TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Jawed Ahmad</i>	3:20-cr-0107	Criminal	Pending	The defendant and/or unknown coconspirators would contact victims via the phone impersonating "an officer." Victims would be directed to FedEx money in an effort to clear their names with the IRS, Social Security or criminal law enforcement.	N/A
TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Emmanuel Ashemuke</i>	4:19-cr-00331	Criminal	Pending	The defendants perpetuated a romance scam for over four years. As a result of the conspiracy over \$1.5 million dollars of fraud proceeds was transferred from the United States to Nigeria.	N/A
TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. Emakoji Solomon</i>	4:20-CR-18	Criminal	Pending		N/A
TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Eric Carrillo</i>	5:19-cr-00084	Criminal	Carrillo, Eric_6 months' imprisonment, \$798.40 restitution	The defendant stole mail containing financial instruments from three elderly victims and subsequently forged and negotiated the financial instruments.	N/A

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TEXAS/NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Patricia Tovar</i>	5:19-cr-00085	Criminal	Tovar, Patricia_46 months imprisonment, \$5,000 fine. Briones, Sara_12 months imprisonment	Defendants were bank employees that stole the identity of an elderly bank customer and withdrew \$60,000 from the account of another elderly customer that had recently passed away.	Briones, Sara
TEXAS/SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Md Azad</i>	20-cr-157	Criminal	Jury Trial to be scheduled		Himenshu Kumar, Sumit Kumer Singh
TEXAS/SOUTHERN	<i>Jimoh, Ganiyu</i>	H19-2036, H20-246	Criminal	Pending	Defendant used a Romance scam claiming to be a soldier in a foreign country. He obtained in excess of \$90,000.00 from elderly victims across the country. He also used money to obtain counterfeit passports to West African countries using alias names for which he was Indicted.	N/A
TEXAS/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Olumide Bankole Morakinyo</i>	A19-CR-200-RP	Criminal	Pleaded Guilty	Morakinyo resided in Canada and hired a man named Lukman Amini (who was recently sentenced: <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/new-hampshire-man-sentenced-federal-prison-launders-money-stolen-texas-retirees">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/new-hampshire-man-sentenced-federal-prison-launders-money-stolen-texas-retirees</a> ) to help him launder money from various schemes. Those schemes included identity theft that resulted in the attempted theft of over \$100,000 from the Texas Employee Retirement system as well as over \$4,000,000 in attempted tax SIF.	N/A
UTAH	<i>U.S. v. Thomas Fairbanks</i>	1:19-cr-00114	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/cache-valley-resident-charged-fraud-scheme-allegations-include-diverting-462000">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/cache-valley-resident-charged-fraud-scheme-allegations-include-diverting-462000</a>	N/A
UTAH	<i>U.S. v. Cynthia Andrews</i>	18-cr-159	Criminal	Defendant Cynthia Andrews was sentenced to 37 months custody BOP, 333,000.00 in restitution. 3 years supervised release's-defendant Curtis Andrews sentenced to 3 years probation	The defendant's elderly parents needed assistance with some authorized financial transactions they needed to make. Cynthia agreed to assist them but then kept their personal banking information for herself. She and her husband Curtis set up an online account for Cynthia's parents and then utilized that account to make wire transfers of money from the parents' account to Cynthia and Curtis' joint bank account. They then utilized that money for their own enjoyment, including purchasing illegal drugs with the money. Cynthia and Curtis then made unauthorized transfers out of a reverse mortgage line of credit that the parents had set up into the parents' bank account so that it did not appear that any money was missing. When Cynthia's father passed away in February 2015, this fraud was discovered. The total amount of electronic transfers from the Zions account to Mr. and Mrs. Andrews' account is \$219,213.64.	Andrews, Curtis

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UTAH	<i>U.S. v. Jefferson King Anyanwu</i>	2:19-cr-190	Criminal	Pending	This group of now eight defendants, almost all Nigerian nationals, and residing in the United States on student visas, used fake identities and profiles on social media websites or dating websites to befriend elderly victims and enticed them to send money to the defendants. The primary targets of this scheme were widowed women over the age of sixty-five. The defendants would befriend the widows and then convince them of a pressing financial need, such as emergency medical costs or a family member stranded overseas. Using this scheme the defendants defrauded dozens of victims out of more than \$6 million dollars. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/eight-individuals-charged-fraud-scheme-targeting-widows-created-false-identities-feigned">https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/eight-individuals-charged-fraud-scheme-targeting-widows-created-false-identities-feigned</a>	Negedu, Daniel; Adigbolo, Onoriode Kenneth; Kalu, Chukwudi Kingsley; Ukorebi, Richard; Maduagu, David; Nwanganga, Godsent; and Sotelo, Adrianna
UTAH	<i>U.S. v. Nanci Baldwin</i>	4:19-cr-00073	Criminal	Pending	Caretaker responsible for managing elderly individual's money transferred money from the elderly individual to her personal account without permission and spent it.	N/A
UTAH	<i>U.S. v. Frank Powell</i>	4:19-cr-128	Criminal	Defendant Frank Powell sentenced to 120 months custody BOP. Defendant Gloria Powell sentenced to 4 months custody. 3 years supervised release. Defendant Faye Renteria sentenced to 36 months custody. Defendant Bubby Shepherd pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 21 months custody. Defendant Terrence Powell pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 yrs probations. Defendant Rocky Powell pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 21 months custody. Defendant Martell Powell pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 yrs probation. Defendant Angela McDuffie is awaiting trial currently set for 12/14/20.	Romance scam involving elderly widow and a man on parole for murder. Family members helped Frank Powell in defrauding the victim by performing subpar work on residence and charging exorbitant amounts and laundering the money.	SHEPHERD, Bubby POWELL, Gloria RENTERIA, Faye POWELL, Terrence POWELL MOTT, Rocky POWELL, Martell MCDUFFIE, Angela
UTAH	<i>U.S. v. James Ammon</i>		Criminal	Pending	Closed pharmacy run by a pharmacist whose principle patients are elderly undergoing kidney dialysis and or have received kidney transplant. Pharmacist has lost his license but continues to submit prescriptions to insurance but not delivery medication. Patients attempting to obtain live-saving medicine cannot because the physical pharmacy is closed and other pharmacies are rejecting prescriptions because insurance has already for it.	N/A

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VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Alberto Cortes Gomez</i>	1:19-cr-189	Criminal	Gomez, Alberto: 87 months' imprisonment, \$0 fine, \$1,913,044.44 restitution.	From at least April 2011 through June 2018, Alberto Cortes Gomez ("Cortes") was the leader of a conspiracy to steal credit cards and other identifying information from customers at retail stores across the country, then use that information to purchase electronics and other items that were then shipped for subsequent resale. Cortes, a Colombian citizen who resided primarily in Florida during the conspiracy, would travel in rental vehicles to locations with high volumes of retail activity, often in interstate corridors such as I-95 through North Carolina and Virginia. The conspirators would then distract shoppers, mostly elderly women, steal their wallets, and then alter means of identification to then pose as those shoppers when purchasing electronics and other expensive items for shipment and resale. Cortes's undoing was using a variety of Best Buy rewards accounts that law enforcement linked back to him, enabling HSI and the FBI to determine the scope of the conduct. In total, Cortes and his conspirators stole financial information from at least 360 individuals and fraudulently purchased more than \$1.9 million in goods as a result of those thefts, including more than \$240,000 from Virginia residents.	N/A
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Anikkhan Yusufkhan Pathan</i>	1:20-CR-20	Criminal	Pathan, Anikkhan Yusufkhan: 15 months imprisonment; \$149,54.72 in restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/indian-national-sentenced-international-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/indian-national-sentenced-international-fraud-scheme</a>	N/A
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Mary Doenlen</i>	2:19-cr-172	Criminal	Doenlen, Mary: 24 months' imprisonment, \$0 fine, \$134,655 restitution	Defendant embezzled and stole over \$130,000 from her employer while working as an administrative bookkeeper at a real estate brokerage and property management company, which is owned by an elderly victim. Using an alias, defendant diverted rent payments from property owners managed by the company to her personal account and then used the money for personal expenditures, including bills, shopping, and entertainment.	N/A

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VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. William Onyebuchi Ogbonna</i>	2:19-cr-84	Criminal	Ogbonna, William Onyebuchi: 109 months imprisonment, \$0 fine, \$1,619,917.27 restitution	<p>Between October 2016 and March 2019, defendant participated in a conspiracy to defraud between 80 and 100 US victims, the majority of whom were 60 years of age and older. To facilitate this scheme, conspirators contacted victims and falsely claimed that the victims were due a large inheritance or had won a foreign lottery. Conspirators told victims they would receive large sums in return for up-front payments of the associated taxes and fees. Conspirators also perpetrated business email compromise scams by compromising business emails and then contacting business clients and employees and requesting a transfer of funds. In all cases, conspirators directed victims to wire money to various bank accounts, including accounts opened by Ogbonna. After receiving these proceeds, Ogbonna transferred a portion of those proceeds via cashier's checks and wires to conspirators in China and Nigeria. To conceal his fraud, Ogbonna filed multiple false tax returns omitting his criminally derived income.</p> <p><a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/man-sentenced-39-million-international-fraud-conspiracy">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/man-sentenced-39-million-international-fraud-conspiracy</a></p>	N/A
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Leonard Cipolla</i>	3:19-cr-126	Criminal	Cipolla, Leonard: 121 months imprisonment; \$5,150,479.73 restitution	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/man-pleads-guilty-investment-fraud-scheme">https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/man-pleads-guilty-investment-fraud-scheme</a>	N/A
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Gregory J. Ziglar</i>	4:19-cr-30	Criminal	Ziglar, Gregory: 132 months imprisonment, \$0 fine, \$325,522 restitution..	Ziglar ran an extensive scheme home improvement loan scheme from approximately 2014 through 2018. Ziglar victimized approximately twenty-four sets victims/households from 2014-2018 (ranging in age from 32 – 82, with the vast majority being in their 60s and 70s), claiming he could facilitate obtaining home improvement loans (total amount of \$521k) for promised renovations, diverting portions of the funds and not completing the promised work. Ziglar fraudulently made use of the identities of various contractors in obtaining the loans. Trial is set to begin on 1/21/2020.	N/A
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Christopher A. Phillips</i>	4:20-cr-30	Criminal	Phillips, Christopher A. pleaded guilty to one count of mail fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft on July 28, 2020. Sentencing set for December 11, 2020.	Ten of twelve victims over 60. Defendant primarily targeted elderly victims in rural counties. Defendant stole mail in order to garner personal information to open new debit and credit cards in victims' names, and without their consent. Defendant then stole the cards from the mail before unwitting victims knew of identity theft.	N/A
WASHINGTON/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Wayne Jerome Houston</i>	3:20-cr-05003-RJB	Criminal	Pending	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/owner-kitsap-county-guardianship-business-pleads-guilty-stealing-disabled-and-elderly">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/owner-kitsap-county-guardianship-business-pleads-guilty-stealing-disabled-and-elderly</a>	N/A

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WEST VIRGINIA/ NORTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Randall Smail</i>	2:20CR2	Criminal	Pending	The defendant persuaded Victim, a person over the age of 60, to invest in an auto body shop in Washington, PA, for \$700,000. The defendant told Victim his money was tied up in Bitcoin and he couldn't withdraw it without tax consequences. The defendant created fictitious bank statements indicating he had 10M in a Clearview Federal Credit Union account and 640M in Bitcoin. The defendant showed the account statements to Pendleton Community Bank when applying for the loan with the Victim. The defendant guaranteed the loan would be repaid within 6 months because he would withdraw 200K at a time from Bitcoin. He stated he would transfer this money into his Merrill Lynch account, and then he would apply it towards the loan. The bank relied on the misrepresentations to grant the loan to Victim and the defendant for \$552,553.90. Victim then took out an additional 150K from his line of credit for the investment. The defendant represented to Pendleton Bank and Victim that his assets would also pay back the 150K line of credit from Victim. The loan is in arrears, and Victim sold land he held for collateral to apply towards the loan. GJ subpoenas reveal that the defendant never had a Merrill Lynch account, had \$0 in his Bitcoin account, and never had 10M at Clearview Federal Credit Union. In a proffer, the defendant admitted to creating the fake account statements.	N/A
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Patricia Dudding</i>	3:20-cr-00042	Criminal	Pending	Press release forthcoming at the time of indictment next month.	N/A
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	<i>U.S. v. Approximately \$29,781.79 Seized From Huntington Federal Savings Bank</i>	3:20-CV-50	Civil	Pending		N/A
WISCONSIN/EASTERN	<i>U.S. v. Hardik Patel</i>	19-CR-141	Criminal	Sentencing: On 2/7/2020, Shekh was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment and ordered to pay \$216,700 in restitution; Patel sentencing pending due to pandemic issues.	Patel and Shekh both served as bag men for an IRS impersonation scheme which originated in India and targeted elderly victims by phone. Callers would claim to be from the United States government and told victims that they owed money for various reasons that had to be paid immediately to avoid jail time or other serious consequences. These defendants collected money sent by victims at the direction of other, unknown scheme participants to the tune of approximately \$220,000 over a two month period before they were arrested. Both defendants pled guilty to mail fraud in November 2019.	Shekh, Mahmadyasin
WISCONSIN/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Jamie Smith</i>	18-cr-00163-wmc	Criminal	Sentencing held on 12/11/2019 for Jamie Smith (1), Count 1, 54 months BOP, 3 years S/R, \$100 C/A, \$1,137,099; Restitution; Count 2-23, dismissed on government motion. Voluntary Surrender; date set for 1/13/2020.	Smith defrauded his clients by misappropriating their money and property. He did this by not honoring his coin transaction agreements with his clients, and failing to tell them he was using their money and property for his own uses and personal expenses.	N/A

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WISCONSIN/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Odiah</i>	19-cr-81	Criminal	Sentenced on 5-20-20. Received a 54-month prison sentence.	Odiah pled guilty on January 15, 2020 to conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with a wire fraud scheme that involved computer-based fraud schemes originating in Nigeria and Ghana that targeted victims in the United States, many of them elderly. The scheme involved romance fraud. Odiah's role was to help collect, conceal, and redirect the fraud proceeds using seven different bank accounts he maintained under two fake identities in the United States. From 2017 to 2019, over \$600,000 in fraud proceeds were deposited into these seven bank accounts.	N/A
WISCONSIN/WESTERN	<i>U.S. v. Aston Wood</i>	3:19-cr-00133-jdp	Criminal	Pending	Defendant purchased a list of homes in foreclosure in WI, IA, and IL and contacted homeowners offering his services. He represented to them that he could stop their foreclosure and keep them in their house. It appears that Wood defrauded these individuals in a number of ways, including having them direct their mortgage payments to him rather than their mortgage company.	N/A
WYOMING	<i>U.S. v. Robert Mitchell</i>	2:19-cr-00026-ABJ	Criminal	Trial scheduled to begin Feb 2021.	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-wy/united-states-v-robert-william-mitchell-et-al">https://www.justice.gov/usao-wy/united-states-v-robert-william-mitchell-et-al</a>	Herman, Justin; Winters Chuck; Horn, Ian

## APPENDIX B: ALL OUTREACH AND TRAININGS<sup>84</sup>

Component or USAO	Event Description	Event Date	Approximate Number of Attendees	Description of Attendees
ALASKA	Alaska Independent Mortgage Brokers Association - Elder Fraud briefing to community group. Conducted by FBI.	7/23/2019	30.00	Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
ALASKA	Anchorage Area Fraud Group - Financial Industry Liaison relating to Elder Fraud. Conducted by FBI.	8/27/2019	25.00	Industry
ALASKA	Parish Senior Center members, primarily elderly. Conducted by FBI.	9/5/2019	35.00	Consumers or consumer groups
ALASKA	Anchorage Area Fraud Group - Financial Industry Liaison relating to Elder Fraud. Conducted by FBI.	9/24/2019	25.00	Industry
ALASKA	Anchorage Public Safety Committee meeting, discussed Elder exploitation. Conducted by FBI.	10/2/2019	20.00	Industry
ALASKA	In person outreach event at the Anchorage Senior Center on Fraud. The event focused on addressing elder abuse, identity theft and common fraud. We distributed flyers addressing these types of fraud.	10/23/2019	12.00	Industry
ALASKA	AARP Telephonic Town Hall to Combat COVID-19 Fraud	6/1/2020	300.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
ANTITRUST DIVISION	Victims' Rights Training	5/19/2020	23.00	ATR attorneys and paralegals
ANTITRUST DIVISION	Victims' Rights Training	6/25/2020	27.00	ATR attorneys and paralegals
ANTITRUST DIVISION	Victims' Rights Training	6/29/2020	9.00	ATR attorneys and paralegals
ANTITRUST DIVISION	Victims' Rights Training	6/30/2020	27.00	ATR attorneys and paralegals
ANTITRUST DIVISION	Victims' Rights Training	7/1/2020	25.00	ATR attorneys and paralegals
ARIZONA	Bank Intel Meeting - Meeting with Federal, local law enforcement and various bank representatives	7/18/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
ARIZONA	Attended Bank Intel Meeting with federal, local law enforcement and various bank officials	8/15/2019	18.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
ARIZONA	Multi-disciplinary meeting with Adult Protective Services, federal and local law enforcement	9/5/2019	22.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	APS/Law Enforcement MDT	10/2/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	Multi-disciplinary team meeting with Adult Protective Services (APS). Case presentations conducted by APS.	10/3/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	SAFEE Meeting (Stop Abuse & Financial Exploitation of Elders). Meeting with State, local LEO, bank official, and elder support group representative.	10/9/2019	12.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	AZ AG's Office Taskforce Against Senior Abuse advisory committee meeting	10/16/2019	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	Identity Theft class for seniors at large retirement community in Florence, Arizona. Presented with IRS Cls.	11/4/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
ARIZONA	APS/Law Enforcement MDT Meeting	11/6/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	Elder Financial Exploitation presentation to financial intelligence and fraud SAR filing unit at Discover Financial Services	11/18/2019	40.00	Industry
ARIZONA	Elder Justice Outreach Presentation by U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI to seniors at a Retirement Community Center (Fountains at La Choya in Tucson, AZ)	11/21/2019	33.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups

<sup>84</sup> The total number of outreach and training events in Appendix B is 585.

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ARIZONA	APS/Law Enforcement MDT Meeting	12/4/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	Multi-Disciplinary Team Meeting with Adult Protective Services (APS). Case presentations conducted by APS.	12/5/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section/Women's White Collar Defense Association White Collar Crime Roundtable: presentation regarding elder justice	1/8/2020	40.00	White collar attorneys
ARIZONA	SAFEET Meeting (Stop Abuse & Financial Exploitation of Elders) at the State Attorney General's Office	1/8/2020	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	Arizona Attorney General's Office Task Force Against Senior Abuse quarterly advisory board meeting	1/15/2020	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ARIZONA	Elder Justice Initiative Outreach Event hosted by the Pima Council on Aging (PCOA). Presentation by U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI.	1/27/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
ARIZONA	COVID and Elder Fraud virtual town hall hosted by AARP and presented by the U.S. Attorney's Office and FBI	6/9/2020	1000.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
ARKANSAS/EASTERN	U.S. Attorney Visit to Senior Center	8/6/2019	75.00	Consumers or consumer groups
ARKANSAS/EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation to U.S. Bankruptcy Trustees	9/11/2019	75.00	Federal law enforcement
ARKANSAS/EASTERN	Filmed educational television special titled "Fighting Fraud and Scams" for AETN, Arkansas Educational Television Network.	12/12/2019	2500000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
ARKANSAS/EASTERN	Flier - distributed to the Arkansas Health Care Association and Arkansas Assisted Living Association, warning of COVID-19 scams targeting the elderly.	4/1/2020	Not Tracked	
ARKANSAS/WESTERN	Bentonville AR Senior Citizen Meeting	12/30/2019	75.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	Protecting Older Adults from Fraud: A common Ground Conference	8/6/2019	150.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	Training to FBI agents Re: Investigating and Charging Elder Financial Exploitation	8/15/2019	80.00	Federal law enforcement
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	Ventura County Adult Abuse Prevention Council- Stop Senior Scams	10/23/2019	40.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	Tackling Elder Fraud Exploitation at the Women's City Club of Pasadena.	12/2/2019	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	AARP Tele-Town Hall California on Scams Related to Coronavirus and COVID-19. CDCA arranged Tele-Town Hall with Los Angeles AARP FraudWatch and invited all USAOs in California to participate. Four prosecutors and an FBI agent educated audience members on COVID-19 scams and how to spot and avoid them. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/federal-prosecutors-team-aarp-provide-californians-information-scams-related">https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/federal-prosecutors-team-aarp-provide-californians-information-scams-related</a>	4/20/2020	5000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/CENTRAL	Protect Yourself from Imposter Scams. Zoom presentation to local older adults affiliated with senior centers run by local NGO.	5/5/2020	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/EASTERN	Presentation with FBI and IRS to elder justice professionals at quarterly Sacramento Financial Abuse Specialist Team meeting.	9/11/2019	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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CALIFORNIA/EASTERN	Presentation to Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance. AUSA (and EJC) Hitchcock and SSA SA Fagan presented to a group of elder fraud and abuse prevention professionals.	10/16/2019	50.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/EASTERN	AARP telephonic townhall to help California residents identify and avoid COVID-19 fraud schemes. EJC participated on a panel with FBI and representatives from other CA districts.	4/20/2020	5500.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/EASTERN	(Virtual) roundtable conducted by EJC and FAUSA with elder justice professionals in our district to discuss fraud awareness, information on reporting tools, and COVID-19 related fraud. Heard about issues facing this community and brainstormed additional outreach.	5/7/2020	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	Federal Trade Commission, Working together to protect Norther California Consumers at 90 7th St. Federal Building, San Francisco, CA.	9/24/2019	150.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	Alameda County DA Elder Abuse cross training	10/5/2019	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
CALIFORNIA/NORTHERN	Financial Abuse Prevention Presentation	12/11/2019	15.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	2nd Annual Elder Financial Exploitation Intensive (UTHealth Consortium on Aging in Houston, TX): Taking Stock of Financial Exploitation Research	7/11/2019	200.00	APS and other elder justice professionals
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	NAPSA Conference (Colorado): How DOJ is Helping APS Clients	8/21/2019	150.00	APS and other elder justice professionals
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	NAPSA Conference (Colorado): Confidentiality Open Forum	8/22/2019	120.00	APS and other elder justice professionals
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	USAO Southern States Conference (Florida), Serving Vulnerable Victims	8/27/2019	800.00	Victim Specialist, Law Enforcement, AUSA's, Law Enforcement,
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Region B SORH: Regional Partnership Meeting Elder Justice Initiative in Georgia	8/28/2019	100.00	SORH Administrators
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	ElderSafe: The Cognitive Science Behind Financial Scams (Bethesda, MD)	9/19/2019	60.00	Community
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	The Legal Risk Detector: Powering Community Partnerships to Address Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation (Online)	9/26/2019	300.00	Law Enforcement, attorneys, APS, Community Services and other aging organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	NAC Training Working with Vulnerable Victim Populations in Department Priority Cases: Understanding Normal Cognitive Aging, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Dementia (South Carolina)	9/27/2019	80.00	Victim Specialists
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	NAC Conference: Elder Abuse Through an Advocacy Lens (NAC, Columbia, SC)	9/27/2019	80.00	Victim Specialists
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Part II - Starting a Risk Detector Initiative in Your Community: Case Studies from the Field (Online)	10/15/2019	300.00	Law Enforcement, attorneys, APS, Community Services and other aging organizations. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyiP_HSubA8&amp;feature=emb_logo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyiP_HSubA8&amp;feature=emb_logo</a>
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Part III - Online Legal Forms to Mitigate and Protect Against Common Forms of Abuse (Online)	10/24/2019	300.00	Law Enforcement, Attorneys, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Interfaith Domestic Violence Conference, Governors Office (Annapolis, Maryland)	10/29/2019	500.00	Clergy, Law Enforcement, Victim Specialists, Prosecutors, APS, Social Services

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CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Mapping Elder Justice Networks (Online)	1/21/2020	278.00	Law Enforcement, Attorneys, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Michigan AG's Office received training on SAFTA (Virtual)	1/27/2020	8.00	Michigan AG's Office
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Understanding Elder Abuse in Rual America Webinar	2/7/2020	Not Tracked	Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Federal Resources for Elder Abuse Webinar	2/21/2020	Not Tracked	Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Tamkin Symosium: Introducing the National Elder Abuse Victim Services Needs Assessment (Pasadena, CA)	2/27/2020	200.00	Elder justice researchers
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Bayshore Pointe Nursing and Rehab Center in Tampa, FL	3/2/2020	25.00	Nursing home residents and staff
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Keeping Seniors Safe Summit (Resources table) (Tampa, FL)	3/3/2020	650.00	General Public, Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Other Elder Justice Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	SAFTA Training: New Tool for Displaying Financial Records (Online)	3/3/2020	298.00	Law Enforcement, Attorneys, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living During the COVID-19 Emergency (Online)	4/3/2020	300.00	Attorneys, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	New Policies Related to COVID-19 at SSA (Online)	4/10/2020	300.00	Attorneys, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Medicare Coverage and COVID-19 (Online)	4/14/2020	300.00	Attorneys, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	APS TARC (Online)	4/27/2020	917.00	All groups
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	North Carolina Regional Elder Abuse Virtual Training (Online)	5/20/2020	120.00	All groups
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	State Elder Justice Coalitions: Informing Services and Influencing Public Policy (Online)	6/2/2020	149.00	Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Adapting Your MDT to a Virtual Environment (Online)	6/15/2020	204.00	Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Lifting Up Voices: Law Enforcement WEAAD Celebration (Online)	6/18/2020	449.00	Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Elder Fraud Prevention and Response Networks – Building Collaboration to Fight Exploitation and Abuse (Online)	6/20/2020	853.00	All groups
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Introducing the National Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Listserv Community (Online)	6/22/2020	83.00	Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Taking Stock of Financial Exploitation	7/11/2019	200.00	Elder Justice Professionals
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Neuropsychology behind Financial Scams Webinar	7/14/2020	500.00	Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Community Services and other Aging Organizations, Consumers and consumer groups
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Creative Funding Solutions for Elder Justice Networks with CFPB (Online)	9/19/2020	500.00	All groups
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement) (Online)	Ongoing	141.00	Law Enforcement, APS
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting Tool (SAFTA) (Online)	Ongoing	267.00	Law Enforcement, APS

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CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Roll Call Videos - Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: A series of six roll call videos for patrol officers	Ongoing	Not Tracked	Law Enforcement
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Elder Justice YouTube Channel	Ongoing	Not Tracked	General Public, Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Other Elder Justice Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Elderjustice.gov English	Ongoing	485954.00	General Public, Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Other Elder Justice Organizations
CIVIL DIVISION - ELDER JUSTICE INITIATIVE	Elderjustice.gov Spanish	Ongoing	1870.00	General Public, Attorneys, Law Enforcement, APS, Other Elder Justice Organizations
COLORADO	How The Department of Justice is Helping APS Clients	8/19/2019	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
COLORADO	Governor's Strategic Action Planning Group on Aging	8/23/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
COLORADO	National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Mountain Region Conference Call	11/25/2019	7.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
COLORADO	Elder Frauds: Trends, Prosecution, Reporting and Prevention. AUSA Fields sat on a panel with state and local prosecutors to talk about the USAO's work to deter and punish fraud schemes targeting the elderly, including his Iqbal/Rashid case and the Luton lottery case.	1/29/2020	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
COLORADO	Virtual Meet and Greet between United States Attorney's Office and FBI, SEC, Colorado AG's, and Colorado Division of Securities. Discussed law enforcement during COVID, and schemes targeting elderly.	5/1/2020	12.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
COLORADO	Financial Security Coalition, sponsored by the Colorado Attorney General's Office	5/14/2020	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
COLORADO	Securities Fraud Working Group	5/21/2020	40.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
COLORADO	Elder Justice Coordinating Council Meeting	6/10/2020	75.00	Federal law enforcement
COLORADO	U.S. Dept of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline to Assist Victims of Financial Fraud	6/17/2020	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
COLORADO	Provided via email Coronavirus Fraud Flyer (created by NDGA and modified for D. Colo.) to Balfour Senior Living facilities and to Leading Age Colorado (an organization that provides resources and connections to senior living and care providers). Balfour will provide flyer to all of its residents and Leading Age will distribute to other senior living facilities. Number of recipients below is an estimate.	6/26/2020	300.00	Consumers or consumer groups
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH	DOJ's Consumer Protection Branch presented in webinar entitled "Building Collaboration between Financial Institutions and Law Enforcement to Prevent and Address Elder Financial Abuse"	7/25/2019	4195.00	Federal, state, and local law enforcement and bank personnel, including BSA officers
CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH	DOJ's Consumer Protection Branch presented to audience about elder fraud typologies and DOJ's prevention and enforcement efforts	10/2/2019	200.00	Financial regulators, financial industry employees, researchers, and nonprofit representatives

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CONSUMER PROTECTION BRANCH	DOJ's Consumer Protection Branch presented Presented in webinar entitled, "Suspicious Activity Reports – Taking your Elder Financial Abuse Investigations to the Next Level"	6/23/2020	1130.00	Social services, law enforcement, and victim assistance
COPS OFFICE	Webinar (promoted on COPS Twitter & Facebook)	6/18/2020	134.00	Local law enforcement, DA and other service providers
COPS OFFICE	Community Policing Dispatch Electronic Newsletter - "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)" <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>	6/10/2020	104.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners. <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>
COPS OFFICE	Community Policing Dispatch Electronic Newsletter - "Serving the Needs of the Older Adult Community: Ways to Handle Elder Abuse Calls" <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>	5/10/2020	69.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners. <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>
COPS OFFICE	Elder Justice Initiative Resources Brochure at the IACP Annual Conference and online distribution	10/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	550.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners
COPS OFFICE	The Beat Podcasts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Role of Law Enforcement in Recognizing and Responding to Elder Abuse</li> <li>• Financial Exploitations &amp; Scams Are a Crime: Correcting Misperceptions and Collecting Evidence</li> <li>• Serving the Needs of the Older Adult Community: Ways to Handle Elder Abuse Calls</li> </ul>	6/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	295.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners. <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/thebeat">https://cops.usdoj.gov/thebeat</a>
COPS OFFICE	Community Policing Dispatch Electronic Newsletter - "Elder Justice Resources" <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>	Since June 1, 2019	491.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners
COPS OFFICE	Community Policing Dispatch Electronic Newsletter - "Teaming Up to Fight Financial Abuse of Older Adults" <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>	Since June 1, 2019	408.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners
COPS OFFICE	Community Policing Dispatch Electronic Newsletter - "Exploitation of Seniors: A Training Opportunity for Law Enforcement on Financial Crimes Against the Elderly" <a href="https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/">https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/dispatch/</a>	Since June 1, 2019	103.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners
COPS OFFICE	COPS Office Training Portal - Elder Justice Resources <a href="https://copstrainingportal.org/elder-justice-resources/">https://copstrainingportal.org/elder-justice-resources/</a>	Since August 5, 2019	200.00	Local, state and tribal law enforcement and their partners
CRIMINAL DIVISION	USIBC/FTC Workshop: Building on Success: Partnerships to Combat Call Center Fraud (Public/Private Outreach and Training) (AT&T Center and FTC HQ, Washington, D.C.)	June 20-21, 2019	125.00	International/domestic federal and local law enforcement agencies; federal/local prosecutors; federal agency partners; private companies effected by Call Center Fraud
DELAWARE	Money Mules and How to Avoid Them	1/16/2020	60.00	Federal law enforcement; Consumers or consumer groups
DELAWARE	COVID-Related Flyer Distribution with Meals on Wheels	4/1/2020	800.00	Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
DELAWARE	AARP Live Video and Webinar	5/12/2020	75.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Domestic Violence Presentation for Seniors - Explained what is domestic violence, who the victims and abusers are, how to report domestic violence and provided resources and prevention information.	10/8/2019	90.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Senior Scams and Fraud Presentation - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	10/16/2019	9.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Ambassador Training on Elder Abuse - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	10/17/2019	12.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Substance Abuse Among Elderly Presentation - Opioid and alcohol awareness, prevention, treatment and resource information.	10/29/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Fraud Presentation - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	11/1/2019	8.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Veterans Day Resource Fair - Provided resource information for seniors pertaining to fraud and elder abuse.	11/7/2019	75.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Senior Scams and Fraud Presentation - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	11/12/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Domestic Violence Presentation for Seniors - Explained what is domestic violence, who the victims and abusers are, how to report domestic violence and provided resources and prevention information.	11/15/2019	45.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Fraud & Scams Presentation for Seniors - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	11/18/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse - Defined elder abuse; forms of abuse and how to recognize abuse.	11/18/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse Senior Presentation - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	11/20/2019	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Ambassador Training on Elder Abuse - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	11/21/2019	9.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Fraud & Scams Presentation - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	12/2/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse Presentation - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	12/6/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	YMCA Capital View Program Senior Presentation - Provided an overview and resource information pertaining to fraud and elder abuse.	12/12/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse Presentation - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	12/19/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Ambassador Training on Elder Abuse Presentation - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and evention information.	12/19/2019	10.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Ambassador Training on Elder Abuse Presentation - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	12/19/2019	10.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Senior Safety Presentation - Provided various safety tips to senior citizens and various crime prevention information that can be utilized inside and outside homes.	2/28/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse Presentation - Explained what is elder abuse, who the victims and abusers are, described the forms of elder abuse, how to recognize signs and provided resources and prevention information.	3/5/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Fraud and scams - gave seniors info on how to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and how to report if you are a victim.	3/31/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse Presentation - defined elder abuse, forms of abuse and how to recognize abuse.	5/5/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Fraud & Scams Presentation - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	6/2/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Opioid Awareness	6/2/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Elder Abuse Presentation - defined elder abuse, forms of abuse and how to recognize abuse.	6/8/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Fraud & Scams Presentation - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	6/16/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Financial Crimes Committed Against Vulnerable Adults - provided seniors with info on bank scams and identify theft scams.	6/25/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	Fraud & Scams Presentation for Seniors - Provided seniors with information to protect themselves from scams, how to identify fraudsters and the importance of reporting victimization.	6/29/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at retirement facilities/mailers - FBI Miami	May 2020-July 2020	130.00	FBI Miami sent mailers to Assisted Living Facilities and Community Centers containing information related to common Elder Fraud scams, provided DOJ and FTC pamphlets related to elder abuse and financial exploitation, and provided a CD of former FBI Director Webster discussing his conversation with a person trying to take advantage of him

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach - USAO District of MA w/ FBI Boston	7/22/2020	5600.00	AARP sponsored, MA seniors, discussed romance scams, medicare overbilling, billing for testing not conducted, money mules
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Facebook Live Seminar - USAO Western District of NC w/ FBI Charlotte	7/20/2020	Not Tracked	Discussed romance scams, money mule schemes and identity theft
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	AARP Online and FBIHQ	7/16/2020	Not Tracked	Identity Thieves File Phony Unemployment Claims in Multiple States ( <a href="https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/fake-unemployment-claims.html">https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/fake-unemployment-claims.html</a> )
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Virtual Outreach- FBI Detroit	6/24/2020	20.00	Men's Club of Grosse Pointe members, discussed crimes targeting senior citizens to bring awareness and as a preventative measure
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Television Outreach - FBI Norfolk	6/18/2020	30000.00	Provided a security awareness briefing about identity theft, financial crimes, and the actions the public can do to make themselves "harder" targets for identity theft. Also discussed the ways the public can protect their personal financial accounts, as well as the financial accounts of their elderly relatives.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Webex Training on elder fraud with FBI Detroit	6/17/2020	20.00	Registered Investment Advisers (RIA) of American Group Retirement Strategy, discussed crimes targeting the elderly and how the RIAs could prevent clients from becoming victims of financial crimes
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach with AARP - FBIHQ	6/17/2020	Not Tracked	12 Tips from Top Feds to Avoid Fraud During the Pandemic ( <a href="https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/expert-tips-fraud-pandemic.html">https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/expert-tips-fraud-pandemic.html</a> )
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach with SiriusXM Radio - FBIHQ		Not Tracked	Siriusxm listeners heard how to Avoid Becoming a Victim to Romance Scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach- USAO District of Nevada w/ FBI Las Vegas	6/16/2020	Not Tracked	Discussed COVID-19 scams and how the elderly are being affected by these scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Virtual Panel - USAO, FBI Charlotte, IRS-CID, USPIS	6/15/2020	90.00	Discussed preventing cyber and elder fraud schemes and how to report fraud
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training - FBI Newark at New Jersey Bankers' Association	6/10/2020	100.00	New Jersey Bankers' Association members, provided a financial fraud within financial institutions briefing Elder Abuse Investigative briefings to the New Jersey financial sector
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach Telephonic and Facebook - USAO District of Arizona w/ FBI Pheonix	6/9/2020	Not Tracked	AARP sponsored telephonic town hall providing information to Arizona residences to help identify and avoid fraudulent schemes, including COVID-19 related scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach- FBI New Orleans	5/28/2020	5000.00	AARP sponsored telephonic town hall providing an overview of Elder Financial Abuse Frauds, how to report the frauds and tips for discerning elder fraud
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach- FBI New Orleans	5/28/2020	5000.00	AARP sponsored telephonic town hall provided an overview of elder frauds, how to report fraud, and tips for discerning elder fraud specifically those seen during the COVID-19 pandemic
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach with AARP online - FBIHQ	4/27/2020	Not Tracked	FBI official warns of more Coronavirus scams as outbreak persists, discussing scams which affect all ages ( <a href="https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/fraud-trends-coronavirus.html?intcmp=AE-HP-TTN-R3-POS2-REALPOSS-TODAY">https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2020/fraud-trends-coronavirus.html?intcmp=AE-HP-TTN-R3-POS2-REALPOSS-TODAY</a> )
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach - USAO Central District of CA w/ FBI Los Angeles	4/20/2020	Not Tracked	Discussed COVID-19 scams and how the elderly are being affected by these scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach (LivePD) - FBIHQ	4/4/2020	Not Tracked	

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training- FBI Las Vegas Field Office	3/12/2020	20.00	2020 Las Vegas Citizen's Academy, discussed health care fraud, elder fraud and money laundering facilitation
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach with USAO- Minneapolis EJC and FBI Minneapolis	3/10/2020	500.00	AARP sponsored telephonic town hall answering questions on topics from robocall scams to Medicare fraud scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI Cleveland at Divinity Lutheran Church, Parma, Ohio	2/25/2020	30.00	Sneior Group, discussed elder fraud, money laundering facilitation and other financial crimes
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI Miami at Carl Schechter Community Center	2/25/2020	50.00	Community members, discussed elder fraud and what to do if victimized
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI WFO Fox 5 DC Interview	2/12/2020	Not Tracked	Fox5 DC viewers heard about romance scams costing Americans millions of dollars per year
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI San Antonio at APS Finacial Advisor and Compliance Event	2/11/2020	40.00	Compliance officers and financial advisers from financial institutions, discussed the FBI's Elder Abuse Initiative, use of elderly as money mules and resources available
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI WFO and NPR Radio	2/4/2020	Not Tracked	NPR radio listeners heard about romance scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- USAO Middle District of Pennsylvania w/ FBI Philadelphia	1/28/2020	9000.00	AARP sponsored telephonic town hall provided an overview of elder frauds, case examples, best practices to avoid scams and how to report fraud
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- USAO- Arizona w/ FBI Phoenix at Pima Council on Aging in Tucson, Arizona	1/27/2020	70.00	To educate vulnerable senior citizens about the recent scams impacting elders and vulnerable populations and money mules
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI Detroit at Islamic House of Wisdom, Dearborn, MI	1/24/2020	20.00	Detroit area IMAMS, discussed Detroit's Financial Crimes Program, elder fraud and the the opioid pandemic
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, Minneapolis - FBI Minneapolis	1/24/2020	30.00	Elderly LGBTQ+ community members, discussed civil rights, elder justice, and election crimes
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Srive Center, US Virgin Islands - USAO District of the Virgin Islands w/ FBI San Juan	1/23/2020	40.00	Senior citizens, discussed Impostor Scams, Identity Theft, Charity Fraud, Health Care Scams, Paying To Much (making payments for bills), "You've Won" Scams, Tech Support Scams, Grandkid Scams, IRS Impostor Scams, and Online Dating Scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training at Fairbanks, Alaska - FBI Anchorage	1/17/2020	40.00	Alaska Real Estate Brokers, provided training on money mule activity as it pertains to elder financial exploitation
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach in Newark, DE Senior Center - USAO District of Delaware w/FBI Baltimore	1/16/2020	30.00	Computer Club at Senior Center, discussed identifying popular scams targeting seniors and what to do if someone falls victim to a financial scam
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	In-person Capitol Briefing- FBIHQ	1/14/2020	20.00	House of Veterans' Affairs Committee members and staff, briefing was not exclusively about elder fraud but it was a significant theme because of veteran population
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Trinity Methodist Group - FBI Jacksonville	1/13/2020	25.00	National Association of Retired Federal Employees, North Florida Chapter, discussed the FBI, its structure and specific examples of fraud scenarios being carried out against the elderly
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at St. Mary's Catholic Church - FBI Buffalo	1/8/2020	50.00	Forever Young Group, discussed how the internet is used to perpetrate fraud, romance schemes, charity schemes, etc.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Telephonic Outreach - FBIHQ	1/7/2020	Not Tracked	AARP Magazine regarding wire fraud and retirement communities
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Rockwood Senior Facility - FBI St. Louis	12/18/2019	20.00	Residents of the community, topics included types of fraud which target elders, how to recognize scams, how to report fraud, and what services are available for fraud victims

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Westmont of Fresno Retirement Community - FBI Sacramento	12/16/2019	10.00	Residents of the community, topics included types of fraud which target elders, how to recognize scams, how to report fraud, and what services are available for fraud victims
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Cypress Cove Retirement Community - FBI Tampa	12/11/2019	30.00	Residents of the community, topics included types of fraud which target elders, how to recognize scams, how to report fraud, and what services are available for fraud victims
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Angela Court Apartments, Philadelphia, PA - FBI Philadelphia	12/5/2019	20.00	As part of Philadelphia Police Department's (PPD) Senior Awareness Day discuss the FBI's focus on combating elder fraud and what to do to protect themselves
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach Laurel Mall, Hazelton, PA - FBI Philadelphia	12/5/2019	80.00	Majority were elderly, discussed various frauds and scams affecting the elderly and how they can protect themselves
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach Earl Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Park, MN - FBI Minneapolis	12/4/2019	200.00	AARP's Twin Cities Scam Jam attended by senior citizens, FBI operated a booth discussed elder scams and identity theft
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Detroit, MI - FBI Detroit	11/26/2019	14.00	River Rouge City Executive Board, discussed concerns surrounding elder fraud as well as how citizens can protect themselves moving forward
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Lakewood Cultural Center, Lakewood, CO - FBI Denver	11/21/2019	110.00	Colorado AARP members, discussed fraud trends targeting the elderly and steps to take to prevent being a victim
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Apple Valley Baptist Church - FBI Minneapolis	11/21/2019	20.00	Senior Citizens, discussed Elder Justice topics, money mule awareness and Medicare scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training at the Texas APS Services Annual Conference in Austin, TX - USAO Western District of Texas w/ FBI San Antonio	11/21/2019	145.00	Texas Adult Protection Services Annual Conference attendees, discussed various financial crimes affecting the aging community and the use of elderly individuals to facilitate money laundering
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training at Cleveland State University - FBI Cleveland	11/20/2019	110.00	School of Law attorney's, social workers and counselors, discussed fighting back against elder fraud
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at City Auditorium, Colorado Springs, CO - FBI Denver	11/19/2019	100.00	Colorado AARP members, discussed scams targeting the elderly including timeshare fraud, romance scams, law enforcement impersonation
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce - FBI Jacksonville	11/19/2019	30.00	Members of financial, technology and healthcare sectors, discussed emerging trends related to business email compromise, ransomware, elder fraud and online romance scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Philadelphia Police Department's 16th Precinct - FBI Philadelphia	11/19/2019	20.00	Majority were elderly, discussed the FBI's focus on combatting elder fraud and abuse
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Radio Interview - FBI Pittsburgh	11/19/2019	Not Tracked	Discuss elder fraud, specific things the elderly population should look out for, what to do if they receive a sweepstake in the mail and why elderly people are often targeted for these types of scams
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	TV Interview - FBI Pittsburgh	11/18/2019	Not Tracked	Discuss elder fraud, specific things the elderly population should look out for, what to do if they receive a sweepstake in the mail and why elderly people are often targeted for these types of scams. The following day, November 19, 2019, PG's SAC also participated in a KDKA Radio interview with the same reporter on this same topic.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at Twin Rivers Convection Center, Grand Junction, CO - FBI Denver	11/5/2019	150.00	Colorado AARP members, discussed fraud trends targeting the elderly and steps to take to prevent being a victim
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach- FBI Detroit	11/4/2019	30.00	Hazel Park Citizens Association, discussed Detroit's Financial Crimes Program and the elder fraud initiative since many in the audience were elderly

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Outreach at AARP Charlestown, WV - USAO- West Virginia w/ FBI Pittsburgh	10/25/2019	Not Tracked	West Virginia AARP members, teletown hall to educate the aging population in the mountain state and their families about the dangers of elder fraud and provide IC3 stats
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training at Greater New Orleans Federal Credit Union - FBI New Orleans	10/14/2019	30.00	Federal Credit Union employees, provided an overview of Elder Financial Abuse Frauds, how to report the frauds, and tips for discerning elder fraud
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Training at FBI New York Office - FBI New York	10/2/2019	30.00	New York Citizen Academy, discussed bank fraud and elder fraud
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	Public Service Announcement at FBI.gov	9/19/2019	Not Tracked	Readers learn Perpetrators use various methods to deceive and defraud elderly victims for financial gain
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Fraud Trends	10/15/2019	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Fraud Prevention Forum	10/16/2019	70.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Int'l Association of Financial Crimes Investigators Training	10/17/2019	300.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Westchase Rotary Club	12/18/2019	25.00	Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Mt. Dora Women's Club Fraud Prevention Forum	1/8/2020	80.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Orange TV segment on romance scams	1/8/2020	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Fraud Prevention Forum	1/16/2020	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Fraud Prevention Community Training	2/5/2020	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	IG Conference	2/6/2020	175.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Citibank Meeting	2/27/2020	8.00	Industry
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Sun City Elder Justice Summit: Keeping Seniors Safe	3/3/2020	650.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	AARP Virtual Fraud Prevention Event	5/5/2020	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	Faith & Wellness Teleconference	5/27/2020	55.00	Social services; Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - Orlando	6/12/2020	208.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/MIDDLE	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - Tampa	6/15/2020	32.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/NORTHERN	AARP Florida & Claude Pepper Center Teletown Hall on COVID-19 Related Frauds and Scams - Facebook Live virtual meeting will focus on the growing problem of scams and fraud targeting older residents amid the COVID-19 crisis.	4/22/2020	3000.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Coral Gables Chambers of Commerce Meeting	7/16/2019	Not Tracked	Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Farm Share 2019 - Community event held at Tamiami Park in Miami, Dade-County. Florida State Representatives Anthony Rodriguez, Ana Maria Rodriguez, Vance Aloupis, Daniel Perez and Juan Fernandez-Barquin were in attendance. At the event food was distributed to over 500 hundred people and the USAO distributed flyers on elder fraud and abuse.	8/10/2019	500.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	2019 Financial Institution and Law Enforcement Annual Training Seminar sponsored by the Palm Beach Economic Crime Unit in Boynton Beach, Florida	9/18/2019	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry

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FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Transnational Elder Fraud Task Force Meeting held at the United States Attorney's Office in Miami, Florida	10/2/2019	58.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Communication Organization of the Palm Beaches (CO-OP) Meeting at the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. CO-OP was designed to improve communication and develop professional relationships among governmental agencies and the media. The members include public information officers from city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, fire rescue departments, hospitals, courts, health organizations, emergency management, local utilities, city and county governments, and the print and television media.	11/19/2019	20.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	S.A.L.T. Tropical Holiday Fashion Show	12/12/2019	200.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Gwen Cherry Park Resource Fair in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	12/19/2019	424.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Gwen Cherry Park Resource Fair in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	1/7/2020	420.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Gwen Cherry Park Resource Fair in Fort Lauderdale, Florida	3/3/2020	203.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Transnational Elder Fraud Task Force Meeting held by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida in Miami, Florida	3/11/2020	30.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Ariana Fajardo Orshan, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, was interviewed on air by NBC6 reporter Willard Scott. She warned about the fraud schemes being seen relating to COVID-19 and warned that seniors were being targeted.	3/20/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Marlene Rodriguez, Special Counsel to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, appeared on Univision Program "Despierta America" a Spanish language channel. She warned of scams being seen in the community related to COVID-19 and that seniors were being targeted.	3/24/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Ariana Fajardo Orshan, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, was interviewed on Mega TV - Mega News, a Spanish language channel. She warned against COVID-19 frauds being seen in the community and especially targeting seniors.	5/19/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	The Miami Herald published Ariana Fajardo Orshan's op-ed warning seniors and the community of COVID-19 related frauds and scams. OpEd Ariana Fajardo Orshan https.docx	5/22/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Mailing of Flyers on National Elder Fraud Hotline and COVID-19 National Hotline to over 300 senior citizen communities within the Southern District of Florida	6/12/2020	300.00	Consumers or consumer groups
FLORIDA/SOUTHERN	Press Release issued by Ariana Fajardo Orshan, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida in honor of National Elder Abuse and Awareness Day	6/15/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups

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GEORGIA/MIDDLE	Better Business Bureau Senior Expo - Event to inform and educate the senior population and caregivers on resources regarding elder care, retirement planning, health and wellness, financial planning, and housing. EJC Shanelle Booker gave a presentation on "Stopping Elder Financial Abuse."	10/25/2019	200.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Northern District of Georgia Elder Justice Working Group Meeting	8/13/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	NDGA Elder Fraud Strike Force Meeting. Quarterly meeting with federal and local law enforcement partners to discuss the latest scams targeting elder Americans, share investigative techniques, and coordinate in the investigation and prosecution of these transnational scams.	8/13/2019	40.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting. Presented on the Elder Fraud Strike Force, Transnational Criminal Organizations that victimize the elderly, and how local law enforcement is vital in the fight against these scams. Local law enforcement received POST credit for attending.	8/13/2019	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Northwest Central Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force Meeting. AUSA Porter was the keynote speaker in a meeting of local law enforcement. Presented on the latest scams that target elder Americans, what the Federal Government is doing in the fight against these transnational scams, as well as ways local law enforcement are vital in the fight against these scams.	9/25/2019	50.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Atlanta Metropol, Inc. Keynote Speaker. Atlanta Metropol, Inc. brings together the executive leadership of Metropolitan Atlanta's top corporations and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to develop a public/private sector partnership. AUSA presented on the NDGA Elder Fraud Strike Force, what we are doing to fight transnational scams, and what industry and individuals can do to provide defense against these scams.	10/2/2019	80.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force outreach meeting. Gave a presentation to senior Georgians titled, "Financial Fraud against Older Adults: How to Protect Yourself."	10/18/2019	75.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Community Threat Awareness. NDGA US Attorney BJay Pak and NDGA AUSAs presented to local media and local law enforcement on the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, the latest scams targeting elder Americans, and how older Americans can protect themselves.	10/30/2019	50.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Teleconference with local media and law enforcement. Described the Elder Fraud Strike Force, the latest scams, and how older Americans can protect themselves.	10/30/2019	50.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Northern District of Georgia Elder Justice Working Group	11/12/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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GEORGIA/NORTHERN	NDGA Elder Fraud Strike Force Meeting. Quarterly meeting with federal and local law enforcement partners to discuss the latest scams targeting elder Americans, share investigative techniques, and coordinate in the investigation and prosecution of these transnational scams.	2/11/2020	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force meeting. Local officers receive POST credit. Spoke about the Elder Fraud Strike Force and Transnational Criminal Organizations that victimize the elderly.	2/11/2020	25.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	America's Web Radio Program, the SAFE Senior Hour. Discussed recent scams that target elder citizens, including CoVID-19 scams, as well as how listeners can avoid and report such scams. The show is available online at <a href="https://americaswebradio.com/safe-senior-hour/">https://americaswebradio.com/safe-senior-hour/</a>	3/16/2020	200.00	Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	NDGA USAO Flier warning about COVID-19 scams delivered to seniors throughout NDGA with the help of the NW Georgia Area Administrator on Aging and Meals on Wheels. Fliers were delivered to thousands of elder Georgia residents.	3/20/2020	3000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	Radio program titled Talk About Town with Brian Webb. Discussed recent scams that target elder citizens, including COVID-19 scams, as well as how listeners can avoid and report such scams. The show was broadcast on six radio stations in North Georgia and South Tennessee on April 15, 2020.	4/14/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/NORTHERN	COVID-19 Tele-Town Hall. Tele-Town hall co-hosted with AARP, SEC, and Georgia Secretary of State allowed thousands of NDGA elder residents to dial-in to listen to a presentation and conversation about recent COVID-19 scams. USA Byung J. Pak spoke and educated elder residents about recent COVID-19 scams, what our office is doing to fight them, and how they can protect themselves and report. COVID 19 and Beyond Tele-Town Hall 5-21-2020.pdf	5/21/2020	3000.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	Elder Justice Coordination Meeting	11/18/2019	5.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	Elder Justice Coordination Meeting	11/19/2019	10.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
GEORGIA/SOUTHERN	Distribution of COVID fraud brochures	4/1/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Industry
GUAM	Elder Justice Initiative Outreach - Guam Legislature	2/19/2020	4.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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GUAM	Get Involved, Get Safe - Stop Elder Financial Abuse - Presentation and Q&A	2/27/2020	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
HAWAII	Celebrate Safe Communities event, a free community outreach event for the public. The event comprised of information booths by different county, state, federal and private agencies for public safety and fraud awareness. It was also interactive and included a emergency vehicle static display.	10/19/2019	1000.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
HAWAII	Hawaii Hotel Visitor Industry Security Association	2/27/2020	60.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
IDAHO	Elder Abuse MDT	9/19/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
IDAHO	Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults (JAVA) Monthly Meeting	10/4/2019	10.00	Industry
IDAHO	Press Release from U.S. Attorney on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	6/15/2020	Not Tracked	
ILLINOIS/CENTRAL	Dissemination of Elder Fraud Asset Recovery Bulletin and information regarding the ability to recall fraudulent wire transfers if detected early. US Attorney - Elder Fraud [LAW ENFORCEMENT].pdfUS Attorney - Elder Fraud [PUBLIC FLYER].pdf	11/20/2019	12.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/CENTRAL	SAR Review Team Meeting with Elder Fraud review component.	12/17/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ILLINOIS/CENTRAL	Mail Fraud Presentation to Seniors at the Colse County Council on Aging/LifeSpan Center	1/31/2020	4.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/CENTRAL	Distribution of Fraud Awareness through Meals on Wheels	4/30/2020	100.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting of federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations that regularly deal with issues of consumer fraud, including frauds directed to the elderly. USPIS spoke on synthetic identities.	12/17/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Chicago Interagency Elder Fraud and Abuse Working Group meeting of federal, state, and local agencies to discuss new developments and collaborate on initiatives and outreach programs focused on addressing and preventing elder fraud and abuse.	1/14/2020	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting of federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations that regularly deal with issues of consumer fraud, including frauds directed to the elderly.	2/11/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting of federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations that regularly deal with issues of consumer fraud, including frauds directed to the elderly.	4/6/2020	16.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups

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ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting of federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations that regularly deal with issues of consumer fraud, including frauds directed to the elderly.	5/5/2020	17.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Consumer Fair at the Thompson Center during National Consumer Protection Week. Consulted with the public, as well as with other represented agencies, on issues of fraud against the elderly and distributed EJI brochures.	6/3/2020	65.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/NORTHERN	Chicago Fraud Task Force meeting of federal, state, and local agencies and private organizations that regularly deal with issues of consumer fraud, including frauds directed to the elderly.	6/16/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN	Senior Fair, Collinsville, IL. Hosted by U.S. Representatives Mike Bost, Rodney Davis, and John Shimkus, the senior fair included tables set up by approximately twenty vendors and government agencies. After initial remarks by Congressmen Davis and Shimkus, and a presentation by AT&T on smart phone privacy and safety, attendees visited the tables and asked questions. The USPIS/DOJ table had brochures on the many fraud schemes that target senior citizens, and telemarketing fraud was the most popular topic of discussion.	9/5/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN	Fraud Schemes That Target the Elderly. Overview of the various types of scams that target the elderly including how to identify the potential scam, ways to avoid being scammed, and what to do if you believe you have been scammed.	12/12/2019	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
ILLINOIS/SOUTHERN	DOJ's Elder Justice Initiative TriCounty Financial Fraud Coalition at the Caseyville Community Center. The Coalition is made up of representatives of several banks in St. Clair, Madison, and Monroe Counties, as well as federal and state law enforcement agents who handle financial crimes in those counties. I instructed the bank representatives on the types of scams that target seniors, how to spot seniors who are being scammed, what to do to try to prevent the frauds, and who to contact in the event they suspect a senior has been scammed.	3/12/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Spencer Brooks handed out Elder Fraud Initiative flyers and spoke to a group of senior citizens in the North Township of Indiana	7/10/2019	250.00	Consumers or consumer groups
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Hancock County Detective Meeting	7/19/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Financial Exploitation of Older Adults - Northwest Indiana Action Community presentation	7/25/2019	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Elder Fraud Presentation to senior citizens in North Township	7/30/2019	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups

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INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Indiana Bank Fraud Working Group	8/16/2019	Not Tracked	Industry
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Tri-State Better Business Bureau Task Force Meeting	8/27/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Spencer Brooks presented to the Gary Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon	9/9/2019	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Spencer Brooks presented to the Crossroads Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon	9/17/2019	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Douglas Kasper gave a presentation to Pilgrim Lutheran Church Elder group	9/17/2019	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Hancock County Detective Meeting	9/19/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Louisville Metro Police Department/Intel Liaison Officer Meeting	9/25/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Indianapolis Bank Fraud Network	10/8/2019	Not Tracked	Industry
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Hancock County Detective Meeting	10/17/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Porter County Detective Meeting	10/17/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Douglas Kasper and SOS Kristy Rose provided a presentation at the FC Tucker Real Estate Carmel Office	10/22/2019	Not Tracked	Industry
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	FFITTF Meeting	10/24/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	2019 LIMRA LOMA Account Takeover & Fraud Workshop - Prosecution of Fraudsters	10/25/2019	100.00	Industry
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Douglas Kasper and SOS Kristy Rose met with members of the Indiana Attorney General Office - Department of Investigations to discuss DOJ money mule initiative	11/6/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Douglas Kasper met with Bill Lorah, Director of Security services for Toche Diagnostic	11/13/2019	Not Tracked	Industry
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	FOA Nathan Eggleston attended the Indianapolis Fraud Network bimonthly meeting between local bank and law enforcement personnel	12/10/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	FOA Heather Teagarden attended monthly Fort Wayne Bank Fraud Group Meeting	12/18/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SSA Spencer Brooks and SSA Mike Peasley attended the NICHE Meeting at the Porter County Sheriff's Department	1/13/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	FOA Heather Teagarden attended the monthly Fort Wayne Bank Fraud Group Meeting	1/15/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Financial Fraud and Identity Theft Task Force Meeting	1/23/2020	20.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Federal law enforcement
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Hamilton County Area Investigator Meeting	1/28/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Elder Fraud Presentation at the Warrick County Senior Center by SA Vanessa Shaw (FBI) and SA Mike Moore (USSS)	2/6/2020	60.00	Consumers or consumer groups
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	SOS Melissa Herman and FOA Heather Teagarden attended the monthly Fort Wayne Bank Fraud Group Meeting	2/19/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Hancock County Detectives Meeting	2/20/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Liaison with IMPD Operational Intelligence Unit	5/11/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Liaison with IMPD Operational Intelligence Unit	5/18/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
INDIANA/SOUTHERN	Media and Community Stakeholder Roundtable: Spotting and Avoiding Scams Targeting Diverse Communities in Indianapolis & Indiana	6/25/2020	60.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
IOWA/NORTHERN	Northwest Iowa Elder Justice Outreach	9/26/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
IOWA/NORTHERN	Dubuque Area Security Group Meeting	10/28/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
IOWA/SOUTHERN	FTC Panel: Fighting Consumer Fraud and Identity Theft in Iowa	7/24/2019	100.00	Consumers or consumer groups
IOWA/SOUTHERN	Elder Abuse Training for Law Enforcement	9/11/2019	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
IOWA/SOUTHERN	Importance of SARs at Casinos - elder abuse component	12/12/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Industry
IOWA/SOUTHERN	White Collar/Elder Financial Exploitation Training	1/21/2020	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
KANSAS	Elder Scam Awareness Night, a public event organized by FBI and hosted by a local police department. FBI, police, a local district attorney's office, and representatives from two USAOs presented information regarding the Elder Justice Initiative, criminal prosecutions, and ways to avoid becoming a victim of scams and schemes. Attendees included senior citizens, family members, and caregivers.	10/21/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
KANSAS	The Elder Justice Coordinator collaborated with the District's COVID-19 Task Force to produce a brochure advising senior citizens to be aware of and to report COVID Fraud schemes. The brochure included the phone number and website link for the National Center for Disaster Fraud, the National Elder Fraud Hotline, and internet links to Kansas resources on the DOJ Elder Justice Initiative website. The District's Elder Justice Coordinator, worked with Meals on Wheels for Northeast Kansas which distributed approximately 1,200 of the brochures to seniors in a three county area. The brochure was also provided to the Kansas Legal Services Elder Rights Project. The District's Supervisory Law Enforcement Coordinator, Outreach Programs Manager distributed an electronic version of the brochure to law enforcement agencies throughout the district.	6/15/2020	1200.00	The brochure was distributed to Senior citizens
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	SIFMA presentation - We gave a short presentation about what our office does to combat exploitation and abuse and what role I play as the EJC for the district. We also moderated a law enforcement panel discussing elder financial exploitation.	7/10/2019	100.00	Industry

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KENTUCKY/EASTERN	Perry County Senior Citizens Center Presentation - Perry County senior came to a presentation on numerous topics, including elder financial exploitation presentation provided by our office and Special Agent Chelsea Holliday, FBI.	8/15/2019	100.00	Consumers or consumer groups
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	Kentucky Attorney General's Senior Summit - the USAO moderated and served on a panel that discussed the types of frauds that target the elderly in our state and how to protect against it.	9/19/2019	200.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
KENTUCKY/EASTERN	Meeting between the various members of the Kentucky Elder Justice Task Force, including a presentation from Tamara Sieckman, Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	12/4/2019	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
KENTUCKY/WESTERN	Presentation, International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators, Kentuckiana Chapter Fraud Seminar. Presented on current elder fraud trends, criminal justice resources, and enforcement priorities in the state and district, including the statewide Elder Justice Task Force led by USAOs in EDKY and WDKY.	10/25/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
KENTUCKY/WESTERN	Louisville Credit Union Chapter Meeting. Presentation to professionals from local credit unions on current elder fraud trends, law enforcement priorities, and resources.	11/14/2019	30.00	Industry
KENTUCKY/WESTERN	Kentucky Elder Justice Task Force Meeting of key state and federal elder justice stakeholders, focusing on quarterly and annual updates, as well as planning for 2020 activity.	12/4/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
LOUISIANA/EASTERN	Metropolitan Orleans Banking Security Assn. (MOBSA) meeting.	9/25/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
LOUISIANA/EASTERN	Carrollton Rotary Luncheon - Elder Justice Initiative discussion	1/27/2020	20.00	Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
LOUISIANA/WESTERN	Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at LSU Coffee Lecture	9/25/2019	40.00	Consumers or consumer groups; Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
LOUISIANA/WESTERN	National Night Out: Discussed elder fraud trends and distributed materials to older citizens.	8/4/2019	200.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
MAINE	Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention Meeting	9/19/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MAINE	Financial Abuse Specialist Team Meeting in Augusta, ME. Meeting of social services, law enforcement, non-profit agencies, and state/federal prosecutors	10/16/2019	10.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MAINE	York County Elder Abuse Task Force Annual Conference	10/18/2019	75.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MAINE	Meeting with United States Senate Committee on Aging	10/23/2019	5.00	Federal law enforcement
MAINE	Elder Abuse Prevention Roundtable	11/7/2019	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MAINE	Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention	3/6/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
MAINE	Financial Abuse Specialist Team meeting in Augusta, Maine of social services, state/local law enforcement, non-profit agencies	5/20/2020	10.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups

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MARYLAND	Elder Justice Task Force Meeting	10/29/2019	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
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MARYLAND	Government Imposter Scam, Tele-Town Hall	2/6/2020	1755.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
MARYLAND	Maryland Legal Aid -- Abuse and Neglect Webinar	2/27/2020	74.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
MARYLAND	COVID-19 Brochure	4/1/2020	5000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
MARYLAND	Tele-Town Hall on COVID-19 scams	4/8/2020	2905.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MARYLAND	Presentation on COVID-19 Fraud to the Maryland State Bar Association	4/15/2020	112.00	Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MARYLAND	PROTECT Week Virtual Press Conference	6/15/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
MARYLAND	Op-Ed -- Protect Week	6/15/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MARYLAND	PROTECT Week Press Conference	6/15/2020	1000.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MARYLAND	PROTECT Week Teletown hall -- COVID-19 Scams	6/17/2020	1598.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MASSACHUSETTS	Elder Luncheons in Eastern Massachusetts. The luncheons were held by the Plymouth County District Attorney and Sherriff. We presented on the ways to avoid becoming the victim of telephone and other scams. Our lectures and question and answer segments were warmly received by the large number of elders attending the three luncheons.	10/10/2019	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
MASSACHUSETTS	Elder Luncheons in Eastern Massachusetts: The luncheons were held by the Plymouth County District Attorney and Sherriff. We presented on the ways to avoid becoming the victim of telephone and other scams. Our lectures and question and answer segments were warmly received by the large number of elders attending the three luncheons.	10/10/2019	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
MASSACHUSETTS	Elder Luncheons in Eastern Massachusetts: The luncheons were held by the Plymouth County District Attorney and Sherriff. We presented on the ways to avoid becoming the victim of telephone and other scams. Our lectures and question and answer segments were warmly received by the large number of elders attending the three luncheons.	10/17/2019	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
MASSACHUSETTS	Elder Luncheons in Eastern Massachusetts. The luncheons were held by the Plymouth County District Attorney and Sherriff. We presented on the ways to avoid becoming the victim of telephone and other scams. Our lectures and question and answer segments were warmly received by the large number of elders attending the three luncheons.	10/24/2019	150.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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MICHIGAN/EASTERN	ALPACT Meeting	12/13/2019	55.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MICHIGAN/EASTERN	ALPACT MEETING	1/10/2020	60.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MINNESOTA	Participate on panel regarding elder financial exploitation for TCF Bank BSA and fraud investigators.	7/11/2019	100.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Industry
MINNESOTA	Training with UBS financial advisors and client services associates regarding elder financial exploitation and coordination with law enforcement and APS.	8/13/2019	20.00	Industry
MINNESOTA	Attend AARP meeting and Teletown Hall call with FBI IC3 Chief and elder justice special agent to discuss scams and other financial exploitation targeting older adults and reporting to law enforcement.	8/15/2019	30000.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
MINNESOTA	Participate on panel regarding scams targeting elders and others at Federal Trade Commission's Common Ground Conference.	9/19/2019	125.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MINNESOTA	Elder Justice Initiative: Raising Awareness & Capacity Building in Minnesota -- Training regarding DOJ's EJI, Tools and Strategies for Investigators and Attorneys, Nursing Home Initiative followed by Roundtable Discussion with Federal and State Community and Agency/Organization Stakeholders.	2/4/2020	40.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MINNESOTA	Participate in AARP Tele-Town Hall with FBI elder justice coordinator regarding scams targeting seniors, how to avoid becoming a victim and how to report being victimized.	3/10/2020	2405.00	Federal law enforcement; Consumers or consumer groups
MINNESOTA	AARP Fraud Watch Network. Participate in call regarding scams targeting seniors involving COVID-19 testing, stimulus payments, PPP loans, price gouging and investment opportunities.	4/8/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
MINNESOTA	U.S. Attorney Erica MacDonald gave a presentation on newly-formed MN COVID-19 Action Team (MCAT) at Minnesota Elder Justice Center Partner's Roundtable regarding the impact of COVID-19 on older adults and their families.	4/8/2020	35.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSISSIPPI/NORTHERN	Chick-Fil-A Bingo	2/19/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement
MISSISSIPPI/SOUTHERN	Natchez Rotary Club	7/10/2019	43.00	Consumers or consumer groups
MISSISSIPPI/SOUTHERN	Mississippi Sheriffs Association	12/3/2019	96.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
MISSOURI/EASTERN	ST. LOUIS ELDER FINANCIAL PROTECTION MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM QUARTERLY MEETING	10/23/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	ST. LOUIS ELDER FINANCIAL PROTECTION MDT QUARTERLY MEETING	10/23/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	ST. LOUIS ELDER PROTECTION MDT QUARTERLY MEETING	1/22/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	FTC MIDWEST COMMON GROUND CONFERENCE - REGIONAL FTC CONFERENCE	3/9/2020	50.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	ST. LOUIS ELDER FINANCIAL PROTECTION MDT - COVID SPECIAL MEETING	3/26/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry

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MISSOURI/EASTERN	CONSUMER FRAUD TASK FORCE - COVID SPECIAL MEETING	3/26/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	ST. LOUIS ELDER FINANCIAL PROTECTION MDT - VIRTUAL COVID MEETING	4/22/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
MISSOURI/EASTERN	VIRTUAL WORLD ELDER AWARENESS ABUSE PLANNING MEETING	4/30/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
MISSOURI/EASTERN	CONSUMER FRAUD TASK FORCE -VIRTUAL COVID MEETING	5/14/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	ST. LOUIS WORLD ELDER AWARENESS ABUSE DAY PLANNING MEETING	5/18/2020	6.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	"PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE DURING A PANDEMIC - PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS" - WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY WEBINAR	6/3/2020	80.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	"ELDER FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION DURING A PANDEMIC" - WORLD ELDER AWARENESS ABUSE DAY WEBINAR	6/10/2020	105.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	"SOCIAL ISOLATION AS A RISK FACTOR FOR ELDER ABUSE" - WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY WEBINAR	6/19/2020	77.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/EASTERN	"INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT: FRAUD BINGO AND YOUTUBE VIDEOS" - WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY	6/24/2020	72.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
MISSOURI/WESTERN	Elder Scams Awareness Night	10/21/2019	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MONTANA	Stopping Elder Exploitation 101	10/2/2019	40.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
MONTANA	Eastern Montana Elder Justice Council	10/31/2019	20.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
MONTANA	Press release and social media postings noting World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The article listed several resources including the DOJ Public Service Announcement to help fight elder abuse, the DOJ elder justice website, and the national elder fraud hotline.	6/15/2020	250.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
NEBRASKA	Antimoney Laundering(AML)/Elder Fraud Awareness and BSA Reporting - I conducted an AML/BSA presentation with an emphasis on EFE and identifying Money Mules to Great Western Bank Antimoney Laundering and Fraud Detection Investigators	11/11/2019	30.00	Industry
NEBRASKA	Omaha Financial Institution Association (FISA) Meeting - Provided information on and hand outs supporting Money Mule Awareness Month. Discussed trends and tips for identifying EFE and Money Mule activity.	11/12/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry

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NEBRASKA	The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Nebraska is partnering with the FBI and AARP to promote the Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative by conducting outreach and educating older adults about the latest scams so they do not fall victim. Tens of thousands of Nebraskans age 60 plus will receive a phone call to participate in an interactive teletown hall conversation to learn about the latest financial scams affecting seniors. The event will be held Tuesday, March 17 from 2-3 p.m. CDT.	3/17/2020	1700.00	Federal law enforcement; Consumers or consumer groups
NEW HAMPSHIRE	FAST Elder Task Force Quarterly Meeting	9/12/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
NEW HAMPSHIRE	FAST Elder Task Force Quarterly Meeting	12/12/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/EASTERN	Flatbush Senior Center Anti-Fraud Event	2/10/2020	10.00	Federal law enforcement
NEW YORK/NORTHERN	Introduction to of US Attorney's Office and FBI Elder Justice coordinators to Elder Justice Clinics at Albany Law School and Syracuse University Law School.	3/31/2020	4.00	Federal law enforcement; Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/SOUTHERN	"SEC 2019 Investor Outreach Conference: Preventing Community-Based Financial Fraud" Investor outreach event sponsored by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission New York Regional Office and Fordham University School of Law, with keynote speakers Jay Clayton (Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission) and Geoffrey Berman (United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York). United States Attorney Berman discussed elder fraud and the Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative.	11/1/2019	175.00	Federal law enforcement; Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Meeting	7/9/2019	13.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Meeting	8/13/2019	18.00	Federal law enforcement; Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Seminar	8/16/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement; Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Meeting	9/19/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Meeting	10/8/2019	18.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Meeting	11/12/2019	22.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
NEW YORK/WESTERN	Elder Justice Meeting	12/10/2019	18.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	AARP Teletown hall	7/18/2019	2500.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	Cumberland County Council on Older Adults -Elder Fraud Literature distributed	7/22/2019	600.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/EASTERN	Meals on Wheels Outreach - Elder Fraud Literature Distributed	7/29/2019	1300.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Meals on Wheels Outreach - Elder Fraud Article for Newsletter	8/19/2019	10000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI) - Presenter	8/26/2019	200.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Meals on Wheels Outreach - Elder Fraud Literature Distribution	8/29/2019	1300.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Five Points Center for Active Adults - Presenter	9/16/2019	40.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - Garner Senior Center	9/18/2019	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - Wake Forest Presbyterian Church	9/23/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - St. Saviours Outreach Center	9/24/2019	15.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - Luther Green Community Center	9/25/2019	25.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - Pine Acres Community Center	9/26/2019	15.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Day of the Girl - Raise your hand campaign	10/11/2019	Not Tracked	
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Cumberland County Council on Older Adults	10/23/2019	150.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Justice Brochure distribution - Cumberland County Council on Older Adults	10/23/2019	150.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Brochure Distribution - New Hanover County Senior Resource Center	10/27/2019	450.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Meals on Wheels	11/1/2019	1300.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	New Hanover County Senior Resource Center	11/1/2019	450.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Justice Brochure Distribution - New Hanover County Resource Center	11/1/2019	1750.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation. Discussed most common scams in North Carolina.	1/8/2020	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - Blue Center Senior Center, Fayetteville, NC	1/8/2020	25.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation. Presented information about most common scams in North Carolina	1/9/2020	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation. Presented information about most common scams in NC	1/16/2020	25.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - Hope Mills First Baptist Church, Hope Mills, NC	1/16/2020	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Presentation - East Wake Senior Center, Wendell, NC	1/28/2020	25.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder Fraud Brochures - Craven County Senior Services, New Bern, NC	3/2/2020	200.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	COVID-19 Fraud Brochures - Meals on Wheels, Raleigh, NC	4/13/2020	130.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	News Article Submission - Meals on Wheels, Raleigh, NC	4/17/2020	10000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Elder's Peak Apartment - Senior Community Center	6/10/2020	48.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	Martin Street Baptist Church - Brochure Delivery	6/13/2020	250.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ EASTERN	USAO-EDNC WEADD Virtual Town Hall	6/15/2020	76.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	ACAMS/ACFE Joint Meeting - Elder Fraud and Abuse Panel	10/1/2019	40.00	Federal law enforcement;Industry
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Participated as a vendor, along with a representative from FBI, at fair at local Charlotte retirement home to provide literature and information regarding elder fraud.	10/3/2019	130.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Participated as a vendor at a fair at local Charlotte retirement/nursing home to provide literature and information regarding elder fraud.	10/10/2019	75.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Western District of North Carolina; Bank Secrecy Act (SAR) Conference	10/24/2019	120.00	Federal law enforcement;Industry
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Operation Fraud Prevention: For Veterans and Military Families, an Interactive program to provide information on the latest scams, how to spot them, and how not to be victim to them.	10/28/2019	40.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Twitter Campaign with FBI and AARP to promote awareness on romance scams targeting older Americans throughout the week of Valentine's Day.	2/14/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Radio appearances by U.S. Attorney Andrew Murray on three Charlotte radio stations and two Asheville radio stations to discuss COVID fraud, with a focus on scams targeting the elderly.	3/24/2020	Not Tracked	
NORTH CAROLINA/ WESTERN	Virtual presentation to the Asheville Rotary Club discussing elder fraud issues, including COVID-19 related fraud	5/15/2020	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
NORTH DAKOTA	Fraud Examination Class - NDSUAUSA Greenley, USPIS SA Tom Irvin and SA Adam Henne, and IRS SA Alex Schroeder presented at a fraud examination class for accounting/CPA students. AUSA Greenley focused his presentation on Elder Fraud.	11/25/2019	30.00	Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
OFFICE OF LEGAL POLICY	ABA's National Aging and Law Conference (Arlington, VA)	10/31/2019	Not Tracked	<a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/assistant-attorney-general-beth-williams-office-legal-policy-delivers-remarks-american">https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/assistant-attorney-general-beth-williams-office-legal-policy-delivers-remarks-american</a>
OHIO/NORTHERN	Fighting Back Against Elder Fraud	11/20/2019	105.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
OHIO/NORTHERN	Fighting Back Against Elder Fraud: The Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative	11/21/2019	225.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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OHIO/NORTHERN	"Fighting Back Against Elder Fraud in 2020: What Small Businesses and Older Adults Need to Know" Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, January Business Meeting	1/21/2020	75.00	Industry
OHIO/NORTHERN	Lake County Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Elder Justice Meeting	2/5/2020	40.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OHIO/NORTHERN	FRAUD Bingo	3/4/2020	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
OHIO/NORTHERN	COVID-19 Fraud Brochure Distribution via Meals on Wheels	4/13/2020	2000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
OHIO/NORTHERN	Elder Justice Initiative CLE presentation to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Government Attorneys Section	5/8/2020	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OHIO/NORTHERN	COVID-19 Fraud Brochure Distribution via Meals on Wheels	5/21/2020	1000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
OHIO/NORTHERN	AARP's Coronavirus Teletown Hall: Fraud and Scams	6/2/2020	14000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
OHIO/NORTHERN	The Ohio Attorney General's Elder Abuse Commission's 2020 Elder Abuse Awareness Day Webinar, Stronger Together: Mitigating and Protecting Against Elder Financial Exploitation	6/22/2020	480.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
OKLAHOMA/EASTERN	Muskogee Area Financial Fraud Meeting	7/25/2019	19.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
OKLAHOMA/EASTERN	Muskogee Area Financial Fraud Meeting	8/22/2019	13.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
OKLAHOMA/EASTERN	Muskogee Area Financial Fraud Meeting	9/26/2019	11.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
OKLAHOMA/EASTERN	Muskogee Area Financial Fraud Meeting	10/24/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
OKLAHOMA/EASTERN	Muskogee Area Financial Fraud Meeting	11/28/2019	10.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
OKLAHOMA/EASTERN	Muskogee Area Financial Fraud Meeting	1/23/2020	33.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
OKLAHOMA/NORTHERN	Outreach/Presentation of Elder Justice Program to Human Trafficking Task Force Representatives	12/12/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Portland Rotary Club Lunch Presentation: Combating Elder Abuse & Financial Fraud. Reviewed common senior scams, how to avoid being exploited, and where to report fraudulent activity.	9/17/2019	150.00	Consumers or consumer groups
OREGON	Social Services and Welfare Fraud Working Group meeting	10/10/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Social Services and Welfare Fraud Working Group Meeting	11/14/2019	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Social Services and Welfare Fraud Working Group Meeting	12/12/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Social Services and Welfare Fraud Working Group. Monthly working group hosted by USAO. Topics frequently include work on active elder financial exploitation investigations.	1/9/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Social Services and Welfare Fraud Working Group. Monthly working group hosted by USAO. Topics frequently include work on active elder financial exploitation investigations	2/13/2020	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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OREGON	Monthly working group hosted by USAO. Participants include local law enforcement, federal law enforcement, state fraud investigators,	3/12/2020	12.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Monthly working group hosted by USAO. Participants include local law enforcement, federal law enforcement, state fraud investigators, adult protective services, and other fraud fighters. Topics frequently include work on elder financial exploitation cases. Held via phone/video during COVID closure.	4/9/2020	10.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Monthly working group hosted by USAO. Participants include local law enforcement, federal law enforcement, state fraud investigators, adult protective services, and other fraud fighters. Topics frequently include work on elder financial exploitation cases. Held via phone/video during COVID closure.	5/14/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
OREGON	Monthly working group hosted by USAO. Participants include local law enforcement, federal law enforcement, state fraud investigators, adult protective services, and other fraud fighters. Topics frequently include work on elder financial exploitation cases. Held via phone/video during COVID closure.	6/11/2020	25.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
PENNSYLVANIA/MIDDLE	AARP telephonic townhall	1/28/2020	9500.00	Consumers or consumer groups
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Health Care Fraud Summit	11/7/2019	60.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Elder Fraud Justice Meeting with Local Law Enforcement	11/21/2019	5.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Pittsburgh Electronic Crimes Task Force Meeting	12/4/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Healthcare Council of Western PA, Compliance Officer Meeting	12/13/2019	20.00	Industry
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	WDPA Elder Fraud Justice Working Group	1/8/2020	15.00	Federal law enforcement
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Meeting with local law enforcement and prosecutors in the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office to discuss elder fraud investigations and prosecutions.	1/20/2020	10.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Meeting with local law enforcement from the Neshannock Police Department in Lawrence County, PA.	1/29/2020	5.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	IRS-CI Financial Investigations Training	1/29/2020	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	"Protecting a Vulnerable Population: What Financial Institutions Can Do About Elder Fraud" hosted by the Pittsburgh Chapter of ACAMS.	1/30/2020	150.00	Industry
PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	IRS-CI Financial Investigations Training	2/11/2020	60.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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PENNSYLVANIA/WESTERN	Upper St. Clair Seniors Group: How to Prevent Identify Theft and Becoming a Victim of Financial Fraud	2/12/2020	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Resource Fair - Education and Awareness for Elders	7/22/2019	130.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Resource Fair - Education and Awareness for Elders	8/5/2019	135.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	8/7/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	8/8/2019	35.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	8/9/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	9/10/2019	8.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	10/1/2019	15.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Justice Coalition Kick Off(Formation of statewide coalition addressing elder justice)	10/11/2019	50.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach Presentation	10/21/2019	25.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	10/22/2019	9.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	10/24/2019	14.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	10/25/2019	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	10/30/2019	24.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	11/19/2019	6.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	11/21/2019	9.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	11/22/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	11/25/2019	40.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	1/6/2020	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	1/8/2020	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	1/9/2020	40.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach Presentation Education and Awareness for Elders	1/22/2020	20.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder Outreach PresentationEducation and Awareness for Elders	1/29/2020	15.00	Consumers or consumer groups
RHODE ISLAND	Elder PresentationEducation and Outreach re: Frauds and Scams	2/4/2020	10.00	Consumers or consumer groups
SOUTH CAROLINA	AARP Teletown Hall with Frank Abagnale	10/1/2019	30000.00	Consumers or consumer groups

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SOUTH CAROLINA	Speech on Elder Justice Initiative to SC AARP	10/1/2019	500.00	Consumers or consumer groups
SOUTH CAROLINA	Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group (Monthly)	10/8/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
SOUTH CAROLINA	Elder Fraud Bingo	10/29/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
SOUTH CAROLINA	Elder Fraud Bingo	10/31/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
SOUTH CAROLINA	Meeting with Greenville Police Department	11/5/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
SOUTH CAROLINA	Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	11/12/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
SOUTH CAROLINA	Quarterly APCC Meeting (Adult Protective Coordinating Council) in Columbia, SC	11/18/2019	35.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
SOUTH CAROLINA	Midlands Financial Crimes Working Group	12/10/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
SOUTH CAROLINA	Elder Fraud Bingo	12/13/2019	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Elder Fraud meeting	8/20/2019	5.00	Federal law enforcement
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Elderly Economic Crimes Working Group meeting	9/12/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Elder Economic Crimes Meeting	10/24/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Elder Abuse Coordinated Community Response	11/5/2019	20.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Elder Economic Crime Working Group Meeting	11/21/2019	10.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Eastern Tennessee Elderly Justice Coalition (ETEJC)	12/6/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/EASTERN	Elder Economic crimes working group	12/19/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Middle Distract of Tennessee Elder Justice Task Force Semi-Annual Meeting	10/20/2019	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Case Presentation, Elder Justice Task Force - Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, TN: Presented case study on a current WDKY elder fraud case to state and federal stakeholders in MDTN, focusing on case strategies and lessons learned.	10/22/2019	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	EJTF Executive Committee meeting	12/4/2019	5.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Partial EJTF Executive Committee meeting	12/5/2019	5.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	EJTF Executive committee meeting with USAO, FBI, IRS, and relevant state agencies	3/19/2020	10.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Created COVID-19 Scheme brochure that gives tips on identifying and reporting scheme, as well as contact information of law enforcement and USAO. Distributed brochure to EJTF members in Tennessee (federal and state agencies) to distribute to senior facilities and through trainings. Posted brochure on USAO website.	4/17/2020	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Outreach to Tennessee Bureau of Investigation related to COVID-19 related nursing home cases.	4/29/2020	10.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Press release related to elder justice fraud	5/1/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	Press release about Elder Justice Taskforce and elder abuse	5/1/2020	100.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	US Attorney Interview on local news about Elder Justice Taskforce	5/13/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
TENNESSEE/MIDDLE	EJTF Executive committee meeting with USAO, FBI, IRS, and relevant state agencies: Discussed COVID-19 related elder abuse schemes and planning for full EJTF meeting in August, 2020.	5/14/2020	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/WESTERN	Coordinated Response to Elder Abuse (CREA)Quarterly Meeting	2/26/2020	35.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TENNESSEE/WESTERN	Working Together to Protect Heartland Consumers Panel Participant	3/9/2020	100.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Consumers or consumer groups
TEXAS/EASTERN	Presentation to Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Officers on Elder Fraud/Elder Justice	1/16/2020	28.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TEXAS/EASTERN	500 Elder Fraud and COVID-19 Fraud Flyers provided for distribution to elder clients via "Meals on Wheels," a program of the Nutrition & Services for Seniors, of Beaumont, Texas (EDTX).	6/30/2020	500.00	Consumers or consumer groups
TEXAS/NORTHERN	Elder Justice Case Coordination meeting with U.S. Postal Inspection Service	12/19/2019	5.00	Federal law enforcement
TEXAS/NORTHERN	Elder Justice Initiative meeting with Social Security Administration	1/15/2020	3.00	Federal law enforcement
TEXAS/NORTHERN	Elder Fraud Initiative meeting to plan collaborative efforts with the Senior Source, a local non-profit that provides aging services.	2/6/2020	5.00	Industry
TEXAS/NORTHERN	Nursing Home Initiative meeting with Dallas Fire Rescue	2/7/2020	3.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TEXAS/SOUTHERN	U.S. Attorney meeting with SDTX SACs and ASACs. A two hour meeting to discuss the Transnational Elderly Fraud Strike Force, and to organize an Elderly Fraud SAR review committee comprised primarily of agents from IRS, FBI, HSI, Postal Service and SSA-OIG.	9/17/2019	25.00	Federal law enforcement
TEXAS/SOUTHERN	Meeting with Barbara Lopez, Program Manager for Harris County Protective Services for Children and Adults, Senior Justice Assessment Center.	2/3/2020	4.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TEXAS/SOUTHERN	Conference call with SSA in regards to Personal Care Homes	4/8/2020	4.00	Federal law enforcement
TEXAS/SOUTHERN	COVID-19 Conference Call	4/9/2020	25.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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TEXAS/WESTERN	12th Annual Crimes Against the Elderly Conference All day conference sponsored by the Texas Adult Protective Services. Topics were focused on crimes against the elderly	10/1/2019	600.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
TEXAS/WESTERN	Annual Texas Adult Protective Services Training Conference	11/21/2019	145.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
TEXAS/WESTERN	San Antonio E-Pay Resources Fraud Reduction Meeting	1/15/2020	50.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
TEXAS/WESTERN	San Antonio First Responders Elder Abuse training	3/10/2020	100.00	police, APS, social services
UTAH	Elder Fraud Outreach Training	10/22/2019	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
UTAH	Elder Fraud Outreach - LE Training	10/24/2019	90.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
VERMONT	2019 Financial Abuse Specialist Team Tri-State Conference for Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine: a conference held in Killington, Vermont, where attendees learned about the many forms elder financial abuse can take, how to access the tools available to help victims, and the resources available to prevent these crimes. The conference featured presentations from regional leaders in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine from the front lines of elder abuse prevention.	10/21/2019	40.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
VERMONT	Financial Abuse Specialist Team of Vermont Meeting: Kraig LaPorte, law enforcement coordinator, spoke at the FAST of Vermont meeting in April concerning the U.S. Attorney's Office efforts to combat COVID-19-related scams targeting the elderly as well as ways to detect and report such fraud to all levels of law enforcement.	4/9/2020	20.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGIN ISLANDS	How to Prevent Elder Financial Exploitation	1/23/2020	30.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGIN ISLANDS	Elder Financial Fraud	2/12/2020	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
VIRGIN ISLANDS	Presentation to St. Croix Center for Independent Living	3/5/2020	50.00	Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Tri-County Adult Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Meeting	12/3/2019	10.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Fairfax County Financial Exploitation Prevention Task Force	1/27/2020	25.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Richmond SAR Team Meeting	1/31/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Informational Release concerning Coronavirus Scams Targeting Elderly and Vulnerable Victims	3/18/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Telephonic outreach to senior living facilities and communities	5/15/2020	Not Tracked	Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGINIA/EASTERN	Elder Justice & Coronavirus Informational Brochures	5/28/2020	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
VIRGINIA/WESTERN	Distribution of Elder Justice pamphlets and brochures to state Victim-Witness Coordinators in the following jurisdictions within the WDVA: Harrisonburg City, Rockingham County, Waynesboro City, Staunton City and Shenandoah County. These pamphlets and brochures were slated for further distribution by these state Victim-Witness coordinators.	10/4/2019	Not Tracked	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services

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VIRGINIA/WESTERN	Participate in a multidisciplinary coalition which meets regularly to discuss issues relating to elder fraud and abuse. Specifically, the goal of the group is to focus on prevention, interdiction and prosecution of crimes against the elderly. The coalition is made up of the USAO, state prosecutors, APS workers, social workers, bankers, VA Attorney General Office, and private attorneys specializing in elder care.	1/1/2020	20.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGINIA/WESTERN	Calls to Major Elder Residential Community Centers in WDVA re: COVID-19 scams.	3/26/2020	30.00	Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGINIA/WESTERN	Developed brochure aimed at the elder community regarding COVID-19 scams, Elder Justice Initiative, COVID-19 Task Force. Brochures received wide distribution to include: PIOs and Victim-Witness personnel across the country, EOUSA website, Va Attorney General website, VA Commonwealth's Attorneys, Virginia Police and Sheriff Departments, major elder justice communities in WDVA, included in the Roanoke Valley Water bills, Roanoke City website, The Senior News Network, Roanoke TRIAD website, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Great Harvest Bread, The Virginia Coalition for Prevention of Elder Abuse, Women's Resource Center for the New River Valley, Faithful Aging Network, and the Virginia Navigator (formerly Virginia Senior Navigator).	3/27/2020	1000.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services; Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
VIRGINIA/WESTERN	Participated in Zoom Training at local Senior Center to discuss COVID-19 scams. Presented with leading elder fraud attorney and office VW Coordinator.	4/1/2020	30.00	Federal law enforcement; Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry; Consumers or consumer groups
WASHINGTON/EASTERN	Common Ground Conference: conference designed to bring federal, state, and local actors, to include legal services providers, consumer advocates, and other stakeholders interested in and a part of the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of fraud against vulnerable consumers.	12/12/2019	70.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
WASHINGTON/EASTERN	Yakima Financial Crimes Task Force Meeting--meetings once or twice a year to discuss trends and issues in financial crimes in the Yakima area.	1/22/2020	15.00	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry
WASHINGTON/EASTERN	Press release related to elder justice fraud	6/15/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
WEST VIRGINIA/NORTHERN	AARP Teletown Hall Meeting	10/25/2019	300000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
WEST VIRGINIA/NORTHERN	Informational Mailing - Statewide	11/1/2019	9745.00	Consumers or consumer groups
WEST VIRGINIA/NORTHERN	Elder Fraud Bingo	12/14/2019	36.00	Consumers or consumer groups
WEST VIRGINIA/NORTHERN	Elder Fraud/COVID-19 Public Service Announcement	4/1/2020	200000.00	Consumers or consumer groups

Component or USAO	Event Description	Event Date	Approximate Number of Attendees	Description of Attendees
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	WV Financial Exploitation Taskforce Meeting: Purpose of the task force is to empower individuals and create a culture and environment where vulnerable adult West Virginians are safe from financial exploitation.	10/1/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Charleston Area Intelligence Meeting	10/3/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Southern West Virginia Intelligence Meeting	10/17/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Elder Justice Tele-Town Hall: United States Attorneys Mike Stuart and Bill Powell, along with FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent in Charge Robert Jones, partnered with the AARP to conduct outreach and raise awareness to educate senior citizens about the latest scams so they do not fall victim. More than 200 seniors in West Virginia had the opportunity to participate in an interactive telephone town hall to learn about the latest financial scams.	10/25/2019	200.00	Federal law enforcement;Consumers or consumer groups
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Elder Justice Coordination Meeting between WV Attorney General's Office, FBI, and USSS	11/4/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Cabell/Wayne County Homeland Security Meeting	11/5/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Charleston Area Intelligence Meeting	11/7/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Cabell/Wayne County Homeland Security Meeting	12/3/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Charleston Area Intelligence Meeting	12/5/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	West Virginia Analyst Meeting	12/17/2019	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WEST VIRGINIA/ SOUTHERN	Financial Exploitation Taskforce	1/7/2020	Not Tracked	Federal law enforcement;Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Industry;Consumers or consumer groups
WISCONSIN/WESTERN	CBS News Interview <a href="https://www.cbs58.com/news/it-s-atrocious-us-attorney-discusses-case-where-victims-had-life-savings-destroyed">https://www.cbs58.com/news/it-s-atrocious-us-attorney-discusses-case-where-victims-had-life-savings-destroyed</a>	1/28/2020	Not Tracked	Not Tracked
WISCONSIN/WESTERN	Wausau Law Enforcement Meeting	2/3/2020	15.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WISCONSIN/WESTERN	Eau Claire Law Enforcement Meeting	2/5/2020	30.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services
WYOMING	AARP Teletown Hall	9/30/2019	600.00	Local government officials, including state and local police, APS, social services;Consumers or consumer groups
WYOMING	Money-mule warning article in AARP Wyoming's newsletter distributed to 50,000 households statewide	11/4/2019	50000.00	Consumers or consumer groups
WYOMING	AARP Defeat Frauds & Scams Conference	2/20/2020	40.00	Consumers or consumer groups
WYOMING	Fraud presentation to Cheyenne Kiwanis	2/27/2020	120.00	Consumers or consumer groups
WYOMING	AARP Wyoming "Scams and Frauds" Webinar	5/7/2020	500.00	Consumers or consumer groups

**APPENDIX C: ALL GRANTS<sup>85</sup>**

Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE	Financial Exploitation Intervention Team Evaluability Assessment	2019-V3-GX-0005	The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	<p>The study aims to evaluate a current OVC demonstration project designed to combat elder financial exploitation. The Metropolitan Family Service (MFS) Legal Aid Society (LAS) Innovations in Addressing Elder Financial Exploitation Project funded by the Office of Victims of Crime has developed the Financial Exploitations Intervention Team (FEIT) program. This program is a closed-loop referral system, which is incorporated into the workflow of adult protective services (APS), banks, law enforcement, and legal services. This referral system aims to establish a continuity of services between MFS and community-based resources to fight financial exploitation (FE) and fraud. Closed loop refers to the ability to identify FE and fraud and measure their severity, designing services based on that information, and subsequently assessing outcomes of those services and reporting them to service providers. The ultimate FEIT will be a system that includes a team of representatives from all providers to inform decisions about system development and functioning.</p> <p>This grant involves two projects: (1) To conduct an evaluability assessment of the FEIT program that would include a detailed, accurate logic model, practice-based measures, and a FEIT program manual; and (2) To pilot-test the FEIT system using the new measures and FEIT protocol in a six-month, small-sample evaluation of the proof of concept. The evaluability assessment will be conducted through participant observation, focus groups, and interviews. The ultimate goal of this initial assessment will be a subsequent full-scale evaluation study. Ultimately, a full evaluation of the FEIT will serve as the first rigorous, comprehensive, empirical test of an integrated, multidisciplinary team including APS, banks, law enforcement, and legal aid. Deliverables of note include (1) A suite of measurement instruments, (2) A description of a coordinated training and service system, (3) An outcome assessment to provide feedback on effectiveness and accountability; and (4) An evaluability assessment report. Findings from this phase will provide a tested system for the field to use or adapt, as well as a foundation on which researchers can build.</p>
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE	Prevention of Financial Abuse Among Elders Affected by Cognitive Decline: A Randomized Controlled Trial In Three Rural Communities	2019-MU-CX-0094	Michigan State University	<p>This project employs randomized controlled trial (RCT) research design to test the efficacy, effectiveness and cost benefit of a financial abuse prevention model for elders living in rural Michigan (MI) who experience cognitive declines. The intervention targets elders, their caregivers, and service professionals providing psychosocial education, case management, and local Financial Abuse Specialist Teams (FAST) to raise awareness, build competence, and provide coaching and consultation to safeguard against and intervene in financial abuse.</p> <p>The researchers have partnered with local aging service agencies in Battle Creek, Manistee, and Marquette. The agencies serve 11 rural counties in the surrounding areas. A total of 106 older adults, 78 family caregivers and 70 service professionals will be enrolled and randomly assigned to intervention groups or control groups across the three sites. Qualitative data collected from community financial abuse prevention caseworkers and participants in the intervention groups will be analyzed to determine program efficacy. The effectiveness of this program will be evaluated collecting outcome data over a 15-month period using validated instruments and scales. Short and long-term outcomes include elders with higher awareness of, lower risk for, and fewer incidents of financial abuse; family caregivers with higher awareness of financial abuse, increased competence in dementia care, fewer abuse behaviors, and fewer financial abuse incidents; and service professionals with higher awareness of dementia and financial abuse, increased competence in identifying and reporting financial abuse, and more reported cases of financial abuse to APS or referrals to supportive services. The cost-benefit analysis will compare the cost-benefit ratio between intervention groups and control groups.</p>

<sup>85</sup> The total number of grants in Appendic C is 35.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE	Mass Marketing Elder Fraud Intervention	2019-R2-CX-0053	Research Triangle Institute	<p>This study will be conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service. The project will involve secondary analysis of USPIS investigatory data; a randomized controlled trial (RCT) to test the efficacy of several variations on a USPIS-mailed intervention for preventing the revictimization of older adults; and a follow-up survey to a subsample of RCT participants.</p> <p>Using 20 years of USPIS investigative data collected from US fraud victims, the researchers will link addresses across three data files, each containing more than 1 million victim records, to gather information about the incidence, frequency, and patterns of repeat victimization. The researchers will also test the use of a mailed intervention in preventing mass marketing fraud revictimization. Using return address data collected from individuals who have mailed payments to an identified fraudster, victims (n&gt;10,000) will be randomly assigned to one of three treatment groups or a control group. Treatment groups will receive either (1) an official letter from the USPIS informing them that they may have been a victim of mass marketing fraud that they should be on the lookout for subsequent fraudulent solicitations; (2) the letter described above and a fraud prevention brochure with tailored messaging that provides a call to action to prevent future fraud; or (3) the letter and brochure as described above repeated monthly throughout the five-month intervention period. For up to one year, the researchers will continue to collect return addresses from victims' mail and will identify participants who were revictimized. Their examinations will also include a return on investment analysis.</p> <p>Finally, the researchers will administer a mail survey to a random subsample of addresses from each of the three treatment groups (n=7,500) to capture reactions to the intervention; basic demographic information, including age; and experiences with other types of fraud. The demographic characteristics collected will be linked to data from the intervention experiment to provide a better understanding of the impact of the intervention on victims aged 65 or older, and the relative effectiveness of the intervention by age. Additionally, they will ask victims about</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Field Generated Innovations in Addressing Elder Financial Exploitation, IL	2018-V3-K046	Metropolitan Family Services/Legal Aid Society	<p>A program to develop a multi-system prevention and intervention model that includes geriatric-specific assessment, case management, legal, financial, and police responses across social services, adult protective services, and financial industries. MFS will develop an elder financial abuse specialist team that will support a comprehensive victim response model comprised of multidisciplinary insights directed towards elder victim advocacy, community education with a financial exploitation detection and prevention focus, and fraud protection efforts among the senior population.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Coordinated Community Response to Elder Abuse, MI	2018-V3-GX-K026	Elder Law of Michigan, Inc.	<p>A program to enhance the capacity of a three-county region in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to address elder financial exploitation through innovative collaboration with the local financial institutions, law enforcement, aging services, and other community service providers.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Senior Financial Safety Tool, NY	2018-V3-GX-K024	Center for Elder Law & Justice Inc.	<p>A program to design, develop, and test the Senior Financial Safety Tool (SFST), using branch logic and risk detecting technology, to allow bank staff to complete quick assessments with older customers and generate a direct referral to CELJ and local enhanced MDT's where appropriate. The project is a collaboration between Pro Bono Net, Lake Shore Savings Bank, and Erie County Adult Protective Services.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Single Platform Reporting of Financial Exploitation, NY	2018-V3-GX-K025	Research Foundation CUNY on behalf of Hunter College CUNY	<p>A program to increase reporting of financial exploitation, and the speed and quality of victim response, by streamlining reporting and information sharing between financial and investigating agencies. The project will pilot a Financial Exploitation (FE)-focused unified reporting platform, which will allow the entering of web-based reports by financial institutions and automatic routing to appropriate investigating agencies (e.g., APS, financial regulators).</p>

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OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Using Technology & Analytics to Protect Assets and Modernize Court Processes, VA	2018-V3-GX-K023	National Center for State Courts	A program to change how courts receive and monitor financial accountings from conservators. This project will develop a Rapid Response Team (RRT) and judicial and response protocols to launch a targeted and appropriately-tailored court response. The project will partner with a financial monitoring service, use the RRT in courts to research, investigate, and respond to monitoring service alerts; implement the judicial response protocol to protect and recuperate assets; evaluate; and disseminate a replication guide that can encourage the development of Rapid Response Systems nationwide.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Victim-Centered Training Series, VA	2018-V3-GX-K021	National White Collar Crime Center (NWC3)	A program to develop a web-based and in-person training series to increase the capacity of responders to better serve and support victims of elder financial exploitation. Each of 10 interactive web-based modules will center on the unique experience of an individual older American, addressing promising practices that professionals can use to better detect, respond to, and support victims of various types of elder financial exploitation using trauma-informed approaches.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Enhance Denver's Forensic Collaborative for At Risk Adults (DFC)	2019-V3-GX-0015	City and County of Denver, CO	A multidisciplinary team of experts will examine high-risk cases of elders being physically abused, neglected, or financially exploited in Denver, CO. The project will improve support for the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases by bringing in experts including forensic accounting services in complex financial exploitation cases, neuropsychologists who can evaluate victims when necessary, and geriatricians who can provide case consultations prior to filing charges. The District Attorney will work with those experts to create a sound structure in cases destined for trial. In addition, the project will make services available to individuals identified as requiring assistance but not living in circumstances that warrant criminal justice intervention and will provide after-hours emergency housing for victims (when offenders have been arrested). The project will also support a victim advocate to work with elders identified as needing more support and to develop an emergency housing program; neuropsychological evaluations; forensic accounting evaluations; and analysis and consultation from a geriatrician.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Enhancing Stark County APS Interdisciplinary Team (APS I-Team), OH	2019-V3-GX-0020	Coleman Professional Services	Stark County's aging population, growing opiate and other substance abuse issue stressing families, and increasing social isolation and resource strain (with younger adults moving away to live and work) all compound the problem of protecting older adults. The project will support a dedicated E-MDT Coordinator to facilitate the expansion and improvement of the current APS I-Team, more fully engage community partners, and better support the investigation and prosecution of elder financial exploitation and abuse cases. The project will conduct a needs assessment, develop formal processes, train members, and recruit forensic accountant and neuropsychologist services to enhance the team. The goal of the project is to help Stark County adjudicate cases and increase the number of cases moving through the court system.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	An Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team in a Rural Community (Luce, Mackinac, and Chippewa Counties), MI	2019-V3-GX-0012	Elder Law of Michigan	The project will enhance the capacity of rural communities to address elder abuse and financial exploitation through the creation and support of an enhanced multidisciplinary team (E-MDT). The project will augment the creation of a coordinated community response coalition and victim referral services. The project will review best practices, support victim services referrals and case management for older adults who have been abused, hire an E-MDT Coordinator, develop the community plan, establish the processes for gathering and reporting data, design the MDT (enhancing it with the inclusion of needed specialists), conduct case reviews for needed referrals, provide in-depth assistance to victims and prosecute perpetrators of elder abuse, provide training and resources to the E-MDT members, and create a short implementation guide on establishing an enhanced multidisciplinary team, facilitated by technology, in a rural community.

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OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Transforming Lummi Nation's Response to Elder Abuse, WA	2019-VO-GX-0018	Lummi Indian Business Council	<p>The project will create a strategic plan to prevent and eliminate Elder Abuse, incorporating all of the program services functions and activities of the Lummi Nation. Lummi Nation will work with internal and external partners to insure that a comprehensive set of services are available to Lummi Nation Elders. The Lummi Nation has 975 Elders aged 55 and older that reside on the Lummi Reservation. During 2018, 570 elders have identified themselves as victims of elder abuse. This is a rate of nearly 60 percent of Tribal elders. Lummi Nation will develop specific Elder Abuse Prevention and Elimination Services to support tribal elders. The MDT team will consist of an Elder Mentor, Mental Health Counselor, Clinical Social Worker, Lummi Police Officer, Elder Advocate, Lummi Housing member and two new tribal liaisons. An Elder Wellness Coordinator will collaborate services with housing, health clinic, Elders program, and Behavioral Health. Tribal Liaisons will visit at-risk elders at the beginning of each month to prevent financial exploitation and identify housing issues that need to be addressed, such as repairs or lack of electricity.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation	2019-V3-GX-0014	Milwaukee County, WI Department on Aging	<p>The project will create an Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) to provide coordination and case review with the goal of developing and strengthening the capacity of victim services. The goal of this project is the development of an MDT that is proficient in case review, continuously improving victim services, advocates and reduces the impact of elder abuse and financial exploitation by early detection and intervention. Prosecutors will be proactive and prosecute cases regardless of the involved dollar amount. Providing more coordination and case review to better identify at-risk elders, offering ongoing support and early detection is crucial to avoiding significant financial loss, abuse, or neglect. Using an evidenced-based model, the E-MDT will include law enforcement, Mental Health Services, Adult Protective Services, Hospital Staff, banking professionals, a forensic accountant, and a psychologist/neuropsychologist to provide case consultation and review. Additional representatives from the Social Security Administration, Long-Term Care agencies, medical examiner, Veterans Affairs fiduciary, public health officials, and victim services representatives, will be consulted to develop protocols and processes for case reviews. The creation of this team, led by a full-time project coordinator, is intended to help create a clearer intake/presentation process, and provide ongoing support and services to the victims of abuse and exploitation.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Development and Coordination of Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams in four Minnesota Communities: Becker County, Clay County, Olmsted County and White Earth Nation, MN	2019-V3-GX-0018	Minnesota Elder Justice Center	<p>This project will enhance responses to victims by supporting four community MDTs through direct coordination, developing current practices and elevating these practices. The Minnesota Elder Justice Center will work collaboratively with four different communities in greater Minnesota: White Earth Nation – to create a new E-MDT; Becker County – to build E-MDT capacity within a young MDT; Olmsted County – to continue building the MDT into an E-MDT with additional stakeholder involvement and more formalized processes; and Cass/Clay Counties – to offer an opportunity to demonstrate the positive outcomes of enhanced data gathering, analysis, and evaluation in a transborder program of Minnesota and North Dakota. These communities are diverse, both rural to urban, and each offers an opportunity to address victims’ needs. In addition, the project will evaluate what support is required to enhance the work of elder abuse multidisciplinary teams at various stages of existence, from ‘new’ to ‘established.’ Finally, the project will develop best-practice recommendations for structural and substantive inclusions in the work of enhanced multidisciplinary teams in Minnesota.</p>

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OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Local Elder Abuse Prevention E-MDT (LEAP E-MDT)	2019-V3-GX-0009	Northridge Hospital Foundation, CA	<p>This project will create a case review enhanced multidisciplinary team (E-MDT) to provide a focused and unified set of services to vulnerable older adults who are victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation coupled with awareness and educational outreach to professionals and community residents. The Northridge Hospital Foundation's Center for Healthier Communities (CHC) will lead the Local Elder Abuse Prevention Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (LEAP E-MDT), composed of core members from the Center for Assault Treatment Services (C'A'T-S), Valley Care Community Consortium, the Alzheimer's Association, ONEgeneration, and a member each from the neuropsychology, law enforcement, and forensic accountancy professions. A community needs assessment conducted in the first two quarters of the project will provide a better understanding of the needs, resources, and service area gaps as it relates to elder abuse and financial exploitation. The LEAP E-MDT will address not only instances of elder abuse as they are detected by Northridge Hospital Medical Center and its partnering community organizations, but also take a preventative approach through an evidence-based educational model targeting caregivers, family members, and the community at-large.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Rockdale County Georgia PEARL Program, Elder Abuse Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team Project, GA	2019-V3-GX-0019	Rockdale County, GA	<p>The project will enhance current MDT efforts to improve the case review process and associated systems coordination, and to better understand victims' priorities and needs (to determine effective responses to financial exploitation and opioid abuse). The goal is to enhance the development of the Rockdale County MDT for elder abuse to better identify and respond to victims experiencing abuse and financial exploitation. The project's objectives include the following. 1) Utilizing technical assistance offered from OVC's National Elder Abuse MDT TTA Center to improve/enhance the E-MDT. 2) Expanding E-MDT membership to include forensic accountants, neuropsychologists and other professionals so there is holistic approach to the needs of older victims. 3) Hiring a dedicated E-MDT Coordinator to coordinate E-MDT activities. 4) Conducting a needs assessment to identify the gaps in service, assets in the community, and facilitate trainings to aid in the development of enhanced procedures. 5) Identifying service activities to support a holistic response to victims' needs. 6) Participation in various training opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of elder abuse victim's priorities and how to work as an effective E-MDT.</p>
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Expansion to the City of Richmond's Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team, VA	2019-V3-GX-0017	City of Richmond, VA	<p>The project has had a functioning Elder Abuse MDT for over 10 years. Currently, there are representatives from, among others, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Adult Protective Services, Law Enforcement, and a Guardian ad Litem who regularly attend and review cases that have been brought to the team by various channels, including reports to APS and law enforcement. Under this project, the team will continue to work together to add participants from the local YWCA, Virginia Commonwealth University's Forensic Nursing Program, EMS, and local banking institutions to the MDT. Additionally, the team will increase the professional resources available to it to support the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse cases. To that end, the City of Richmond MDT will add a geriatrician, a forensic accountant, and a neuropsychologist. Finally, the City of Richmond's E-MDT will recruit a skilled civil-side Elder Law lawyer to offer advice as to the appropriate use of guardianships and powers-of-attorney. The E-MDT will also work to expand the education and skill of law enforcement officers in conducting effective and victim-centered victim interviews. The E-MDT will also train EMTs, 911 dispatchers, and employees of assisted living and skilled nursing facilities so that all of those frontline professionals will be better prepared to help law enforcement identify victims of elder abuse in its earliest phases.</p>

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OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Enhancing the Cobb County Justice for Elderly and Disabled Individuals (JEDI) Multidisciplinary Team, GA	2019-V3-GX-0011	liveSAFE Resources, Inc.	This project, in collaboration with the Cobb County District Attorney and with support of the Cobb County Justice for Elderly and Disabled Individuals Multidisciplinary Team (JEDI MDT), will expand and enhance the capabilities of the JEDI MDT, which serves elderly and disabled victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation (ANE) in Cobb County, Georgia, a large suburban county on the northwest border of the City of Atlanta. The JEDI MDT will engage a forensic accounting firm to assist in investigations of cases involving financial exploitation, and with a neuropsychologist to work with cases involving victims with cognitive impairment. In addition, the project will create a full-time E-MDT Coordinator position to investigate ANE cases, organize the JEDI MDT and bring cases to the members, coordinate services, and monitor outcomes. The project will increase the number of cases reviewed by the JEDI MDT on an annual basis over current levels, and will greatly increase the ability of the JEDI MDT to bring financial exploitation cases through the process to prosecution.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Establishing Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams to establish systems of communication, referrals, intervention and avocation on behalf of Sac and Fox Tribal elders, OK	2018-VO-GX-0171	The Sac and Fox Nation	The project will create an MDT/Adult Protective Services Office to begin establishing Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams to form systems of communication, referrals, intervention, and advocacy on behalf of Sac and Fox Tribal elders. The challenge is that there is little knowledge within the tribal community about what elder abuse is. Because of the lack of knowledge of elder abuse, it's often overlooked or tolerated, and when it is identified, there is very little communication between agencies to see that the abuse is reported, stopped, and prosecuted. Although there are laws to govern the treatment of elders, there is little enforcement of those laws and no prosecution unless the abuse results in death. The MDT/Adult Protective Services Office will coordinate communication with all tribal departments, specifically law enforcement, tribal court, human services, and health care to assure the abuse is identified, stopped, and abusers are held accountable. Additionally, tribal employees and tribal citizens will be trained to identify elder abuse in effort to build an intolerance for maltreatment to tribal elders.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Multidisciplinary Approach to Elder Abuse, MD	2019-V3-GX-0010	Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Inc.	The Elder Justice Program, a collaboration of LifeBridge Health entities including Sinai Hospital, Levindale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital, and Baltimore Child Abuse Center, will develop an Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Response led by an Elder Justice Manager and an Elder Abuse MDT Coordinator. The Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Response will exist as a collaboration housed within the LifeBridge Health System, which will incorporate geropsychology, long-term care, neuropsychology, victim services, geriatricians, and a Child Advocacy Center that specializes in Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Responses. The MDT response will bridge the hospital and Child Advocacy Center expertise with local law enforcement, prosecutors, first responders, and aging services to establish a team that comprehensively addresses the complexities of elder justice. The MDT will be created with representation from local police, Adult Protective Services, Maryland State's Attorney's Office, and partners in the medical, mental health, geriatric, and victim services professions. The MDT will meet to review cases, coordinate care for victims, and continuously improve upon processes of interagency collaboration. The main goal of the MDT will be to improve the comprehensive response to elder abuse through regular MDT meetings, MDT partner feedback, and attendance and engagement at relationship strengthening activities and professional development sessions.

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OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center, NY	2019-MU-GX-K037	Joan & Sanford Weill I. Medical College of Cornell University	The National Elder MDT Center will provide TTA for OVC-funded E-MDTs, to focus on identifying and promoting best practices and innovative strategies and to foster effective collaborative responses through the use of E-MDTs for cases of elder abuse and/or financial exploitation. Grantee partners include Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Red Wind Consulting, USC's Leonard Davis School of Gerontology and the Keck School of Medicine's National Center on Elder Abuse, and the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life. Together with its partners (and in close collaboration with OVC and the Elder Justice Initiative), the grantee will establish the National E-MDT Center. The project will provide case consultations, training and technical assistance to OVC-funded tribal and non-tribal teams throughout the country; innovative strategies and materials for each team's daily operations; technical assistance for team support and case consultations; training for professionals serving teams; guidance on integrating specialty services into the work of the teams; strategies to ensure responsiveness to each community; guidance on trauma-informed and trauma-responsive approaches; and advice on sustainability and long-range funding strategies. Through collaboration with Red Wind Consulting, the Center will place special emphasis on culturally competent implementation of E-MDTs in Native American communities. The Center will also assess the impact of the TTA provided and share with professionals across the country.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	Building Pennsylvania's State Technology Capacity to Serve Elder Victims of Crime, PA	2019-V3-GX-K043	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency plans to enhance and support Pennsylvania's Department of Aging (PDA) by creating an internet-based elder abuse reporting system and a real-time dashboard alert and reporting system that allows PDA to exercise improved oversight of the timeliness of elder abuse investigations initiated by Pennsylvania's 52 Area Agencies on Aging.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	OVC FY 2019 Building State Technology Capacity and Elder Abuse Hotlines, MO	2019-V3-GX-K042	State of Missouri Department of Health Senior Services	Missouri is committed to ensuring that every eligible adult in need of protective services will receive timely and effective adult protective services. To meet this commitment, Missouri must expand access to the adult protective service pathway by instituting an online 24-hour Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation reporting system that seamlessly integrates into the client information management system.
OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME	State of Wisconsin OVC FY 2019 Building State Technology Capacity and Elder Abuse Hotlines, WI	2019-V3-GX-K037	Wisconsin Department of Justice	The Wisconsin Department of Justice, the State Administering Agency for the VOCA formula assistance and compensation program grants, plans to establish a statewide elder abuse victim service hotline. The project will be accomplished with a formal partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Justice, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, and the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. This partnership will help leverage existing resources and relationships with victim services providers, adult protective services, aging network professionals, and criminal justice partners.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Montana Board of Crime Control: 2020 - Continuing to Enhance Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life	2016-EW-AX-K001	Montana Department of Corrections DBA Montana Board of Crime Control	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This two year continuation project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.

Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Baltimore City's Abuse in Later Life Project	2017-EW-AX-K001	The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This two year continuation project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	FY 2020: End Abuse in Later Life	2020-EW-AX-K001	Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Abuse in Later Life Project	2020-EW-AX-K002	Cleveland Rape Crisis Center	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	The Southern Indiana Project on Abuse in Later Life	2020-EW-AX-K003	Indiana Judiciary Courts of the State of Indiana	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.

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OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Arizona Abuse in Later Life Project	2020-EW-AX-K004	Arizona Department of Economic Security	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Alameda County Collaborative to End Abuse in Later Life	2020-EW-AX-K005	Ruby's Place	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	FY 2020 Abuse in Later Life Project	2020-EW-AX-K006	County of Contra Costa, California	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.
OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Elder Justice Project	2020-EW-AX-K007	Boulder County	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.

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OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN	Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life in Haywood County in far Western North Carolina	2020-EW-AX-K008	Thirtieth Judicial District Domestic Violence Sexual Assault	Office on Violence Against Women Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grantees work with project partners in their communities to support efforts to increase victim safety and offender accountability. This three year project will focus on victims who are 50 years of age or older. Each project will address four mandatory program purpose areas: 1) increase and strengthen training for police, prosecutors, the judiciary, units of local government, victim service providers, relevant officers in federal, tribal, state, territorial, and local courts and other government agencies in recognizing, investigating, and prosecuting instances of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking against older individuals; 2) provide or enhance services for older victims; 3) create or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to older victims; and 4) conduct cross-training for governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and victim service providers serving older victims.



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ELDER FRAUD LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

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## I. Elder Fraud Legislative Proposal

### SEC. 1. BULK CASH SMUGGLING

Section 5332(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “5 years” and inserting “10 years”;
- (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;
- (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) FINE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Whoever violates this section shall be fined under title 18.

“(B) ENHANCED FINE FOR AGGRAVATED CASES.—Whoever violates this section while violating another law of the United States, other than section 5316 or 5324(c) of this title, or as a part of a pattern of any unlawful activity, including a violation of section 5316 or 5324(c) of this title, shall be fined double the amount provided in subsection (b)(3) or (c)(3) of section 3571 of title 18.”; and

- (4) in paragraph (5), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (2)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”.

### SEC. 2. SECTION 1957 VIOLATIONS COMMINGLED & AGGREGATED TRANSACTIONS

Section 1957 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) In a prosecution for an offense under this section, the Government may satisfy the \$10,000 monetary transaction value requirement under subsection (a) by showing that—

“(1) the monetary transaction involved the transfer, withdrawal, encumbrance, or other disposition of more than \$10,000 from an account in which more than \$10,000 in proceeds of specified unlawful activity was commingled with other funds; or

“(2) the defendant conducted a series of monetary transactions in amounts of not more than \$10,000 that—

“(A) exceeded \$10,000 in the aggregate; and

“(B) were closely related to each other as demonstrated by factors such as—

“(i) the time period between the transactions;

“(ii) the identity of the parties involved;

“(iii) the nature or purpose of the transactions; and

“(iv) the manner in which the transactions were conducted.”.

### **SEC. 3. CONCEALMENT MONEY LAUNDERING**

Section 1956(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “knowing that” and all that follows through “Federal law,” and inserting the following:

“(B) “knowing that the transaction, in whole or in part –

(i) conceals or disguises, or is intended to conceal or disguise, the nature, source, location, ownership, or control of the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; or

(ii) avoids, or is intended to avoid, a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law,” and

(2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “knowing that” and all that follows through “Federal law,” and inserting the following:

“(B) knowing that –

(i) the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transportation, transmission, or transfer represent the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; and

(ii) the transportation, transmission, or transfer, in whole or in part

—

(I) conceals or disguises, or is intended to conceal or disguise, the nature, source, location, ownership, or control of the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; or

(II) avoids, or is intended to avoid, a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law.”.

**SEC. 4. FREEZING BANK ACCOUNTS OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING MOVEMENT OF FUNDS ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS**

Section 981(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(5)(A) If a person is arrested or charged in connection with an offense described in subparagraph (C) involving the movement of funds into or out of the United States, the Attorney General may apply to any Federal judge in the district in which the arrest is made or the charges are filed for an ex parte order restraining any account held by the person arrested or charged for not more than 30 days, except that such 30-day time period may be extended for good cause shown at a hearing conducted in the manner provided in Rule 43(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The court may receive and consider evidence and information submitted by the Government that would be inadmissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence.

“(B) The application for the restraining order referred to in subparagraph (A) shall—

“(i) identify the offense for which the person has been arrested or charged;

“(ii) identify the location and description of the accounts to be restrained; and

“(iii) state that the restraining order is needed to prevent the removal of the funds in the account by the person arrested or charged, or by other persons associated with that person, during the time needed by the Government to conduct such investigation as may be necessary to establish whether there is probable cause to believe that the funds in the accounts are subject to forfeiture.

“(C) A restraining order may be issued under subparagraph (A) if a person is arrested or charged with any offense for which forfeiture is authorized under—

“(i) this title;

“(ii) title 31; or

“(iii) the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

“(D) For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) the term ‘account’ includes any safe deposit box and any account (as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5318A(e) of title 31) at any financial institution; and

“(ii) the term ‘account held by the person arrested or charged’ includes an account held in the name of that person, and any account over which that person has effective control as a signatory or otherwise.

“(E) Restraint under this paragraph shall not be deemed a seizure for purposes of section 983(a).

“(F) A restraining order issued under this paragraph may be executed in any district in which the subject account is found, or transmitted to the central authority of any foreign State for service in accordance with any treaty or other international agreement.”.

## **SEC. 5. ADDING FORFEITURE AUTHORITY FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT**

(a) Section 1961(1)(B) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting “section 1028A (relating to aggravated identity theft),” after “section 1028 (relating to fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents),”.

(b) Section 1028A of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting:

“(d) Forfeiture; disposition

In circumstances in which any person is convicted of a violation of subsection (a), the court shall order, in addition to the penalty prescribed, the forfeiture and destruction or other disposition of all illicit authentication features, identification documents, document-making implements, or means of identification, as defined in section 1028 of this title.”

## **SEC. 6. FORFEITURE FOR CYBER CRIMES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2513 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

### **“§ 2513. Confiscation of wire, oral, or electronic communication intercepting devices and other property**

“(a) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The court, in imposing a sentence on any person convicted of a violation of section 2511 or 2512, or convicted of conspiracy to violate section 2511 or 2512, shall order, in addition to any other sentence imposed and irrespective of any provision of State law, that such person forfeit to the United States—

“(A) such person’s interest in any property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of such violation; and

“(B) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from any gross proceeds of such violation, or any property traceable to such property, obtained or retained directly or indirectly as a result of such violation.

“(2) FORFEITURE PROCEDURES.—Pursuant to section 2461(c) of title 28, the provisions of section 413 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 853), other than subsection (d) thereof, shall apply to criminal forfeitures under this subsection.

“(b) CIVIL FORFEITURE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The following shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States in accordance with provisions of chapter 46 and no property right shall exist in them:

“(A) Any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used, in any manner, to commit, or facilitate the commission of a violation of section 2511 or 2512, or a conspiracy to violate section 2511 or 2512.

“(B) Any property, real or personal, constituting, or traceable to the gross proceeds taken, obtained, or retained in connection with or as a result of a violation of section 2511 or 2512, or a conspiracy to violate section 2511 or 2512.

“(2) FORFEITURE PROCEDURES.—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed on the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 119 is amended by striking the item relating to section 2513 and inserting the following: “2513. Confiscation of wire, oral, or electronic communication intercepting devices and other property.”.

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### Redline Reflecting Changes to 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b) [Sec. 1]

#### (b) Penalty.--

(1) **Term of imprisonment.**--A person convicted of a currency smuggling offense under subsection (a), or a conspiracy to commit such offense, shall be imprisoned for not more than ~~5~~ 10 years.

#### (2) FINE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Whoever violates this section shall be fined under title 18.

(B) ENHANCED FINE FOR AGGRAVATED CASES.—Whoever violates this section while violating another law of the United States, other than section 5316 or 5324(c) of this title, or as a part of a pattern of any unlawful activity, including a violation of section 5316 or 5324(c) of this title, shall be fined double the amount provided in subsection (b)(3) or (c)(3) of section 3571 of title 18.

~~(2)~~ 3 **Forfeiture.**--In addition, the court, in imposing sentence under paragraph (1), shall order that the defendant forfeit to the United States, any property, real or personal, involved in the offense, and any property traceable to such property.

~~(3)~~ 4 **Procedure.**--The seizure, restraint, and forfeiture of property under this section shall be governed by section 413 of the Controlled Substances Act.

~~(4)~~ 5 **Personal money judgment.**--If the property subject to forfeiture under paragraph ~~(2)~~ 3 is unavailable, and the defendant has insufficient substitute property that may be forfeited pursuant to section 413(p) of the Controlled Substances Act, the court shall enter a personal money judgment against the defendant for the amount that would be subject to forfeiture.

### Redline Reflecting Changes to 18 U.S.C. § 1957 [Sec. 2]

(a) Whoever, in any of the circumstances set forth in subsection (d), knowingly engages or attempts to engage in a monetary transaction in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000 and is derived from specified unlawful activity, shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).

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(f) As used in this section--

(1) the term “monetary transaction” means the deposit, withdrawal, transfer, or exchange, in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce, of funds or a monetary instrument (as defined in section 1956(c)(5) of this title) by, through, or to a financial institution (as defined in section 1956 of this title), including any transaction that would be a financial transaction under section 1956(c)(4)(B) of this title, but such term does not include any transaction necessary to preserve a person’s right to representation as guaranteed by the sixth amendment to the Constitution;

(2) the term “criminally derived property” means any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained from a criminal offense; and

(3) the terms “specified unlawful activity” and “proceeds” shall have the meaning given those terms in section 1956 of this title.

(g) In a prosecution for an offense under this section, the Government may satisfy the \$10,000 monetary transaction value requirement under subsection (a) by showing that—

(1) the monetary transaction involved the transfer, withdrawal, encumbrance, or other disposition of more than \$10,000 from an account in which more than \$10,000 in proceeds of specified unlawful activity was commingled with other funds; or

(2) the defendant conducted a series of monetary transactions in amounts of not more than \$10,000 that—

(A) exceeded \$10,000 in the aggregate; and

(B) were closely related to each other as demonstrated by factors such as—

(i) the time period between the transactions;

(ii) the identity of the parties involved;

(iii) the nature or purpose of the transactions; and

(iv) the manner in which the transactions were conducted.

**Redline Reflecting Changes to 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a) [Sec. 3]**

(a)(1) Whoever, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducts or attempts to conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity--

(A)(i) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; or

(ii) with intent to engage in conduct constituting a violation of section 7201 or 7206 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

~~(B) knowing that the transaction is designed in whole or in part –~~

~~(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity; or~~

~~(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law,~~

(B) knowing that the transaction, in whole or in part –

(i) conceals or disguises, or is intended to conceal or disguise, the nature, source, location, ownership, or control of the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; or

(ii) avoids, or is intended to avoid, a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law,

shall be sentenced to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater, or imprisonment for not more than twenty years, or both. For purposes of this paragraph, a financial transaction shall be considered to be one involving the proceeds of specified unlawful activity if it is part of a set of parallel or dependent transactions, any one of which involves the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, and all of which are part of a single plan or arrangement.

(2) Whoever transports, transmits, or transfers, or attempts to transport, transmit, or transfer a monetary instrument or funds from a place in the United States to or through a place outside the United States or to a place in the United States from or through a place outside the United States--

(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; or

~~(B) knowing that the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transportation, transmission, or transfer represent the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and knowing that such transportation, transmission, or transfer is designed in whole or in part –~~

~~(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity; or~~

~~(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law,~~

(B) knowing that –

(i) the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transportation, transmission, or transfer represent the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; and

(ii) the transportation, transmission, or transfer, in whole or in part –

(I) conceals or disguises, or is intended to conceal or disguise, the nature, source, location, ownership, or control of the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity; or

(II) avoids, or is intended to avoid, a transaction reporting requirement under State or Federal law,

shall be sentenced to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or twice the value of the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transportation, transmission, or transfer, whichever is greater, or imprisonment for not more than twenty years, or both. For the purpose of the offense described in subparagraph (B), the defendant's knowledge may be established by proof that a law enforcement officer represented the matter specified in subparagraph (B) as true, and the defendant's subsequent statements or actions indicate that the defendant believed such representations to be true.

#### **Redline Reflecting Changes to 18 U.S.C. § 981(b) [Sec. 4]**

(b)(1) Except as provided in section 985, any property subject to forfeiture to the United States under subsection (a) may be seized by the Attorney General and, in the case of property involved in a violation investigated by the Secretary of the Treasury or the United States Postal Service, the property may also be seized by the Secretary of the Treasury or the Postal Service, respectively.

(2) Seizures pursuant to this section shall be made pursuant to a warrant obtained in the same manner as provided for a search warrant under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, except that a seizure may be made without a warrant if--

(A) a complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the United States district court and the court issued an arrest warrant in rem pursuant to the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims;

(B) there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to forfeiture and--

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(i) the seizure is made pursuant to a lawful arrest or search; or

(ii) another exception to the Fourth Amendment warrant requirement would apply; or

(C) the property was lawfully seized by a State or local law enforcement agency and transferred to a Federal agency.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of rule 41(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, a seizure warrant may be issued pursuant to this subsection by a judicial

officer in any district in which a forfeiture action against the property may be filed under section 1355(b) of title 28, and may be executed in any district in which the property is found, or transmitted to the central authority of any foreign state for service in accordance with any treaty or other international agreement. Any motion for the return of property seized under this section shall be filed in the district court in which the seizure warrant was issued or in the district court for the district in which the property was seized.

(4)(A) If any person is arrested or charged in a foreign country in connection with an offense that would give rise to the forfeiture of property in the United States under this section or under the Controlled Substances Act, the Attorney General may apply to any Federal judge or magistrate judge in the district in which the property is located for an ex parte order restraining the property subject to forfeiture for not more than 30 days, except that the time may be extended for good cause shown at a hearing conducted in the manner provided in rule 43(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

(B) The application for the restraining order shall set forth the nature and circumstances of the foreign charges and the basis for belief that the person arrested or charged has property in the United States that would be subject to forfeiture, and shall contain a statement that the restraining order is needed to preserve the availability of property for such time as is necessary to receive evidence from the foreign country or elsewhere in support of probable cause for the seizure of the property under this subsection.

(5)(A) If a person is arrested or charged in connection with an offense described in subparagraph (C) involving the movement of funds into or out of the United States, the Attorney General may apply to any Federal judge in the district in which the arrest is made or the charges are filed for an ex parte order restraining any account held by the person arrested or charged for not more than 30 days, except that such 30-day time period may be extended for good cause shown at a hearing conducted in the manner provided in Rule 43(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The court may receive and consider evidence and information submitted by the Government that would be inadmissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence.

(B) The application for the restraining order referred to in subparagraph (A) shall—

(i) identify the offense for which the person has been arrested or charged;

(ii) identify the location and description of the accounts to be restrained;

and

(iii) state that the restraining order is needed to prevent the removal of the funds in the account by the person arrested or charged, or by other persons associated with that person, during the time needed by the Government to conduct such investigation as may be necessary to establish whether there is probable cause to believe that the funds in the accounts are subject to forfeiture.

(C) A restraining order may be issued under subparagraph (A) if a person is arrested or charged with any offense for which forfeiture is authorized under—

(i) this title;

(ii) title 31; or

(iii) the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

(D) For purposes of this paragraph—

(i) the term ‘account’ includes any safe deposit box and any account (as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5318A(e) of title 31) at any financial institution; and

(ii) the term ‘account held by the person arrested or charged’ includes an account held in the name of that person, and any account over which that person has effective control as a signatory or otherwise.

(E) Restraint under this paragraph shall not be deemed a seizure for purposes of section 983(a).

(F) A restraining order issued under this paragraph may be executed in any district in which the subject account is found, or transmitted to the central authority of any foreign State for service in accordance with any treaty or other international agreement.

### **Redline Reflecting Changes to 18 U.S.C. § 1961 & 18 U.S.C. § 1028A [Sec. 5]**

#### **18 U.S.C. § 1961:**

(1) “racketeering activity” means (A) any act or threat involving murder, kidnapping, gambling, arson, robbery, bribery, extortion, dealing in obscene matter, or dealing in a controlled substance or listed chemical (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act), which is chargeable under State law and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year; (B) any act which is indictable under any of the following provisions of title 18, United States Code: Section 201 (relating to bribery), section 224 (relating to sports bribery), sections 471, 472, and 473 (relating to counterfeiting), section 659 (relating to theft from interstate shipment) if the act indictable under section 659 is felonious, section 664 (relating to embezzlement from pension and welfare funds), sections 891-894 (relating to extortionate credit transactions), section 1028 (relating to fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents), section 1029 (relating to fraud and related activity in connection with access devices), section 1084 (relating to the transmission of gambling information), section 1341 (relating to mail fraud), section 1343 (relating to wire fraud), section 1344 (relating to financial institution fraud), section 1351 (relating to fraud in foreign labor contracting), section 1425 (relating

to the procurement of citizenship or nationalization unlawfully), section 1426 (relating to the reproduction of naturalization or citizenship papers), section 1427 (relating to the sale of naturalization or citizenship papers), sections 1461-1465 (relating to obscene matter), section 1503 (relating to obstruction of justice), section 1510 (relating to obstruction of criminal investigations), section 1511 (relating to the obstruction of State or local law enforcement), section 1512 (relating to tampering with a witness, victim, or an informant), section 1513 (relating to retaliating against a witness, victim, or an informant), section 1542 (relating to false statement in application and use of passport), section 1543 (relating to forgery or false use of passport), section 1544 (relating to misuse of passport), section 1546 (relating to fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents), sections 1581-1592 (relating to peonage, slavery, and trafficking in persons), sections 1831 and 1832 (relating to economic espionage and theft of trade secrets), section 1951 (relating to interference with commerce, robbery, or extortion), section 1952 (relating to racketeering), section 1953 (relating to interstate transportation of wagering paraphernalia), section 1954 (relating to unlawful welfare fund payments), section 1955 (relating to the prohibition of illegal gambling businesses), section 1956 (relating to the laundering of monetary instruments), section 1957 (relating to engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity), section 1958 (relating to use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire), section 1960 (relating to illegal money transmitters), sections 2251, 2251A, 2252, and 2260 (relating to sexual exploitation of children), sections 2312 and 2313 (relating to interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicles), sections 2314 and 2315 (relating to interstate transportation of stolen property), section 2318 (relating to trafficking in counterfeit labels for phonorecords, computer programs or computer program documentation or packaging and copies of motion pictures or other audiovisual works), section 2319 (relating to criminal infringement of a copyright), section 2319A (relating to unauthorized fixation of and trafficking in sound recordings and music videos of live musical performances), section 2320 (relating to trafficking in goods or services bearing counterfeit marks), section 2321 (relating to trafficking in certain motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts), sections 2341-2346 (relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes), sections 2421-24 (relating to white slave traffic), sections 175-178 (relating to biological weapons), sections 229-229F (relating to chemical weapons), section 831 (relating to nuclear materials), (C) any act which is indictable under title 29, United States Code, section 186 (dealing with restrictions on payments and loans to labor organizations) or section 501(c) (relating to embezzlement from union funds), (D) any offense involving fraud connected with a case under title 11 (except a case under section 157 of this title), fraud in the sale of securities, or the felonious manufacture, importation, receiving, concealment, buying, selling, or otherwise dealing in a controlled substance or listed chemical (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act), punishable under any law of the United States, (E) any act which is indictable under the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act, (F) any act which is indictable under the Immigration and Nationality Act, section 274 (relating to bringing in and harboring certain aliens), section 277 (relating to aiding or assisting certain aliens to enter the United States), or section 278 (relating to importation of alien for immoral purpose) if the act indictable under such section of such Act was committed for the purpose of financial

gain, or (G) any act that is indictable under any provision listed in section 2332b(g)(5)(B);

**18 U.S.C. §1028A:**

(a) Offenses.--

(1) In general.--Whoever, during and in relation to any felony violation enumerated in subsection (c), knowingly transfers, possesses, or uses, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such felony, be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 2 years.

(2) Terrorism offense.--Whoever, during and in relation to any felony violation enumerated in section 2332b(g)(5)(B), knowingly transfers, possesses, or uses, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person or a false identification document shall, in addition to the punishment provided for such felony, be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 5 years.

(b) Consecutive sentence.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law--

(1) a court shall not place on probation any person convicted of a violation of this section;

(2) except as provided in paragraph (4), no term of imprisonment imposed on a person under this section shall run concurrently with any other term of imprisonment imposed on the person under any other provision of law, including any term of imprisonment imposed for the felony during which the means of identification was transferred, possessed, or used;

(3) in determining any term of imprisonment to be imposed for the felony during which the means of identification was transferred, possessed, or used, a court shall not in any way reduce the term to be imposed for such crime so as to compensate for, or otherwise take into account, any separate term of imprisonment imposed or to be imposed for a violation of this section; and

(4) a term of imprisonment imposed on a person for a violation of this section may, in the discretion of the court, run concurrently, in whole or in part, only with another term of imprisonment that is imposed by the court at the same time on that person for an additional violation of this section, provided that such discretion shall be exercised in accordance with any applicable guidelines and policy statements issued by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to section 994 of title 28.

(c) Definition.--For purposes of this section, the term “felony violation enumerated in subsection (c)” means any offense that is a felony violation of--

(1) section 641 (relating to theft of public money, property, or rewards), section 656 (relating to theft, embezzlement, or misapplication by bank officer or employee), or section 664 (relating to theft from employee benefit plans);

(2) section 911 (relating to false personation of citizenship);

(3) section 922(a)(6) (relating to false statements in connection with the acquisition of a firearm);

(4) any provision contained in this chapter (relating to fraud and false statements), other than this section or section 1028(a)(7);

(5) any provision contained in chapter 63 (relating to mail, bank, and wire fraud);

(6) any provision contained in chapter 69 (relating to nationality and citizenship);

(7) any provision contained in chapter 75 (relating to passports and visas);

(8) section 523 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6823) (relating to obtaining customer information by false pretenses);

(9) section 243 or 266 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1253 and 1306) (relating to willfully failing to leave the United States after deportation and creating a counterfeit alien registration card);

(10) any provision contained in chapter 8 of title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1321 et seq.) (relating to various immigration offenses); or

(11) section 208, 811, 1107(b), 1128B(a), or 1632 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 408, 1011, 1307(b), 1320a-7b(a), and 1383a) (relating to false statements relating to programs under the Act).

(d) Forfeiture; disposition

In circumstances in which any person is convicted of a violation of subsection (a), the court shall order, in addition to the penalty prescribed, the forfeiture and destruction or other disposition of all illicit authentication features, identification documents, document making implements, or means of identification, as defined in section 1028 of this title.

**Redline Reflecting Changes to 18 U.S.C. § 2513 [Sec. 6]**

~~§ 2513. Confiscation of wire, oral, or electronic communication intercepting devices~~

~~Any electronic, mechanical, or other device used, sent, carried, manufactured, assembled, possessed, sold, or advertised in violation of section 2511 or section 2512 of this chapter may be seized and forfeited to the United States. All provisions of law relating to (1) the seizure, summary and judicial forfeiture, and condemnation of vessels, vehicles,~~

~~merchandise, and baggage for violations of the customs laws contained in title 19 of the United States Code, (2) the disposition of such vessels, vehicles, merchandise, and baggage or the proceeds from the sale thereof, (3) the remission or mitigation of such forfeiture, (4) the compromise of claims, and (5) the award of compensation to informers in respect of such forfeitures, shall apply to seizures and forfeitures incurred, or alleged to have been incurred, under the provisions of this section, insofar as applicable and not inconsistent with the provisions of this section; except that such duties as are imposed upon the collector of customs or any other person with respect to the seizure and forfeiture of vessels, vehicles, merchandise, and baggage under the provisions of the customs laws contained in title 19 of the United States Code shall be performed with respect to seizure and forfeiture of electronic, mechanical, or other intercepting devices under this section by such officers, agents, or other persons as may be authorized or designated for that purpose by the Attorney General.~~

§ 2513. Confiscation of wire, oral, or electronic communication intercepting devices and other property

(a) CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The court, in imposing a sentence on any person convicted of a violation of section 2511 or 2512, or convicted of conspiracy to violate section 2511 or 2512, shall order, in addition to any other sentence imposed and irrespective of any provision of State law, that such person forfeit to the United States—

(A) such person’s interest in any property, real or personal, that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of such violation; and

(B) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from any gross proceeds of such violation, or any property traceable to such property, obtained or retained directly or indirectly as a result of such violation.

(2) FORFEITURE PROCEDURES.—Pursuant to section 2461(c) of title 28, the provisions of section 413 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 853), other than subsection (d) thereof, shall apply to criminal forfeitures under this subsection.

(b) CIVIL FORFEITURE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The following shall be subject to forfeiture to the United States in accordance with provisions of chapter 46 and no property right shall exist in them:

(A) Any property, real or personal, used or intended to be used, in any manner, to commit, or facilitate the commission of a violation of section 2511 or 2512, or a conspiracy to violate section 2511 or 2512.

(B) Any property, real or personal, constituting, or traceable to the gross proceeds taken, obtained, or retained in connection with or as a result of a violation of section 2511 or 2512, or a conspiracy to violate section 2511 or 2512.

(2) FORFEITURE PROCEDURES.—Seizures and forfeitures under this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 46, relating to civil forfeitures, except that such duties as are imposed on the Secretary of the Treasury under the customs laws described in section 981(d) shall be performed by such officers, agents, and other persons as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General.

### **III. Section-by-Section Analysis**

#### **SEC. 1. BULK CASH SMUGGLING**

This provision would increase the maximum penalty for bulk cash smuggling under 31 U.S.C. § 5332(b)(1) to ten years' imprisonment (from five years'). It would also add a new subsection 5332(b)(2) providing for fines under Title 18 and for enhanced fines in cases in which the defendant violates the bulk cash smuggling statute while also violating another federal law (other than the CMIR statute and 31 U.S.C. § 5324(c)) or as part of a pattern of any unlawful activity.

Bulk cash smuggling is one of the major methods of money laundering used by international drug cartels, and the penalty is currently too low to achieve appropriate punishment and deterrence.

#### **SEC. 2. SECTION 1957 VIOLATIONS COMMINGLED & AGGREGATED TRANSACTIONS.**

This provision would amend 18 U.S.C. § 1957, the money laundering statute applicable to monetary transactions of more than \$10,000 in criminally derived property, to clarify that the government can satisfy the \$10,000 threshold by showing the following: (1) that the monetary transaction involved the withdrawal of more than \$10,000 from an account in which more than \$10,000 in proceeds of specified unlawful activity was commingled with other funds, or (2) that the defendant conducted a series of closely related sub-\$10,000 transactions.

Courts have diverged on the issue of commingled accounts; this provision would ensure that money launderers cannot evade a section 1957 charge by commingling dirty money with clean funds or by engaging in a series of low-dollar transactions.

#### **SEC. 3. CONCEALMENT MONEY LAUNDERING**

This proposal addresses an enforcement gap resulting from the Supreme Court ruling in *Cuellar v. United States*, 553 U.S. 550, 128 S. Ct. 1994 (2008). That decision required the government to prove not only that a cross-border transportation of criminal proceeds would have the effect of concealing or disguising one of the five statutory attributes of criminal proceeds (nature, location, source, ownership, or control), but also that the transportation had been specifically "designed" to achieve this effect. This section of the bill would replace "designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise" in 18 U.S.C. §1956(a)(2)(B) with "conceals or disguises, or is intended to conceal or disguise." Identical language in section 1956(a)(1)(B) would be similarly amended.

The *Cuellar* decision removed prosecutors' most effective statutory weapon against persons who knowingly and willingly play an intermediary role in a multi-step money

laundering operation while typically remaining ignorant of the overall money laundering design. This is true not only of couriers hired to transport currency across the nation's borders, such as the defendant in *Cuellar*, but also of persons who accept cash from relative strangers and agree to engage in transactions or transportation as directed.

Additionally, this provision would clarify a discrepancy between section 1956(c)(1) and section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i). Section 1956(c)(1) provides that a person must know that the property involved in a money laundering transaction is the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, but the person need not know which form. Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), however, requires the government to prove that the defendant knew that the purpose of the transaction was to conceal or disguise the proceeds of "specified unlawful activity." This provision would address this difference by replacing the term "specified unlawful activity" with "some form of unlawful activity" in section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i). It would make an identical change in section 1956(a)(2)(B)(i).

The inconsistency between section 1956(c)(1) and section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) has led to a split in the courts over whether section 1956(c)(1) controls or not. The bill's proposed change would thus provide prosecutors with greater consistency in how this law is interpreted, allowing the government to prosecute money launderers who know that their transactions conceal proceeds of crime, without a further requirement that they know which specific crime.

#### **SEC. 4. FREEZING BANK ACCOUNTS OF PERSONS ARRESTED FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING MOVEMENT OF FUNDS ACROSS INTERNATIONAL BORDERS**

This provision would enable the government to apply for an ex parte order under 18 U.S.C. § 981(b) to freeze any accounts held by a person arrested or charged under Title 18 or Title 31, United States Code, or the Controlled Substances Act, involving the movement of funds into or out of the United States for no more than 30 days. (This 30-day period could be extended for good cause as shown at a hearing.) The provision would also stipulate that accounts held by a person arrested or charged for these offenses include accounts that the person effectively controls "as a signatory or otherwise."

#### **SEC. 5. FORFEITURE AUTHORITY FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT**

The civil and criminal forfeiture statutes include forfeiture authority for violations of many federal statutes, including 18 U.S.C. § 1028, Fraud and related activity in connection with identification documents, authentication features, and information – an identity theft statute that criminalizes, for example, producing false identification documents and knowingly transferring, possessing, or using a means of identification to commit or aid or abet other unlawful activity. A later-enacted statute added the criminal offense of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, Aggravated identity theft. This statute applies to knowingly transferring, possessing, or using a means of identification during or in

relation to enumerated felonies such as benefit fraud; mail, bank, and wire fraud; and nationality and citizenship-related violations. Enhanced penalties apply if the offense is in relation to terrorism. The criminal and civil forfeiture statutes do not include forfeiture authority for violations of this aggravated identity theft statute, 18 U.S.C. § 1028A. To rectify this, 18 U.S.C. § 1028A should be included in the forfeiture statutes' enumeration of offenses for which forfeiture is authorized.

The Attorney General has authority to use forfeited funds to compensate victims of crime. Authorizing forfeiture in aggravated identity theft would allow the Department to recover assets that could be used to compensate victims.

This change would require minimal amendments of 18 U.S.C. §§ 981 and 982.

## **SEC. 6. FORFEITURE FOR CYBER CRIMES.**

This proposal will enhance the Department's capacity to dismantle, disrupt, and deter cyber threats by targeting the instruments of, and profits from, cybercrime. Civil forfeiture authorities can be used to seize valuable assets such as computer servers and domain names used to operate botnets, as well as profits derived from illegal activity. These actions can be particularly effective in cases where it is not yet possible to arrest the offenders if, for example, they are located overseas. This proposal will expand forfeiture authority that can be used for offenses in the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, by replacing outdated, limited forfeiture authorities with language more consistent with forfeiture authorities for other crimes.