

Annual Report to Congress on Department of Justice Activities to Combat Elder Fraud and Abuse

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The mission of the Justice Department is to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect the civil rights of all Americans. Promoting elder justice is an integral part of that mission. Every year, millions of older adults experience some form of elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or fraud. While the pandemic brought to light some of the worst abuses, we know that the vast majority of elder abuse cases go unreported and that their victims remain unseen. That is why the Department has, during my tenure as Attorney General, aggressively pursued perpetrators of elder fraud and abuse, while supporting victims however we can. In this fifth Annual Report to Congress, we highlight these efforts, as well as our progress enhancing state, local, and Tribal elder justice efforts, and raising public awareness to prevent elder fraud and abuse before they occur.

Holding to account those individuals and organizations that engage in elder fraud or abuse is the cornerstone of the Department's elder justice work. Our trial attorneys from Main Justice components and Assistant United States Attorneys across the country, supported by Elder Justice Coordinators in each of our 94 U.S. Attorneys' Offices nationwide, work to successfully prosecute cases of elder fraud and abuse. During this reporting period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, the Department pursued nearly 300 criminal and civil actions against more than 650 defendants who collectively stole more than \$1.5 billion from over 2.4 million victims. As discussed in more detail in this Report, some of these defendants engaged in scams to defraud a wide range of victims, such as lottery and sweepstakes scams, while others abused their powers as fiduciaries or exploited the trust of someone they knew. The Department expanded its Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force in order to continue prosecuting the largest and most harmful global elder fraud schemes, disrupting criminal enterprises, and disabling their infrastructure. The Department also continued to pursue nursing home operators that provided grossly substandard care to their residents.

Just as important as prosecuting perpetrators of fraud is supporting victims and preventing financial losses where possible. While older adults are not always the primary target of fraud schemes, the impact on them can be especially severe. To that end, this past year we continued to work diligently to return funds to the victims of elder fraud. For example, the Department has held to account data brokers that knowingly sold consumer information to fraudsters and money service businesses that aided and abetted fraud schemes, resulting in the return of hundreds of millions of dollars to victims and making many victims financially whole. We are also working with financial institutions to freeze millions of dollars for older victims who transferred money to domestic accounts under fraudulent pretenses.

While doing our part, we recognize that our state, local, and Tribal elder justice partners are often the front line against and the first to witness cases of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. As such, the Department collaborated with state law enforcement organizations to share best practices, training, and resources; encouraged greater local coordination through elder justice coalitions and enhanced multidisciplinary teams; and awarded grant funding to state, local, and Tribal organizations to support victim services to older Americans.

Lastly, the Department remains committed to raising public awareness of fraud schemes and empowering older adults, their families, and their communities to protect themselves from such schemes. We all have a role to play in the fight against elder fraud and abuse. For that reason, the Department participated last year in hundreds of outreach and training events, reaching over 28,000,000 Americans. And I urge all Americans, particularly older adults, to be on the lookout for potential scams, to pause before turning over personal information, and to report fraud and abuse when it occurs.

While this year's Report reflects many of the Department's achievements, there remains much work to be done in preventing and ending elder abuse in all of its many forms. We remain steadfast in our commitment to pursue elder justice on behalf of all older Americans in the year ahead.



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FOREWORD

BY DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL LISA MONACO



The Department of Justice is committed to protecting older Americans from fraud, exploitation, and abuse. During this reporting period, the Department has pursued hundreds of criminal and civil cases, bringing perpetrators to justice and deterring others who prey on older adults. Our agents and prosecutors working with our law enforcement partners employed disruption tactics to minimize victim losses and sought restitution and forfeiture orders to make victims financially whole and prevent wrongdoers from profiting from their crimes.

In the past year, the Department pursued scammers who leave in their wake not only financial loss, but also emotional trauma for the victims. Sadly, we have found that perpetrators sometimes have a preexisting relationship with their victims, including family members who lied to a loved one for financial gain; financial institution employees and advisors who took advantage of their positions to steal money; and caregivers who abused the trust placed in them.

The Department also vigorously pursues those who knowingly facilitate schemes. Fraudsters often need individuals willing to help them move and disguise their ill-gotten gains. These facilitators may not be the person on the phone pretending to be a government agent or behind the computer pretending to be a love interest, but they are often critical to the fraud operation. Over the last year, we have successfully brought such facilitators to justice, and placed others who knowingly facilitate fraud on notice.

Every day the Department's attorneys, investigators, paralegals, and victim specialists, doggedly pursue cases involving harm to older adults. They continue to seek ever more creative ways to combat these crimes, developing new strategies and techniques. I am grateful to the dedicated men and women of the Department of Justice – and our law enforcement partners – for their work every day to fulfill the Department's mission.

INTRODUCTION

BY ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL VANITA GUPTA



Combatting elder fraud and abuse and ensuring that older Americans receive the support and protection they deserve, are a top priority for the Justice Department. Our efforts to prosecute elder fraud and abuse do not occur in a vacuum: many professionals work together and aid those efforts by supporting victims in their safety and recovery and preventing elder fraud and abuse before they occur.

The Department strategically invests in elder justice programs designed to promote coordination and collaboration among the professionals and organizations that work with older victims of abuse. During the last reporting period, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) awarded funding to establish the first National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions. The Center fosters the development of these state and Tribal coalitions, which support statewide coordination and collaboration among elder justice organizations so that they can more effectively respond to, and prevent, elder abuse.

OVC also funds multidisciplinary teams (MDTs), in which multiple groups of professionals (e.g., adult protective services, law enforcement, and health care providers) work together on individual civil and criminal matters involving allegations of elder abuse. In 2019, OVC launched the National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center to support OVC-funded elder abuse Enhanced-MDTs (E-MDTs). There are now 23 such OVC-funded E-MDTs across the country, and a set of awards was just announced in September 2023. The MDT collaborative process results in innovative solutions that reinforce offender accountability and victim safety and recovery.

Open and strong lines of communication are key to enhancing efforts to protect older adults and prosecute perpetrators. For example, IC3's Recovery Asset Team (RAT), established in 2018, streamlines communications between IC3 and financial institutions. The RAT helps FBI field offices freeze funds for victims who have made transfers to domestic accounts under fraudulent pretenses, and it has saved older Americans over \$25 million during the reporting period. Likewise, in January 2023, the Elder Justice Initiative reached out to the state POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) boards and Chiefs of Police Associations in all 50 states to ensure that state and local law enforcement were aware of, and had access to, Department-generated elder justice law enforcement tools, resources, and trainings.

These collaborative efforts, whether in the form of prosecution, intervention, or prevention, achieve their goals through information sharing and relationship building. The Department will continue to promote these collaborations to support safety, equity, and justice for older victims of abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and fraud.

Pursuant to the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act, P.L. 115-70 (EAPPA), the Department submits this Annual Report to Congress on its annual activities to combat elder fraud and abuse. This Report highlights the Department’s programmatic activities, enforcement actions, and public outreach and training efforts from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Some of the cases included in this report involve criminal charges that are still pending, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

PROGRAMMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

A. Overview

This section of the report highlights some of the Department’s many noteworthy programmatic activities in the elder justice arena. These activities include public outreach efforts, such as the National Elder Fraud Hotline and the Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing; professional development initiatives, such as the updated Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance, efforts to highlight elder justice resources for law enforcement, the roll out of new forensic interviewer training, and the launch of the first National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions; and, various Department enforcement initiatives (such as the National Nursing Home Initiative, the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, the crackdown on telemarketing scams, and the Money Mule Initiative). Collectively, these various programmatic efforts provide a powerful shield against fraud and abuse perpetrated on older Americans.

B. Highlights

1. Public Outreach and Help for Older Victims

National Elder Fraud Hotline

The Department launched the National Elder Fraud Hotline on March 3, 2020. The hotline, funded by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), is a critical resource for 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 by the caller, case managers will also submit a complaint form to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI’s) Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) for Internet-facilitated crimes, or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), when applicable. Case management staff have previous experience as adult protective services (APS) 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; or 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 its launch through June 30, 2023, the hotline has received 88,657 calls,¹ 40,731 of which reached hotline staff. For this reporting period, the hotline received 42,556 calls,² 22,817 of which were received during operating hours, and 17,596 of which reached hotline staff. Another 6,967 voicemail messages were received and hotline staff made 6,646 outbound calls to return voicemails or follow up with callers. Hotline staff submitted or assisted callers with 5,200 complaint forms, which reported fraud to the FTC and FBI's IC3.

During this reporting period, two public webinars about the National Elder Fraud Hotline were conducted reaching over 100

participants, including medical professionals; federal, state, and local law enforcement; U.S. Attorneys; elder law practitioners; and APS personnel. See Appendix B for details.

Recognizing Exceptional Community Policing to Empower Older Adults to Prevent Elder Fraud

The Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Community Policing³ recognizes individual state, local, or Tribal sworn rank-and-file police officers, deputies, and troopers for exceptional efforts in effective policing. The annual awards were presented June 5, 2023, by the Attorney General⁴ at a ceremony honoring the recipients in Washington, D.C. One of the officers recognized by the Attorney General included Officer Yessenia Diaz.⁵

Officer Diaz's creative solutions to long-standing problems facing senior citizens have had an important impact on her Florida community. She frequently meets with community groups of diverse backgrounds and finds new ways to work together with residents and to develop engaging crime prevention programs. Her Safety Bingo presentation engages older adults in the Miramar Police Department's S.A.L.T. (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together) group to learn important safety lessons in an interactive way, using bingo cards with

¹ The total number of calls (88,657) includes those that dropped, were disconnected, came from people who left voicemails, or were received outside of operating hours.

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³ <https://www.justice.gov/ag/policing-award#>

⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-honors-law-enforcement-officers-sixth-annual-attorney-general-s-award>

⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/media/1297226/dl?inline> (pg. 21); to view the Ceremony see <https://www.justice.gov/opa/video/attorney-general-s-distinguished-service-community-policing-awards-ceremony> (at 31 mins)

public safety tips—such as, “The IRS will never just show up at your house!” She also organized a fashion safety show with a red-carpet runway featuring police, city officials, uniformed delivery services, and others to teach older adults how to distinguish legitimate uniforms from fraudulent ones and how to verify the identity of someone who knocks on their door. Officer Diaz’s dedication to helping older adults in her area be aware of and avoid predatory scams is a genuine asset to her community.

2. Professional Development, Training and Resources

Updated Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance

In October 2022, the Department released an updated edition of the Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance (“Guidelines”).⁶ The revised Guidelines contain a new subsection dedicated to and titled “Older Victims and Persons with Disabilities” (Art. III.L.4). This comprehensive subsection discusses some of the vulnerabilities that older victims may experience and offers guidance for Department personnel on considerations to bear in mind when working with older victims. Such considerations include older

victims’ potential lack of familiarity or confidence with technology or the internet, vulnerabilities related to potentially exploitive familial or caretaker relationships, and failure to adequately protect private information. The revised Guidelines also emphasize the importance of victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive approaches to investigations and prosecutions.

Agency Priority Goals and the Larger Law Enforcement Outreach Project

In furtherance of one of the Department’s Agency Priority Goals,⁷ since January 2023 the Department’s Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) reached out to Chiefs of Police Associations and POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) boards throughout the country to highlight the Department’s elder justice law enforcement training and resources (see the Law Enforcement webpage⁸ on the Elder Justice Website) and to encourage the dissemination of those resources to members of their organizations. The EJI helps to coordinate and support the Department’s elder justice activities, including maintaining the Elder Justice Website, organizing the National Nursing Home Initiative (discussed below), and developing resources, tools and training for elder justice professionals.

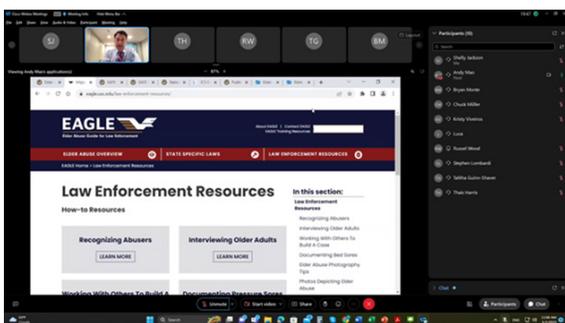
⁶ https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1546086/download?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/doj/book/file/1516901/download> (The relevant Agency Priority Goal, Strategy 4: Fight Elder Fraud, Abuse, and Exploitation, is discussed in this Report on p. 35.)

⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/law-enforcement-1>

As a result of these efforts, various organizations have shared the Department's elder justice resources with their communities. For example:

- Nine organizations linked to the Department's Elder Justice Website on their respective websites for easier access
- Eleven organizations disseminated Department of Justice e-blasts regarding elder justice resources to their members⁹
- Six organizations shared an article written specifically for law enforcement on the Department's elder justice resources and on recognizing and responding to elder abuse¹⁰
- Five organizations provided materials and information to their members regarding the Department's EAGLE online training¹¹



- Two organizations hosted a webinar on the Department's law enforcement resources

As part of these discussions, many states have expressed an interest in meeting and hearing from the Department's Elder Justice Coordinators in their states and

districts, and inviting them to participate in annual in-person trainings. To assist in that endeavor, EJI is developing a series of adaptable PowerPoint presentations on elder fraud and the Department's law enforcement resources and tools. In the coming year, EJI will continue its outreach efforts to Chiefs of Police Associations and POSTs.

SAFE Training for the USAO District of Maryland

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland, in coordination with the EJI, hosted a Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders ("SAFE") Training on March 30 and March 31, 2023, in Crownsville, Maryland. The training was the first of its kind and drew more than 60 elder justice professionals, counselors, social workers, police officers, federal law enforcement officers, prosecutors, investigators, and members of the public and private sectors.



Modell Consulting Group trainers with AUSA Evelyn Cusson, District of Maryland (in the middle).

The trainers provided an introduction to elder abuse and explored the ways elder abuse dynamics and experiences of aging

⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/file/1593476/download>

¹⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/file/1589736/download>

¹¹ <https://www.nw3c.org/UI/CourseDetails.html?courseId=488>

impact forensic interviewing. The course introduced the SAFE Model of interviewing older adults, which focuses on the strengths of the interviewee, considerations such as the interview location and the interviewee's special needs, and being curious and asking open ended questions. The moderators explored biases and assumptions such as ageism and the importance of using a trauma-informed approach while gathering all of the information that the older adult knows. Participants had an opportunity to practice interviewing techniques in small groups and give and receive feedback.



Attendees of the SAFE Training, Crownsville, Maryland.

Developing and Supporting Statewide Elder Justice Coalitions and Training and Technical Assistance Programs

Despite the high cost of fraud and abuse to older victims, there is little dedicated funding to support Elder Justice Coalitions, through which elder justice advocates, legal aid professionals, and victim service providers can collaborate to collectively identify and address gaps in the need for trained professionals and services to assist older victims of abuse and financial exploitation.

In FY 2022, OVC awarded \$3.7 million to Lifespan of Greater Rochester to establish the first-ever National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions.¹² The center supports the development of new state and Tribal coalitions that will collaborate with federal agencies to coordinate elder justice work. The center also offers ongoing training and technical assistance to new and existing coalitions and serves as a clearinghouse for resources and information concerning elder justice issues, programs, and advocacy. Since the funding was awarded, the center has formed an Advisory Committee and held its first meeting, and prepared and released a solicitation¹³ for applications from organizations seeking to establish a new state or Tribal coalition or to enhance the operation of an existing coalition. Next, the center will select up to eight coalitions, in collaboration with OVC's federal partners, that will help to establish supportive public policies and enhanced skills and knowledge building among caregivers and allied professionals, and to amplify the needs of both victims and the state and local systems of organizations that support victims by sharing gaps, evidence-based practices, and recommendations to help advance needed changes in those systems.



National Center for State and Tribal
Elder Justice Coalitions

¹² <https://www.nyselderabuse.org/ncstejc>

¹³ <https://www.nyselderabuse.org/ncstejc>

3. Pursuing Justice for Older Americans

National Nursing Home Initiative

The Department's National Nursing Home Initiative, launched on March 3, 2020, 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 quality nursing homes and their owners and operators around the country. The Department considers a number of factors in identifying 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 residents 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.

The National Nursing Home Initiative reflects the Department's larger strategy and commitment to ensuring proper care for our nation's older adults, coordinated by the EJI in conjunction with the U.S. Attorneys' Offices. The Department has assembled teams of prosecutors and investigators in multiple districts nationwide prepared to take on these cases. The Department has engaged

in significant outreach and coordination with our federal partners at the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Regional CMS offices, and FEMA to identify nursing homes that have significant quality issues and should be investigated. The Department also supports the efforts of state, local, and Tribal 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 (MFCUs) and other state partners to ensure that we are working together to identify appropriate targets and coordinate investigative efforts.

As a result of these efforts, the Department has brought enforcement actions against many nursing home chains and providers that fail to care for their residents. Two examples are presented below:

- On February 27, 2023, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and the Civil Division's Fraud Section, together with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, announced that Leon Melohn, Alan "Ari" Schwartz, Jeffrey Vegh, and Jack Jaffa, and associated entities, agreed collectively to pay \$7,168,000 to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by causing the

submission of false claims to the Medicaid program for worthless services provided to Saratoga Center's nursing home residents. As discussed in greater detail below, the government's investigation found that the unlicensed individuals operated Saratoga Center from February 2017 until its closure in February 2021, and that during that period, the facility failed to adequately staff the home, and residents suffered medication errors, unnecessary falls, and pressure ulcers. In addition to paying the civil False Claims Act settlement, as part of the resolution, each individual and their associated entities agreed to be voluntarily excluded from participating in federal healthcare programs for at least ten years.

- In February 2023, a federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin returned an indictment charging Kevin Breslin of Hoboken, New Jersey, and KBWB Operations, LLC, doing business as Atrium Health and Senior Living (Atrium) in Park Ridge, New Jersey, with a scheme to defraud Medicare and Medicaid in connection with the delivery of or payment for health care benefits, items, or services. The indictment charged the defendants with health care fraud, six counts of wire fraud, three counts of mail fraud, conspiracy to commit tax fraud, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. The case is being prosecuted by CPB and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin.

The indictment alleges that from January 2015 through September 2018, Atrium billed Medicare for over \$189,000,000 and received over \$49,000,000, and that they billed Medicaid for over \$218,000,000 and received over \$93,000,000. The indictment alleges that when the defendants obtained money from Medicare and Medicaid, they certified that they would follow all required quality of care standards and would operate their facilities with adequate staffing, supplies, and services, but they did not do so. The indictment alleges that as part of the scheme to defraud, Breslin and Atrium diverted funds from the Wisconsin facilities through guaranteed payments to Atrium owners, and guaranteed monthly return-on-investment payments to investors that were financing the construction of skilled nursing facilities in New Jersey. The indictment further alleges that the diversion of funds caused inadequate care of residents, including a shortage of clean incontinence briefs, inadequate wound care supplies, inadequate cleaning supplies, and a lack of durable medical equipment and respiratory supplies. In addition, the diversion of funds caused non-payment to vendors, which caused numerous services to be cut off, including physical therapy for residents, fire alarm monitoring services, phone and internet services, which prevented staff from obtaining prescription orders and accessing electronic medical records systems, and necessary repairs and maintenance of the physical plant facilities.



“The Department will continue to bring to justice those nursing homes and nursing home owners and operators who accept government funds but who provide grossly substandard care to their residents because they fail to staff their facilities with the number and skill level of staff required to meet their residents’ needs, they fail to follow appropriate pressure ulcer and falls protocols, they fail to feed and bathe their residents, and because they fail to treat their residents with basic human dignity.”

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The Department’s Collaboration with MFCUs

Over the past year, the Department has engaged in formal collaboration with MFCUs and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO) programs on grossly substandard care cases across the nation. In March and December 2022, the Department and the MFCUs held a series of meetings that brought together the Elder Justice Coordinators, MFCU Directors, and Ombudsman from each state to share information about trends in their communities, about local providers who may be providing grossly substandard care, and about how best to coordinate government efforts. As part of these meetings, the attendees heard from consumer advocates about some of the key challenges facing nursing homes nationwide. These collaborations will support efficient and effective efforts to bring to justice those nursing home providers who fail to adequately care for their residents.

Attorney General Expands Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force

In October 2022, the Attorney General announced¹⁴ that as part of the Department’s continuing efforts to protect older adults and to bring perpetrators of elder fraud schemes to justice, the Department expanded the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force, adding 14 additional U.S. Attorneys’ Offices. The Strike Force augments work being done across the Department to protect older adults from fraud and exploitation. Since 2019, current Strike Force members — including the Department’s CPB, six U.S. Attorneys’ Offices, the FBI, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Homeland Security Investigations — have brought successful cases against the largest and most harmful global elder fraud schemes and worked with foreign law enforcement to disrupt criminal enterprises, disable their infrastructure, and bring perpetrators to justice. The expansion will increase the total number

¹⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-expands-transnational-elder-fraud-strike-force-protect-older-americans>

of U.S. Attorneys' Offices comprising the Strike Force from six to 20, including all U.S. Attorneys' Offices in the states of California, Arizona, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, and New York.



In October 2022, Attorney General Garland hosted a discussion with FBI, USPIS, and Department leadership on elder fraud efforts.

As part of the Strike Force expansion announcement, the Department highlighted efforts across the country to tackle “grandparent scams.” Those scams typically begin when a fraudster contacts an older adult and poses as either a family member or someone calling on behalf of a family member. Call recipients are told that their family member is in jeopardy and urgently needs money. When recently sentencing one of eight perpetrators of a grandparent scam indicted under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, a federal judge described such scams as “heartbreakingly evil.” That case was brought by the CPB and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of California and investigated by the FBI’s San Diego Elder Justice Task Force. The Department also prosecuted other grandparent scam cases during the last year in the Middle District

of Pennsylvania, Western District of Pennsylvania, District of Maryland, Central District of California, Southern District of Illinois, and Southern District of Indiana.

Department and Agency Partners Announce Scam Call Enforcement Efforts

The Department and agency partners, including the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and U.S. Postal Inspection Service, announced a crackdown on telemarketing operations responsible for billions of illegal calls to U.S. consumers.¹⁵ The announcement, which was held in July 2023 and covered cases pursued from July 2022 to July 2023, was joined by attorneys general from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

During the year covered by the sweep period, the Department pursued approximately 90 cases against illegal telemarketing operations and those who facilitate those illegal calls. The initiative, “Operation Stop Scam Calls,” targeted telemarketers, including those who use telephone calls to commit fraud.

Many of these cases involved foreign fraud operations that victimized older adults. For example, the Department prosecuted perpetrators of various lottery fraud schemes, in which consumers were falsely told they had won a large prize but had to pay money to receive that prize. Developments in those cases included three extraditions secured by CPB; a 133-month sentence in

¹⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-department-justice-federal-trade-commission-federal-communications-commission-and-other>

a Costa Rica-based lottery fraud scheme secured by the Criminal Division's Fraud Section; and a 160-month sentence for a leader of an international fraud ring who distributed lead lists containing the personal information of thousands of victims secured by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. Additional lottery fraud-related criminal matters include those brought by the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the District of Connecticut, the Eastern District of California, the Eastern District of New York, the District of South Carolina, the District of Nebraska, the Northern District of Florida, and the Northern District of Ohio.



Deputy Assistant Attorney General Arun G. Rao speaks at a press conference in July 2023 announcing the interagency robocall enforcement sweep.

Department and Partners Complete Fifth Money Mule Initiative

In May 2023, the Department, FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and other federal law enforcement agencies announced the completion of a three-month campaign that disrupted networks used by foreign fraudsters to obtain fraud proceeds.¹⁶ These actions addressed conduct by individuals sometimes referred to as “money mules,” who provide

assistance to fraudsters by receiving money from fraud victims and forwarding the fraud proceeds to the perpetrators (many of whom are based overseas).

During the three-month campaign, federal law enforcement took over 4,000 actions against individuals responsible for facilitating a range of fraud schemes. These schemes included those that impact older adults, such as lottery fraud and romance scams. The thousands of actions taken by law enforcement — which ranged from criminal prosecutions to civil actions to warning letters — were designed to punish, deter, and disrupt those who knowingly assisted fraudsters and to advise those who may have unknowingly helped fraudsters that their conduct furthered crimes.

The 2023 effort marked the fifth U.S. law enforcement campaign to disrupt these money transmitting networks. Since the first campaign, during which approximately 400 actions were taken by law enforcement, agencies have collectively taken over 12,000 actions. Investigations have shown that disrupting money transmitting networks impedes fraudsters’ from receiving funds, thereby reducing fraud victimization.

Department Actions Result in the Return of Hundreds of Millions of Dollars to Fraud Victims

The Department and its law enforcement partners continue to use all the tools available to return money to elder fraud victims,

¹⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-law-enforcement-disrupts-networks-used-transfer-fraud-proceeds-taking-over-4000-actions>

including forfeiture, remission, restoration, restitution, and direct payments. When the Department identifies corporations responsible for perpetrating or facilitating fraud, where possible it pursues resolutions that require companies to reimburse fraud victims.

In three investigations pursued by CPB and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Colorado, three data brokers entered resolutions, two in 2021 and one in 2022, requiring that they collectively pay over \$165 million to compensate victims of fraud schemes to which they sold data. These companies sold lists of consumer information to fraudsters engaged in mass-mailing fraud schemes that sent false "sweepstakes" and "astrology" solicitations to consumers. The companies continued to provide consumer data to clients despite indications that their clients were engaged in fraud, including when companies learned their clients or similar operations had been arrested, charged with crimes, convicted, or otherwise subjected to law enforcement actions for false and misleading practices. As of the end of this reporting period, these cases have resulted in over 100,000 unique victims receiving a total

of \$100 million. In addition, all three of the companies agreed through their resolutions to implement significant compliance and reporting obligations to prevent the recurrence of misconduct.

In an investigation pursued by the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section's (MLARS) Bank Integrity Unit and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, over \$115 million had been returned to approximately 38,000 victims in connection with fraud schemes processed by MoneyGram International Inc. The victims, many of whom are older adults, will recover the full amount of their losses. MoneyGram originally entered into a deferred prosecution agreement (DPA) with the Department of Justice in 2012 for willfully failing to maintain an effective anti-money laundering program and aiding and abetting fraud schemes that generally targeted older adults and other vulnerable groups. In November 2018, MoneyGram agreed to extend its DPA, implemented additional enhanced compliance obligations, and forfeited \$125 million – representing the volume of consumer fraud transactions it processed during the DPA term.

ELDER JUSTICE CASE HIGHLIGHTS

A. Overview

During the reporting period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the Department pursued nearly 300 criminal and civil cases involving conduct that targeted or disproportionately affected older adults (see Appendix A for a listing of cases). Approximately 94% of the cases were criminal in nature and 45% involved international schemes. These cases named over 650 defendants who collectively stole over \$1.5 billion from over 2.4 million victims. In addition to the cases detailed in Appendix A, the Department is pursuing other matters not included in this report due to their procedural status (e.g., they are filed under seal). Examples of the types of cases being pursued are described below.

B. Case Highlights

1. Fraud Schemes Involving Strangers

Government Imposter Scams

United States v. Oluwaseyi Akinyemi
(District of Maryland)¹⁷

Oluwaseyi Akinyemi, a/k/a “Paddy Linkin”, a/k/a “Joseph Kadin” was sentenced to eight years in federal prison for two counts of mail fraud relating to a social media advanced fee fraud scheme that targeted older adults.

Akinyemi and at least one co-conspirator engaged in a social media based elder fraud scheme. Members of the conspiracy targeted older adults on social media platforms, representing themselves as agents of both real and fictitious government agencies and offered victims non-existent financial rewards if the victims first sent cash, money orders, or gift cards to cover associated “taxes and fees.” Conspirators even impersonated social media accounts of the victim’s friends to vouch for their fraudulent financial scheme. Believing that they would receive a financial reward, the victims sent cash, money orders, gift cards, and other valuable items through the mail to Akinyemi as well as other members of the conspiracy in order to obtain a financial reward. Akinyemi, who lived in Landover, Maryland at the time, received packages under the aliases of “Paddy Linkin,” “Flex,” “Joseph Kadin,” “Anna Marcos,” and other aliases. After receiving the fraudulently obtained funds, Akinyemi kept a portion of the funds and provided the rest of the fraudulently obtained cash to co-conspirators in Nigeria.

Akinyemi and other co-conspirators also illegally obtained unemployment and CARES Act COVID-19 related benefits by filing fraudulent unemployment claims in the names of living and deceased victims from Maryland and Arizona.

¹⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-eight-years-federal-prison-elder-fraud-scheme-and-unrelated>

United States v. Aakash Kalpesh Gandhi
(Eastern District of Texas)¹⁸

Aakash Kalpesh Gandhi was sentenced to 51 months in federal prison and ordered to pay restitution to his victims, many of whom were older adults, for his role in a government imposter scheme.

Gandhi and his co-conspirators operated a scheme designed to defraud victims throughout the United States. Co-conspirators from call centers based in India would target unsuspecting victims claiming that those victims would suffer financial ruin or criminal liability if they did not immediately send money to correct fictional problems often involving the victim's social security benefits. To enhance the viability of the scheme, co-conspirators fraudulently identified themselves as government agents to their unsuspecting victims.

Gandhi tracked currency shipments for the conspiracy and recovered packages of United States currency shipped by those who had been victimized by the scheme, including victims within the Eastern District of Texas. Gandhi would receive a fee from a portion of the contents of those packages and deliver the remaining currency to co-conspirators.

Grandparent Scams

United States v. Darlens Renard, et al.
(Southern District of Indiana)¹⁹

Five defendants have been convicted and sentenced to prison for their roles in a nationwide fraud scheme that targeted older adults. Following a years-long investigation, each defendant pled guilty to mail fraud and money laundering charges. Investigators identified over 68 victims of the defendants' crimes. Sentences for the five defendants ranged from 30 months to 97 months in prison.

The defendants' role in the scheme was to retrieve, transport, and launder the money the older victims were induced to send. The defendants traveled to cities throughout the United States to identify unoccupied houses where overnight packages could be sent and retrieved without detection, and then relayed those addresses to their co-conspirators. Those co-conspirators then placed phone calls to older adults in Indiana and around the country claiming that their grandchild or other relative had an urgent legal or medical problem and needed money immediately. The caller, who often claimed to be an attorney, police officer, or other authority figure, told the victim to send an overnight delivery of cash — typically between \$5,000 and \$15,000 — to the address the defendants provided. The defendants tracked the overnight package of cash to the address, picked it up shortly after delivery, and then took their cut of the proceeds before sharing it with their co-conspirators.

¹⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/washington-state-man-sentenced-fictitious-social-security-scheme-targeting-east-texas>

¹⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdin/pr/first-five-defendants-sentenced-over-8-years-federal-prison-his-role-nationwide>

United States v. Juan Carlos Arcena Cabrera
(Western District of Kentucky)²⁰

Juan Carlos Arcena Cabrera was charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud for his role in a “grandparent scam” that impacted older victims around the country.

It is alleged that the defendant conspired with others to trick older adults into sending cash payments under the false pretense that a grandchild or loved one had been in a car accident or was facing legal trouble. It is further alleged that scam callers would reach out to victims repeatedly, claiming more money was needed to cover additional emergency expenses. It is also alleged that, as part of this conspiracy, Cabrera posed as the grandson of a Kentucky victim and attempted to pick up a parcel full of cash that the victim had shipped from Kentucky to a FedEx store in New York.

Lottery, Sweepstakes, & Psychic Schemes

United States v. Patrice Runner (Eastern District of New York)²¹

In a case brought by CPB, a federal jury in the Eastern District of New York convicted Patrice Runner, a Canadian man extradited from Spain, for perpetrating a two decades-long mass-mailing fraud scheme that stole more than \$175 million from victims, many of them older adults.

Runner sent letters to millions of U.S. consumers that falsely purported to be individualized, personal communications from so-called “psychics,” including Maria Duval (leading this type of fraud scheme to be referred to as a “Maria Duval Scam”), and promised that the recipient had the opportunity to achieve great wealth and happiness with the psychic’s assistance, in exchange for payment of a fee. Once a victim made a single payment in response to one of the letters, the victim was bombarded with dozens of additional letters, all purporting to be personalized communications from the psychics and offering additional services and items for a fee. In reality, the so-called “psychics” identified in the letters sent by the scheme had no role in sending the letters, and did not provide any additional services after victims paid money. Some victims made dozens of payments in response to the fraudulent letters, losing thousands of dollars. Runner and his co-conspirators obtained victim names by renting and trading mailing lists with other mail fraud schemes.

United States v. David Odean McIntosh
(District of Arizona)²²

David Odean McIntosh of Jamaica was sentenced to 160 months in prison. McIntosh was previously found guilty by a federal jury of conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, wire fraud, mail fraud, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

²⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/federal-grand-jury-louisville-indicts-new-york-man-his-role-grandparent-scam-targeting>

²¹ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/canadian-man-convicted-multimillion-dollar-psychic-mass-mailing-fraud-scheme>

²² <https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/man-sentenced-160-months-role-international-lottery-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly>

Between 2013 and 2018, McIntosh was one of the leaders of an international fraud ring that targeted thousands of older adults around the United States. Jamaican-based scammers and others called victims in the United States claiming the victims had won a lottery or other prize. To receive their winnings, the victims were told that they must first pay money for taxes and fees. The fraudsters provided some victims with phony letters claiming to be from the IRS that threatened to seize their

assets if they failed to pay. McIntosh's role in this scheme was to distribute "lead lists," which contained the names and personal information of thousands of primarily older individuals for the scammers to contact and lure into the scheme. In addition, McIntosh also conspired to launder portions of the fraudulent proceeds. As part of his sentence, the court ordered McIntosh to pay approximately \$1.8 million in restitution.



“Protecting America’s elders requires collaboration among law enforcement and community partners. Robust prosecution helps to deter financial predators and to disgorge illicit gains and restore money to victims. Intervention and education empower consumers to confront and reject con artists who prey on their age and status.”

Gary M. Restaino
U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona

Romance Scams

United States v. Oluwaseun Adelekan, et. al
(District of Puerto Rico)²³

In a case brought by CPB and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Puerto Rico, a federal grand jury returned a superseding indictment charging four men for their roles in laundering funds from international organized fraud schemes, some of which disproportionately impacted older adults. The schemes included romance, pandemic relief, unemployment insurance, and business email compromise scams.

The superseding indictment alleges that, in 2020 and 2021, the defendants worked together to profit from efforts to “clean” money from scams involving individual victims, many of whom were older adults, in California, Illinois, Washington, and Nevada, and business email compromise schemes affecting victim companies in Puerto Rico and Missouri. After receiving the proceeds, the defendants or their co-conspirators conducted hundreds of transactions with the funds, including by obtaining cashier’s checks and money orders, and then used the cashier’s checks and money orders to purchase used cars that were shipped overseas to Nigeria.

United States v. Dominique Golden, et al.
(District of Rhode Island)²⁴

Dominique Golden was sentenced to 78 months in prison for her participation in a conspiracy that scammed unsuspecting and trusting victims, many of whom were older adults, of more than \$2.6 million through internet-based “romance scams.” She personally collected more than \$1.26 million in cash, checks, money orders, and wire transfers from individuals from across the United States, and deposited the funds into bank accounts she controlled. Golden was one of five indicted for the scheme.

Golden admitted that, as part of the scam, she opened mailboxes and bank accounts in the names of fake individuals and businesses for the purpose of receiving and depositing “romance scam” victim funds. To carry out the scheme, members of the conspiracy contacted victims via the internet and app-based communication platforms, cultivated relationships of trust, convinced the victims that money was needed, and then directed the victims to send money via mail or wire transfer to various persons, including Golden. Golden was aware that other members of the conspiracy contacted and developed relationships with the victims for the sole purpose of perpetrating the scam.

²³ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-pr/pr/four-men-charged-superseding-indictment-conspiring-laundry-funds-various-fraud-schemes>

²⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/texas-woman-sentenced-romance-fraud-scams-defrauded-seniors-more-26-million>

Technical Support Fraud

United States v. Gagan Lamba, et al. (District of New Jersey)²⁵

Five men were charged in an indictment and a New Jersey woman pled guilty in connection with a transnational technical support scam that targeted more than 20,000 victims, many of whom were older adults.

According to the allegations in the indictment, from 2012 through November 2022, the defendants and others were members of a criminal fraud ring that operated a technical support fraud scheme in the United States, India, and Canada. The indictment alleges that the primary objective was to trick victims into believing that their personal computers were infected with a virus or malware and then convince the victims to pay hundreds or thousands of dollars to the fraud ring for phony computer repair services. It is alleged that victims were instructed to pay the fraud ring in amounts ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars. The indictment alleges the fraud ring often contacted certain victims again to offer additional services or lengthier service agreements that required victims to pay even more money to the fraud ring. Over the course of the conspiracy, the indictment alleges that the fraud ring generated more than \$10 million in proceeds.

Two defendants were arrested in India on local fraud charges. A third was arrested by Canadian authorities pursuant to a

provisional arrest request from the United States. Two U.S.-based defendants have been arrested and one pled guilty.

United States v. Nachiket Banwari (Western District of North Carolina)²⁶

Nachiket Banwari was indicted by a federal grand jury for conspiracy to commit mail fraud, wire fraud, and money laundering for his involvement in an international multi-million dollar technical support fraud scam.

According to the allegations in the indictment, Banwari was part of a conspiracy with other individuals that allegedly carried out an international internet technical support fraud scam, through his management of Capstone Technologies LLC (Capstone), a company headquartered in Charlotte that claimed to provide computer-related services to its customers. According to allegations in the indictment, fraudulent internet pop-up “ads” were a central part of the conspiracy’s technical support scam. It is alleged that the fraudulent pop-ups suddenly appeared on victims’ computers freezing their screens and containing misrepresentations designed to trick the victims into believing their computer needed technical support to fix a problem, prompting victims to contact Capstone at a number shown on the pop-ups. When victims called Capstone’s India-based call center for assistance, the indictment alleges that victims were tricked into purchasing unnecessary technical support services from Capstone. The indictment further alleges that the conspirators defrauded thousands of

²⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/six-individuals-charged-multimillion-dollar-transnational-tech-support-scam-targeting>

²⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/charlotte-man-indicted-international-multi-million-dollar-tech-support-fraud-scam>

victims throughout the United States, some of whom were older adults, of more than \$7 million.

According to allegations in the indictment, Banwari agreed to obtain payment-processing services in his name on behalf of Capstone, in order to process victims' payments to the conspirators, and laundered the proceeds domestically and internationally to bank accounts located in India. For his participation in the scheme, Banwari allegedly received three percent of the Capstone revenue.

Inheritance Scams

United States v. Kennedy Ikponmwosa
(Southern District of Florida)²⁷

In a case brought by CPB, three Nigerian nationals were extradited to the Southern District of Florida to face federal charges related to allegations that they operated an international fraud scheme. The three defendants have pled guilty, and one was sentenced to 82 months in prison.

Over the course of more than five years, the defendants allegedly sent personalized letters to consumers, including many older adults, in the United States, falsely claiming that the sender was a representative of a bank in Spain and that the recipient was entitled to receive a multimillion-dollar inheritance left for the recipient by a family member who purportedly had died years before. Victims were told that, before they could receive their purported inheritance, they were

required to send money for delivery fees, taxes, and payments to avoid questioning from government authorities. Victims sent money to the defendants through a complex web of U.S.-based former victims, whom the defendants convinced to serve as money mules.

United States v. Flavia Annang, et al.
(District of Arizona)

Flavia Annang and Whitney Adams were charged for their roles in a romance/inheritance scam that targeted older adults.

According to the allegations, the defendants created phony online dating profiles and personas to engage with unwitting victims in the United States through online chats, text messaging, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) calls, and other modes of communication to convince those victims that they were involved in an online romantic relationship with a real person. Annang's and Adams' co-conspirators then allegedly convinced the victims to send money to, or on behalf of, those fake romantic partners to collect a fake inheritance that was supposedly due to the romantic partner. The victims allegedly believed the money would be used to pay attorney's fees, customs duties, government fees, taxes, or other expenses related to "releasing" the inheritance and were often told that they would share in the ultimate inheritance or that the receipt of the "inheritance" proceeds would allow the fake romantic partner to join the victim in the United States.

²⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-82-months-prison-international-scheme-defrauded-elderly-us>

Charity Fraud

United States v. James Trankle (District of Columbia)²⁸

James Trankle was convicted of conspiracy to commit mail and bank fraud, and five additional counts of bank fraud stemming from a scheme in which he created fake charities, solicited donations, and then stole the identities of the donors he tricked into giving funds. Many of the victims were older adults.

According to evidence presented in court, Trankle and his co-defendant, Stephen Sibert, created fake charities and registered those entities with the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs and then presented them as legitimate charities.

Examples of the fake charities included the “Disabled and Paralyzed Veterans Fund,” the “National Breast Cancer Awareness Fund,” and the “Children’s Leukemia of America Fund.” The fraudulent charities did not perform any of the charitable work described in their solicitations, nor did the fraudulent charities provide any significant funds to other charities that did so.

Trankle opened numerous bank accounts in the names of the fraudulent charities, and sent solicitations via U.S. mail to thousands of potential donors—i.e., victims—nationwide asking the recipients to send personal checks as donations. Through the scheme, Trankle obtained over 1,600 personal checks from victims making charitable donations, which he then deposited into bank accounts that Trankle and Sibert controlled.



“It is a shameful fact that criminals commonly view our elders as targets,” said U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves. “We all need to protect our elders from these unscrupulous predators. If you have an elderly loved one, friend, or neighbor, talk to them about the fact that fraudsters often use phone calls and emails to target unsuspecting victims. And if you hear about something that sounds like a scam, report it to law enforcement. Whether it is a ring of criminals in a foreign country posing as a grandchild to scam the victim, or a home health aide or property manager exploiting their ability to access accounts, this office and our law enforcement partners will do everything possible to get justice for victims.”

Matthew M. Graves
U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia

²⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/maryland-man-found-guilty-scheme-bilked-benevolent-donors-charitable-contributions>

Schemes Targeting Veterans

United States v. Candy Kern (District of South Carolina)²⁹

A South Carolina woman pled guilty to conspiracy for her role in a nationwide structured cash flow scheme that exploited military veterans in desperate financial straits and targeted older investors seeking a safe retirement investment. Candy Kern was the managing partner of a small South Carolina-based law firm. For more than eight years, she used her law firm to facilitate a fraudulent scheme involving illegal assignment of veterans' benefits.

The scheme worked as follows: Numerous individuals and small corporate entities, referred to as Structured Cash Flow (SCF) entities, offered veterans – many of whom were in acute financial distress – an up-front lump sum payment in exchange for their agreement to assign their monthly pension and/or disability payments for a period of time. Working through a network of investment advisors and insurance agents, the SCF entities would then solicit retirees to invest in these agreements – providing the up-front lump sums under the false pretense that the flow of repayments by veterans over time would translate into a return for the retiree-investors.

Kern, through her law firm, served as the banker, legal counsel, and debt collector for the SCF operation. Throughout the

duration of the scheme, and unbeknownst to the veterans or the retirees, the pension assignments were in fact void, as it is illegal to assign a pension under federal law – a fact Kern knew but never disclosed during the execution of any assignment.

Over time, the scheme collapsed, as many veterans (who tended to be in dire financial straits) either were unable to repay their “obligations” under the agreement or opted not to do so upon learning that federal law prohibited pension assignments. Over the course of this scheme, approximately \$14 million in illegally assigned veterans' benefits flowed through the accounts controlled by Kern's law firm.

Timeshare Fraud

United States and State of Wisconsin v. Christopher Carroll, et al. (Eastern District of Missouri)³⁰

A civil enforcement action brought by CPB and the State of Wisconsin against 16 defendants alleges that the defendants used deceptive sales practices nationally to sell timeshare “exit services” to older adults.

The defendants include five individuals – Christopher Carroll, George Reed, LouAnn Reed, Scott Jackson, and Eduardo Balderas – and 11 related companies and trusts they run and operate – Consumer Law Protection LLC, Consumer Rights Council, Premier Reservations Group LLC, Resort Transfer

²⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sc/pr/south-carolina-woman-pleads-guilty-fraud-conspiracy-targeting-retirees-and-military>

³⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-ftc-and-state-wisconsin-file-complaint-stop-deceptive-sales-practices>

Group LLC, Square One Development Group Inc., Square One Group LLC, Timeshare Help Source LLC, Farmington Allegiance LLC, Mainline Partners LLC, the Jake and Avery Irrevocable Trust dated Sept. 11, 2019, and the Maggie and Lucy Irrevocable Trust dated Sept. 11, 2019.

According to the complaint, the defendants promised to assist consumers in exiting their timeshare contracts in exchange for large fees, but usually failed to deliver on their promises. The complaint alleges that the defendants, through high-pressure sales presentations at hotels and restaurants in multiple states, convinced consumers to sign up for timeshare exit services by falsely claiming that consumers could not exit timeshare contracts on their own, that the defendants were affiliated with legitimate companies, and that the consumers' heirs would be stuck with large fees unless they signed up for defendants' services. The complaint further alleges that the defendants failed to notify consumers of their rights under federal and state law to cancel their contracts with the defendants within three business days. According to the complaint, the defendants deceived consumers – who were mostly older adults – into paying more

than \$90 million to the defendant companies for services that were not delivered.

United States v. Michael Farole, et al.
(Central District of California)

Two defendants, Michael Farole and Christopher Lang, were charged with wire fraud for operating a timeshare fraud scheme. The investigation revealed at least 370 victims, many older adults, who lost over \$4.5 million to the scheme.

The defendants allegedly convinced victims to pay advance fees in return for services that involved selling or securing the sale or rental of their timeshares. After the victims paid initial fees for services that were never provided, Farole and Lang allegedly continued to contact the victims by phone, text, and email in attempts to obtain additional fees. The victims allegedly used funds from their social security income, investment and retirement accounts, and savings to pay the fraudulent companies. Despite the recurring fees that each victim paid, often reaching hundreds of thousands of dollars over several years, it is alleged that none received the timeshare-related services or proceeds that were promised.



“The Consumer Protection Branch is committed to protecting older adults from exploitation and abuse. Working with our law enforcement partners in the United States and across the globe, we will continue to use every tool available to combat crimes that impact older adults and bring those responsible to justice.”

Amanda N. Liskamm
Director, Consumer Protection Branch

Schemes Using Cryptocurrency

Operation Crypto Runner (Eastern District of Texas)³¹

According to court documents unsealed in November 2022, 21 individuals were charged in the Eastern District of Texas for their roles in transnational money laundering networks, including those that laundered millions of dollars stolen from United States fraud victims, including many older adults, through romance scams, business email compromises, technical support schemes, and other fraud schemes. The charges are part of Operation Crypto Runner, an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) investigation into transnational cryptocurrency money laundering networks that facilitate the movement of fraud proceeds from victims in the United States to foreign criminal organizations. As of November 2022, the Operation has disrupted more than \$300 million in annual money laundering transactions, seized and forfeited millions in cash and cryptocurrency, and identified thousands of victims.

One case that was part of the announcement was an indictment naming ten individuals, and charging them with wire and mail fraud conspiracy. According to the indictment, the defendants facilitated technical support schemes by creating a financial infrastructure in the United States that involved establishing shell companies with names intended to resemble names of legitimate companies. The

defendants opened and controlled business bank accounts in the names of the shell companies in order to facilitate the computer tech scheme. The defendants also established websites for many of the shell companies in order to make the shell companies appear legitimate. Then, through false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and concealment of material facts, the defendants and their co-conspirators persuaded victims to deposit, wire, or transfer funds into designated bank accounts or to mail funds to designated addresses.

Investment Fraud

United States v. Tracy Lee Jedlicki (Middle District of Florida)³²

Tracy Lee Jedlicki was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Jedlicki and her co-conspirators operated international boiler rooms in Panama and elsewhere. The boiler rooms used high-pressure sales techniques to defraud individuals, including older adults, who believed they were investing substantial amounts of money in regulated financial products or markets, such as options in commodities and stocks. Jedlicki and her co-conspirators then laundered the fraudulent proceeds generated by the boiler rooms through several money laundering rings to overseas accounts, with the launderers receiving a percentage of the funds they moved.

³¹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/eastern-district-texas-announces-multi-year-investigation-transnational-cryptocurrency>

³² <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/delray-beach-woman-sentenced-30-months-prison-her-role-international-boiler-room>

Jedlicki's duties included, among other tasks, arranging travel for boiler room workers to the boiler room locations, calling victims while posing as an employee of a fake investment firm to set up loading calls for co-conspirators operating the boiler rooms, serving as a liaison between the boiler rooms and a money laundering organization, maintaining records of co-conspirator wire transfer payments to foreign and domestic bank accounts, and reconciling payments between the boiler rooms and a money laundering organization.

As part of her sentence, the Court also ordered Jedlicki to forfeit \$750,000, a 4.01 carat diamond ring, a 11-carat diamond necklace, and a South Florida residence

worth more than \$2 million. In addition, Jedlicki was ordered to pay \$3,244,592 in restitution to the victims.

United States v. Richard G. Maike, et al.
(Western District of Kentucky)³³

A federal jury convicted three individuals for their roles in a pyramid scheme. Richard G. Maike, 55, of Owensboro, Kentucky, Doyce G. Barnes, 73, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Faraday Hosseinipour, 54, of Jacksonville, Florida, were convicted of conspiracy to commit mail fraud in connection with the sale of positions in Infinity 2 Global, or I2G, purportedly a multi-level marketing company that the United States proved at trial was operating as a pyramid scheme.

“We are honored to co-chair the Elder Justice Subcommittee of the White Collar Crime Committee of the Attorney General’s Advisory Committee. Working with the Department’s Elder Justice Coordinators to facilitate our efforts nationwide and assist in casting a spotlight on this important issue has been rewarding and impactful. Protecting vulnerable populations, such as the elderly, is some of the most important work we can do as prosecutors. In addition to recovering funds for elderly victims and bringing fraudsters to justice, we encourage our fellow U.S. Attorneys to undertake prevention work in their districts, through public service announcements, town halls, and neighborhood walks.”



Jessica D. Aber
U.S. Attorney for the
Eastern District of Virginia



Vanessa Avery
U.S. Attorney for the
District of Connecticut

³³ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/federal-jury-finds-three-guilty-pyramid-scheme>

Investors could join I2G (the defendants' pyramid scheme) by purchasing one of four ranks: Novice, Player, High Roller, or Emperor. All ranks received use of I2G's purported products: the I2G Touch (a social media software application), Songstagram (a music software application), and the I2G casino (an online casino open only to overseas gamblers). The evidence at trial showed that in approximately 15 months, I2G sold nearly 5,000 of the \$5,000 Emperor positions generating, along with other lower-priced positions, over \$30 million in revenue, much of which went out in the form of commissions to the promoters at the top of the pyramid structure. Commissions were generated based on recruitment of new members into the company. Over 90 percent of the people, including many older adults, who bought a membership in I2G lost money.

2. Schemes and Frauds Involving Trusted Third Parties

Fraud Committed by a Relative

United States v. Carol Ann Feist (District of North Dakota)³⁴

Carol Ann Feist was sentenced to serve sixty-five months in federal prison, three years of supervised release, and payment of \$134,000 in restitution after she pled guilty for committing bank fraud and aggravated identity theft against her elderly mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Feist called a customer service representative at a U.S. Bank, located in Bismarck, North Dakota, and pretended to be her elderly mother-in-law. Feist fraudulently provided the U.S. Bank representatives with her mother-in-law's personally identifiable information and deceitfully initiated a \$134,000 wire transfer from her mother-in-law and father-in-law's U.S. Bank checking account to a title company located in Helena, Montana. The \$134,000 transaction represented the life savings of Feist's mother-in-law and father-in-law, and Feist initiated this wire transfer without her mother-in-law or father-in-law's knowledge or permission. Thereafter, Feist utilized the \$134,000 wire transfer as a down payment on a home she purchased in Whitehall, Montana.

Prior to Feist stealing \$134,000 by impersonating her mother-in-law, she also fraudulently impersonated her father-in-law by listing him as a co-borrower on the Whitehall, Montana property. Specifically, during the purchase of the property, Feist presented real estate closing documents that contained both her father-in-law's forged signature and a fraudulent State of North Dakota notary stamp. Feist conducted the transactions without her father-in-law's knowledge or permission. During the timeframe of Feist's criminal actions, her father-in-law was in hospice care and has since passed away.

³⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nd/pr/montana-woman-sentenced-federal-prison-stealing-134000-her-elderly-mother-law-and-father>

United States v. Carrie April Martin
(Northern District of Iowa)³⁵

A Central City, Iowa, woman who stole over \$400,000 from two elderly relatives was sentenced to five years in federal prison. Carrie April Martin received the prison term after a guilty plea to one count of bank fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft.

Evidence at Martin's plea and sentencing hearings established that Martin had two elderly relatives, Victim-1 and Victim-2, in the Cedar Rapids area. Victim-1 was an elderly widow who was indigent, lived in a nursing home, and was living with dementia and various physical ailments. Victim-2 was also an elderly widow in poor physical and mental health but had significant assets and lived in an assisted living facility.

Martin stole checks drawn on accounts at a credit union from Victim-1 and Victim-2. Another one of Martin's relatives was the power of attorney for the two elderly widows and had full legal authority to act for them. From time to time, Martin stole the power of attorney's identity and wrote checks to herself from her victims' accounts at the credit union. Martin also leveraged her friendship with the office administrator at the local branch of a national investment firm to access an account that Victim-2 held at the firm. Martin also sold over \$100,000 worth of stock that Victim-2 held in an energy company, which Victim-2 intended

to bequeath to a church in Elkader. The defendant's theft left Victim-2 with minimal assets.

Fraud Committed by a Fiduciary

United States v. JoAnne Natalie (Northern District of New York)³⁶

JoAnne Natalie pled guilty to misappropriating the funds of a veteran as his appointed fiduciary. Natalie admitted that after being appointed as fiduciary for a veteran, between September 2019 and January 2021, she stole, embezzled and misappropriated \$50,174.42 of the veteran's VA benefits by using the benefits deposited into the veteran's bank account for her own personal ends. She also admitted to neglecting and failing to submit to the VA the accountings of the veteran's benefits required by law.

United States v. Donna Sue Glass (Eastern District of Kentucky)³⁷

Donna Sue Glass was charged with and pled guilty to two counts of wire fraud, stemming from her conduct as the owner of the Glass Family Care Home, a now closed family care home located in Argillite, Kentucky.

Glass became the guardian over two of her residents and an authorized signor on another's bank accounts, and, as to all three, misappropriated their money while acting as a guardian or caregiver. According to her plea agreement, Glass purchased items for her personal benefit, including expenses for

³⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndia/pr/central-city-woman-sentenced-five-years-federal-prison-elder-financial-abuse-and>

³⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/saratoga-springs-woman-pleads-guilty-misappropriating-funds-fiduciary-veteran>

³⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edky/pr/former-owner-argillite-family-care-home-sentenced-18-months-wire-fraud>

personal vacations, her daughter's beauty pageant competitions, monthly tanning salon memberships, veterinary care for her pets, and other miscellaneous items, using a debit card for one resident's bank account that she had no authority to obtain or use.

In her plea agreement, Glass also agreed that she increased the rent of another resident for whom she was appointed guardian, identified in the plea agreement as P.M.J., to an amount well in excess of what P.M.J. could afford. Glass, as P.M.J.'s guardian, accepted the rate increase to generate a debt P.M.J. would owe to her, and then took funds directly from P.M.J.'s savings account to satisfy this debt. When P.M.J. moved to a higher-level nursing facility, Glass admitted she continued to accept and spend P.M.J.'s retirement benefits and failed to pay her new nursing facility, under the pretense that P.M.J. owed her money.

Fraud Committed by a Care Provider

United States v. Jhanannie Singh
(District of Connecticut)³⁸

Jhanannie Singh was sentenced to 57 months of imprisonment for stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in U.S. Savings Bonds from an older woman.

Singh provided home health services to the victim from whom she stole hundreds of thousands of dollars in U.S. Savings Bonds. The victim had purchased the bonds for her grandchildren and other relatives. After the

victim died, Singh contacted Glen Campbell, who was also charged and has pled guilty, to enlist the help of a third individual to redeem the stolen bonds at a financial institution and provide Singh and Campbell with a portion of the proceeds. Singh attempted to obstruct the investigation and prosecution of this matter by offering to pay a witness if he agreed to lie and provide false testimony.

United States v. Diane Durbon, et al. (Middle District of Florida)³⁹

Diane Durbon and Brittany Lukasik pled guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The two women stole approximately half a million dollars from an individual for whom they were hired to provide care.

Durbon and her daughter, Lukasik, a registered nurse, were hired to be caretakers for T.H., the 92-year-old victim. Durbon unlawfully accessed T.H.'s investment accounts by placing T.H. on the phone to answer various account security questions. Video surveillance cameras that Durbon had installed inside T.H.'s home captured Durbon putting a script that contained answers to account security questions in front of T.H. before and during each phone call. After being given authorization to speak to the investment account representative on T.H.'s behalf, Durbon would move funds from T.H.'s investment accounts into a Prime Money Market Account, from which checks were unlawfully issued to Lukasik, ranging in amounts from \$1,000 to \$9,600.

³⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/home-health-aide-sentenced-57-months-prison-stealing-us-savings-bonds-elderly-woman>

³⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/cape-coral-caretakers-plead-guilty-stealing-more-half-million-dollars-elderly-victim>

Durbon also unlawfully gained access to T.H.'s annuity policy. Durbon faxed a fraudulent Annuity Withdrawal form which misrepresented that T.H. wanted to cash out her annuity policy. This caused the annuity company to issue a check to T.H. in the amount of \$244,521.09. The check was deposited into one of T.H.'s checking accounts. After the check was deposited, approximately 92 checks, totaling \$372,092.98, were issued to Lukasik from T.H.'s checking account.

United States v. Latonja Dashawn Carrera
(District of Columbia)⁴⁰

Latonja Dashawn Carrera was sentenced to twelve months incarceration, ten months suspended, and three years of probation for a felony charge of financial exploitation of a vulnerable or elderly adult.

Carrera was the owner and administrator of M&M Residential Services, Inc., a Mental Health Community Residence Facility licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health. Carrera admitted that within a 16-day period she made five separate withdrawal transactions totaling \$3,090.14 from the bank accounts of a 73-year-old vulnerable adult under her care, which she in turn used to pay for her own personal utility and credit card bills.

***Fraud Committed by Financial Institution
or Investment Company Employee***

United States v. Andrea Nicole Hopkins
(Eastern District of Missouri)⁴¹

Andrea Nicole Hopkins was indicted on four felony counts of bank fraud.

Hopkins' indictment alleges that, from February 20, 2020 to May 25, 2021, while manager of the Commerce Bank branch, she devised a scheme to divert money from numerous customer accounts for her own use. The indictment alleges that Hopkins targeted older customers, including two 80-year-olds, one 95-year-old and one 82-year-old. She allegedly logged into customer accounts and transferred funds out, sometimes obtaining cashier's checks or prepaid cards. It is also alleged that she also changed the address on some account statements, forged customer signatures, and transferred funds among customers to try and hide the thefts.

United States v. Tyler Rigsbee (Eastern District of California)⁴²

Tyler Rigsbee was sentenced to two years in prison and ordered to pay \$158,960 in restitution for committing aggravated identity theft. Rigsbee worked as a FINRA-registered financial advisor at a major bank in Sacramento. During his employment, Rigsbee targeted older bank customers and stole \$158,960 from these victims' accounts.

Rigsbee stole \$113,160 from one victim's account by using the name and identity of the account beneficiary to fraudulently transfer the funds into another account that Rigsbee had set up and controlled in the beneficiary's name. Rigsbee stole \$45,800 from the account of a second victim by transferring funds in

⁴⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/former-mental-health-and-community-residence-facility-director-sentenced-financial>

⁴¹ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/florissant-bank-manager-accused-defrauding-elderly-customers>

⁴² <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/former-financial-advisor-sentenced-scheme-steal-funds-elderly-bank-customers>



“The United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio is committed to combatting crime involving financial exploitation and fraud targeting older adults. Our prosecutors take a two-pronged approach in these efforts. First, we work with our federal, state, local, and international law enforcement partners to aggressively investigate, prosecute, and hold accountable those who victimize older Americans, whether those scammers do so domestically or abroad. Second, we collaborate with our community partners to educate and provide outreach to the most vulnerable among us, with the goal of preventing these crimes before they occur. We believe that both steps are critical in disrupting the financial and emotional havoc that such fraudsters wreak.”

Rebecca C. Lutzko
U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio

incremental amounts into a separate account that Rigsbee had set up and controlled in the victim’s name. Rigsbee then pocketed the money by transferring these funds into his own personal bank account.

Rigsbee attempted to conceal his theft by stealing \$16,700 from a third customer’s account and attempting to funnel that money into the second victim’s account to partially replace what he previously stole. However, this transaction was flagged, and the funds were reverted.

3. Crimes of Violence against Older Adults

United States v. Elga Eugene Harper
(Northern District of Oklahoma)⁴³

A federal jury convicted a Tulsa man in February 2023 for holding a 72-year-old

woman captive in her own home and brutally assaulting her.

Elga Eugene Harper had previously performed work at the victim’s home, and the two had numerous conversations about philosophy and her work in counseling. On May 4, 2022, several months after their last meeting, Harper returned unexpectedly to the victim’s home and approached her asking for work or counseling services. The woman declined and then Harper asked to use the bathroom in her home. She agreed. When Harper did not exit the bathroom, the victim walked toward the back of the home and saw Harper standing naked in her room. He immediately attacked the victim. During the next four-hours, Harper violently physically and sexually assaulted the victim.

In July 2023, Harper was sentenced to life in prison.

⁴³ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndok/pr/federal-jury-convicts-tulsa-man-brutal-assault-elderly-victim>

United States v. Peter R. Dorney (District of Columbia)⁴⁴

Peter R. Dorney was sentenced to 96 months in prison for arson and fraud charges.

Dorney set fire to the then-vacant apartment of the 92-year-old victim. The fire spread, causing over \$1,000 in damage to the victim's property, including walls, furniture, and papers. Dorney also made more than 70 unauthorized charges on an 80-year-old victim's credit card, including brazenly treating mutual friends to expensive dinners using the victim's credit card without her knowledge.

United States v. Elvis Tahirovic, et al. (District of Utah)⁴⁵

Two Utah residents, Elvis Tahirovic and Brittany Ann Peters, were charged with one count of carjacking.

According to the criminal complaint, the defendants fled from Salt Lake City Police in a reportedly stolen Mercedes. Salt Lake City Police initiated a high-speed pursuit that was terminated due to public safety. Utilizing the Department of Public Safety helicopter, Tahirovic and Peters were tracked until a "cold spike" was utilized to flatten the Mercedes tires. When the Mercedes came to an abrupt stop, Peters ran to a Chevrolet Tahoe at a stop sign and opened the driver's door. Tahirovic then forcibly removed the older victim out of his SUV before getting

behind the wheel. Tahirovic and Peters were unable to take off in the vehicle because the victim took the keys out of the ignition. Unable to flee, Tahirovic charged for the victim, but authorities arrived and took Tahirovic and Peters into custody.

4. Failure of Care in Long-term Care Settings

United States v. Bob Dean, Jr., et al. (Middle District of Louisiana)⁴⁶

On January 11, 2023, the United States, through the Civil Division's Fraud Section and the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Louisiana, filed a complaint against Bob Dean Jr. and several affiliated corporate entities for misappropriating and misusing the assets and income of four Federal Housing Administration (FHA) insured nursing homes in Louisiana before and after Hurricane Ida's landfall in August 2021.

The FHA, part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides mortgage insurance on loans that cover residential care facilities, such as nursing homes, pursuant to the National Housing Act. To encourage lenders to make loans to such facilities, FHA mortgage insurance provides lenders with protection against losses that result from borrowers defaulting on their mortgage loans. To obtain such FHA-insured loans, loan recipients must enter into Regulatory Agreements

⁴⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/fraudster-sentenced-eight-years-prison-multiple-crimes-against-senior-citizens-northwest>

⁴⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/utah-residents-face-federal-charges-after-allegedly-attempting-forcibly-take-elderly>

⁴⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/united-states-files-complaint-against-bob-dean-jr-and-affiliated-corporate-entities-financial>

with the FHA that provide, among other requirements, that the assets and income of an FHA-insured nursing home may only be spent on goods and services that are reasonable and necessary to the operation of the nursing home. The United States sued Dean and his affiliates under the National Housing Act, which permits the United States to recover twice the amount of any assets and income of FHA-insured nursing homes that were improperly distributed or misspent.

The United States' complaint, filed in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana, alleges that, from 2016 to 2021, Mr. Dean required the nursing homes to pay "rent" on an industrial warehouse he had acquired supposedly to serve as a hurricane evacuation center. The rent, which totaled more than \$1 million, was paid to one of his corporate entities. Rather than using the funds to prepare the warehouse for a hurricane, he allegedly funneled much of that money to his personal bank accounts.

In the days leading up to Hurricane Ida's expected landfall in August 2021, Mr. Dean evacuated the residents of the four nursing homes to the warehouse. After residents arrived, sanitation was not maintained, and the nursing homes' staff did not prepare sufficient food, provide wound care, or ensure adequate medical care and support for the residents. As a result, on September 2, 2021, the Louisiana Department of Health removed the residents from the evacuation center and revoked Mr. Dean's nursing home licenses.

After the residents had been removed from the warehouse and the licenses revoked, Mr. Dean and his corporate entities continued to misdirect and misspend the nursing homes' assets and income. Specifically, Mr. Dean directed his bookkeeper to sweep all of the nursing homes' bank accounts and transfer the millions of dollars of funds to his personal accounts. Mr. Dean allegedly did not use these funds to operate or maintain the nursing homes, which at this point were not operating because of the hurricane, and instead used this money to purchase personal goods and services, including antiques, firearms, and cars, and to fund allowances for his family members. The complaint alleges that, in total, Mr. Dean misspent and misallocated more than \$4 million of the nursing homes' assets and income.

In re. Saratoga Center (Northern District of New York)⁴⁷

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and the Civil Division's Fraud Section, together with the New York State Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, announced on February 27, 2023 that Leon Melohn, Alan "Ari" Schwartz, Jeffrey Vegh, and Jack Jaffa, and associated entities, agreed collectively to pay \$7,168,000 to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by causing the submission of false claims to the Medicaid program for worthless services provided to Saratoga Center's residents. Saratoga Center closed in February 2021, after the investigation was initiated.

⁴⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/landlord-and-former-operators-upstate-new-york-nursing-home-pay-7168000-resolve-false-claims>

Before issuing a license to operate a nursing home, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) thoroughly reviews, among other things, an applicant's character and competence to ensure that the operator will provide a consistently high level of care to residents. After a months-long vetting process, in 2014, NYSDOH approved Schwartz and Vegh to operate Saratoga Center with Leon Melohn, through entities Melohn managed and controlled, acting as its landlord. This license vested in Schwartz and Vegh the nondelegable duty to oversee the operations of the home. But in early 2017, due to a financial dispute, Melohn required the legally licensed operators to surrender control of Saratoga Center. Melohn replaced them with Jaffa and a business associate of his, along with various corporate entities, even though none of them had – and they never obtained – the necessary license from the NYSDOH. Jaffa and his associate undertook all the nondelegable duties that had been the responsibility of Schwartz and Vegh.

These unlicensed individuals operated Saratoga Center from February 2017 until it closed in February 2021. During that period, the United States and the State of New York contended that Saratoga Center delivered worthless services to residents, and its physical conditions deteriorated to such a degree that it violated federal and state regulations. Specifically, the operators failed to adequately staff the home, and residents suffered medication errors, unnecessary falls, and the development of pressure ulcers. Additionally, Saratoga Center did not

consistently maintain hot water throughout the facility, have an adequate linen inventory, and dispose of solid waste.

As part of the settlement, each individual and their associated entities agreed to voluntary exclusion from federal healthcare programs, for at least ten years.

*United States v. American Health Foundation, Inc.; AHF Management Corporation; AHF Montgomery, Inc. d/b/a Cheltenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; and AHF Ohio, Inc. d/b/a/ The Sanctuary at Wilmington Place and Samaritan Care Center and Villa (Eastern District of Pennsylvania)*⁴⁸

On June 15, 2022, the Civil Division's Fraud Section filed a complaint in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania under the False Claims Act against American Health Foundation (AHF), its affiliate AHF Management Corporation, and three affiliated nursing homes — Cheltenham Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Cheltenham), The Sanctuary at Wilmington Place (Wilmington Place) and Samaritan Care Center and Villa (Samaritan) — for providing grossly substandard skilled nursing services between 2016 and 2018. AHF is a nonprofit corporation that is headquartered in Dublin, Ohio, and owns and controls nursing homes in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Iowa. Cheltenham is a 255-bed nursing home located in Philadelphia; Wilmington Place is a 63-bed nursing home located in Dayton, Ohio; and Samaritan is a 56-bed nursing home located in Medina, Ohio.

⁴⁸ [https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sues-american-health-foundation-and-its-affiliates-providing-grossly#:~:text=The%20Justice%20Department%20has%20filed,Place%20\(Wilmington%20Place\)%20and%20Samaritan](https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sues-american-health-foundation-and-its-affiliates-providing-grossly#:~:text=The%20Justice%20Department%20has%20filed,Place%20(Wilmington%20Place)%20and%20Samaritan)

In its complaint, the United States alleged that the three AHF nursing homes provided grossly substandard services that failed to meet required standards of care in various ways. For example, the United States alleged that the defendant facilities failed to follow appropriate infection control protocols and did not maintain adequate staffing levels. The United States also alleged that

Cheltenham housed its residents in a dirty, pest-infested building; gave its residents unnecessary medications, including antibiotic, antipsychotic, anti-anxiety and hypnotic drugs; failed to safeguard residents' personal possessions; subjected residents to verbal abuse; neglected to provide residents with activities or stimulation; and failed to provide needed psychiatric care.



“As part of DOJ’s National Nursing Home Initiative, the Northern District of New York is committed to investigating individuals who use nursing homes as profit centers to enrich themselves with public healthcare dollars intended to support our nation’s elderly and most vulnerable individuals. When individuals divert Medicare and Medicaid dollars to themselves, residents suffer from inadequate staffing, lack of resources, and dangerous conditions. We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners — the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of the Inspector General; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Defense Criminal Investigative Service; and the New York State Office of the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit — to pursue these important cases.”

Carla Freedman
U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York

C. Americans with Disabilities Act

The Civil Rights Division

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, 33 percent of people age 65 and older reported having some type of disability in 2021. 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.

During the reporting period, the Department entered into 47 ADA settlement agreements,

8 consent decrees, and an additional 12 informal ADA resolutions, many of which benefit older Americans.

For example, in January 2023, a federal district court in Arizona entered a consent decree resolving the Department's lawsuit alleging that the eye care practices of Barnet Dulaney Perkins Eye Centers (BDP) and American Vision Partners (AVP) violated the ADA.⁴⁹ The lawsuit alleged that BDP and AVP refused to operate on certain patients who needed assistance transferring from their wheelchairs for surgery and required other such patients to pay for third-party medical transport and transfer assistance. Medical providers routinely offer this type of assistance to patients who need help transferring from a wheelchair to an examination or surgical table for surgery and exams. Under the decree, BDP and AVP will end their policies of denying surgery and prohibiting staff from providing transfer assistance to people with mobility disabilities, including older adults. BDP operates eye care facilities throughout Arizona, and AVP, one of the largest eye care practice management organizations in the country, partners with eye care providers in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, and Texas. These eye care providers have trained staff on the new policy requirements and on safe transfer techniques and will pay \$950,000 to patients and prospective patients who were harmed by its policies and a civil penalty of \$50,000.

⁴⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/eye-surgery-practices-agree-pay-1-million-and-end-discriminatory-policies-towards-people>

PUBLIC OUTREACH, AND PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES AND TRAINING

A. Overview

Prevention is often the best defense against elder abuse and financial exploitation. Therefore, the Department and its components are committed to engaging in public awareness activities aimed at preventing abuse and neglect of our nation's older adults. Various components of the Department participated in over 700 outreach and training events, reaching over 28,000,000 Americans, over the past year. Public outreach can be as simple as a website posting or as complex as producing a series of integrated public service announcements. Some of the Department's key public outreach activities are highlighted above. Several additional examples of these activities are discussed below, and a detailed list of public outreach events arranged by or participated in by components of the Department is available in Appendix B.

When prevention efforts fail, it is imperative that elder justice professionals are prepared to detect and respond to elder abuse, financial exploitation, or fraud. Therefore, the Department invests heavily in training and resources for elder justice professionals at the local, state, Tribal, and federal levels to maximize their ability to respond vigorously and effectively to these types of fraud and

abuse. Some of these efforts are described below. A complete list of Department-funded elder justice grants is available in Appendix C.

B. Public Outreach

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 660,000 page views between July 2022 and June 2023. The Website provides information and resources directly to older Americans, their loved ones, and elder justice professionals in four sections of the Website: About Elder Abuse⁵⁰ provides warning signs and scenarios for different types of elder abuse; the Neighborhood Map⁵¹ provides access to different types of help in every state; Report abuse⁵² connects older adults with reporting agencies in each state; and finally, a series of eye-catching elder abuse flyers⁵³ covering different topics is available in seven languages. The public outreach section of the Website is also available in Spanish.⁵⁴ During the reporting period, the Elder Justice Website engaged in significant updates. These included an updated community outreach PowerPoint⁵⁵ and the new Financial Scams and Abuse page.⁵⁶

⁵⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/about-elder-abuse>

⁵¹ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/support/resources-neighborhood>

⁵² <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/find-support-elder-abuse>

⁵³ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/elder-justice-flyers>

⁵⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice-espanol>

⁵⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/get-involved-get-safe-community-presentations>

⁵⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/financial-exploitation-4>

Attorney General Interviewed by AARP, Provides Fraud Fighting Tips

In February 2023, Attorney General Garland was interviewed by AARP about the Department's efforts to fight scams that target older adults and schemes targeting Medicare and Medicaid. During the interview, which was published online and in the April 2023 edition of the AARP Bulletin,⁵⁷ Attorney General Garland discussed the resources the Department is dedicating to fight elder fraud. He encouraged older adults to look at their Medicare statements and report any charge for tests or services that were not actually provided. He also encouraged older adults to be aware of and report scams, stating "If it's something that's already happened, we can prosecute, and we can support you. . . . We want to prevent this from happening. So before you ever give out your personal information, pause. The fraud perpetrator is going to try to rush you through — You've got to do it right now or something will happen to your grandchild ... — but it doesn't work that way."

Components within the Department Commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2023

- *Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)*

OVC commemorated 2023 WEAAD in their monthly, online Featured Resources⁵⁸ series and the June 8, 2023

edition⁵⁹ of the From the Director's Desk briefing. Multiple resources and initiatives were highlighted that ensure older Americans who are victims of crime have access to victim services so that they can experience a sense of security, peace of mind, and the support of their community. These initiatives support trainings for law enforcement to improve their identification of, and response to, elder fraud victims; fund the development of elder abuse multidisciplinary teams and a National Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Training and Technical Assistance Center; and assist elder justice coalitions through the launch of the National Center for State and Tribal Elder Justice Coalitions. OVC's tweet commemorating WEAAD that linked to the Featured Resources post received more than 9,000 views. The June 2023 Featured Resources page received nearly 1,000 unique views and the email message about it was delivered to over 43,000 recipients.



⁵⁷ <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2023/merrick-garland-interview.html>

⁵⁸ <https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/featured-resources/june-2023-featured-resources>

⁵⁹ <https://ovc.ojp.gov/media/video/24601>

OVC also commemorated 2023 Older Americans Month in the May version of their monthly online Featured Resources⁶⁰ series. The National Elder Fraud Hotline, the availability of a solicitation to fund more elder abuse multidisciplinary teams and provide training and technical assistance, and multiple Elder Justice Website products and publications were highlighted. The May 2023 Featured Resources page received over 1,000 unique views and the email message about it was delivered to over 42,000 recipients.

- ***Elder Justice Initiative (EJI)***

In commemoration of 2023 WEAAD, the EJI released an e-blast featuring professional elder justice resources.⁶¹ The WEAAD e-blast was disseminated to all of our professional outlets, reaching over 67,500 elder justice professionals.

- ***Consumer Protection Branch (CPB)***

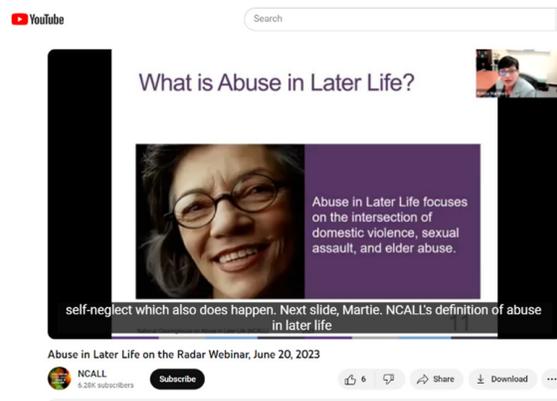
CPB participated in a webinar commemorating WEAAD. The event, which was directed at banking professionals, highlighted scam trends and fraud “red flags.” The session also discussed the importance of high-quality bank reporting under the Bank Secrecy Act to the Department’s elder fraud efforts, as well as the value and impact of well-trained front-line banking staff to protecting older adults.

- ***Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)***

OVW Observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023: Reaffirming Our Commitment to Reduce Elder Abuse

In a blog post, OVW reaffirmed its commitment to raising awareness about and taking action to reduce elder abuse and abuse in later life, encouraging others to raise awareness of this issue, and offering ways everyone can make a difference.⁶²

Abuse in Later Life on the Radar Webinar



To commemorate 2023 WEAAD, Martie Washington, Abuse in Later Life Program Coordinator at the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), Shelly Carlson, Multidisciplinary Teams Projects Manager at the Minnesota Elder Justice Center, and Krista L. Martinez, Chief

⁶⁰ <https://ovc.ojp.gov/news/featured-resources/may-2023-featured-resources>

⁶¹ <https://www.justice.gov/file/1593471/download>

⁶² <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/blog/ovw-observes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-2023-reaffirming-our-commitment-reduce-elder>

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney at the Office of the Norfolk Virginia Commonwealth's Attorney joined Janice Green, OVW Senior Program Specialist, for a webinar⁶³ (June 20, 2023) that offered a foundational understanding of abuse in later life and discussed the OVW Abuse in Later Life Grant Program.⁶⁴

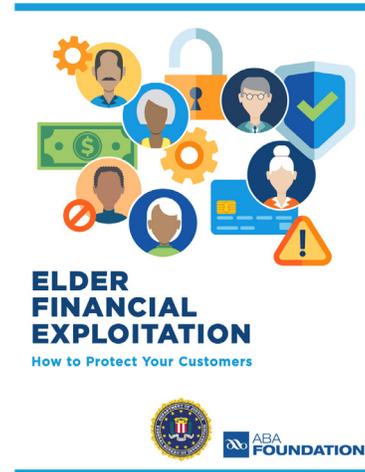
- **U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs)**

Many U.S. Attorneys' Offices commemorated WEAAD by posting a notice on their website or engaged in some other activity. A few examples include:

- o USAO Eastern District of North Carolina - U.S. Attorney's Office to Host Elder Justice Initiative on Friday in Garner⁶⁵
- o USAO Eastern District of Louisiana - EDLA Observes World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) 2023⁶⁶
- o USAO District of Kansas - U.S. Attorney Shares Fraud Cases that Highlight Elder Abuse Awareness Day⁶⁷
- o USAO Western District of North Carolina – WDNC Organized A “Walk for Awareness” at Freedom Park in Charlotte⁶⁸

- **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**

In recognition of 2023 WEAAD, the FBI and the American Bankers Association Foundation published a three-part guide⁶⁹ with critically important tips and information to help bank employees detect and prevent elder financial exploitation. The first part of the guide provides an overview of elder financial exploitation and the detrimental impact it has on senior citizens and the economy. The second part of the guide identifies potential financial exploitation red flags. The third component of the guide reminds bankers of the three overarching steps to follow in handling suspected elder financial exploitation—recognize, respond, and report.



⁶³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YS5Z66dn3OA>

⁶⁴ <https://s3-us-east-2.amazonaws.com/ncall/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/12103648/OVW-ALL-Grant-Program-Overview-2023.pdf>

⁶⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/media-advisory-us-attorneys-office-host-elder-justice-initiative-friday-garner>

⁶⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/edla-observes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day-weaad-2023>

⁶⁷ <https://www.wibw.com/2023/06/15/us-attorney-shares-fraud-cases-that-highlight-elder-abuse-awareness-day/>

⁶⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/us-attorneys-office-observes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day>

⁶⁹ <https://www.aba.com/-/media/documents/infographics/aba-fbi-elder-exploitation-infographic.pdf?rev=46064d5eb9984bfc895fda72642cc767>

IC3 Financial Fraud Reporting PSA

In 2021, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) Recovery Asset Team (RAT) worked with the EJI to develop a public service announcement (PSA) on reporting elder fraud to IC3's RAT. Since that time, the EJI has been promoting the PSA to ensure that older adults and those who support them are aware of this unique program.

- **IC3 Financial Fraud Reporting Public Service Announcement (PSA)**

The EJI collaborated with IC3 to develop a financial fraud PSA for the general public. This PSA encourages the public to file reports of internet-related financial fraud through the IC3 electronic reporting system, demonstrates how to file the report, and explains what types of fraud can be reported, including internet-related fraud targeting older Americans. The PSA stresses the urgency of filing reports quickly to increase opportunities to intervene. Elder justice professionals are encouraged to share the free PSA⁷⁰ with their communities.



⁷⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/video/ic3-public-service-announcement-older-americans>

- **FBI Training for Adult Protective Services (APS) on IC3 RAT**

As APS teams and programs are often the front line in responding to elder abuse and elder fraud, San Diego FBI Agent Michael Rod provided a training to local APS on elder fraud, featuring how to access and use the IC3 RAT and promoting the PSA.

- **Adult Protective Services Technical Assistance Resource Center (APS TARC) Newsletter**

The APS TARC Newsletter (April 2023) published an article on the value of the IC3 RAT to APS caseworkers and the benefits of sharing the PSA with their clients and the community.

The Department's Participation in the District of Columbia's 12th Annual Senior Symposium

On June 28, 2023, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser hosted the 12th Annual Senior Symposium at Ballou Senior High School. The event included participation by other District agencies, including the D.C. Office of Inspector General (OIG)-Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).

This year's Symposium theme was "Educate, Empower, and Encourage" based on Mayor Bowser's commitment for older adults to stay in the District. The Symposium highlighted available housing resources,

and other information and services for older adults in the District; and featured performances, educational sessions, and many exhibitors distributing information and giveaways. The Symposium was well-attended with approximately 1900 older adults participating.



Attendees of the District of Columbia's 12th Annual Senior Symposium.

The DC OIG-MFCU and the EJI successfully partnered together as an exhibitor for the Symposium. In keeping with the Symposium's theme, the OIG-MFCU and the DC Office of External Affairs staff engaged with Symposium attendees and distributed well over 200 MFCU and Department flyers containing educational and contact information concerning elder abuse, neglect, and justice for older adults.



DC OIG-MFCU and DOJ's EJI Symposium Exhibit featuring fraud and abuse outreach materials.

Consumer Protection Branch and Administration for Community Living's Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services Host Scam Webinar Series

CPB partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services to host a four-part scam webinar series. The series was designed to educate and guide adult protective services and legal aid organizations in their efforts to assist scam victims. The first session, held in March of 2023, featured a discussion of major fraud typologies and why fraud pitches succeed. The second session, held in June, gave tips

on how to help victims recover funds and the importance and mechanics of reporting to law enforcement. The final two sessions will discuss the emotional impact of fraud victimization and prevention resources.

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WEBINAR TITLE CORRECTION

Fraud Pitches: Why They Work and What You Can Do About It

(Formerly Titled - Who's Calling? Grandparent and Person-in-Need Scams and Fraud)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Eastern Time

[Click here](#) to convert to your time zone.

REGISTER NOW

Join the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protection Services and the U.S. Department of Justice's Consumer Protection Branch for a four-part webinar series on fraud. The series will delve into common scams and frauds—and why they work—as well as what steps can be taken to recover from fraud and what we can all do to prevent scams from succeeding. The series is hosted by the Administration on Aging, Administration for Community Living's APS Technical Assistance Resource Center.

Consumer Protection Branch Grandparent Scam Awareness

Beginning in the fall of 2022, CPB led an effort to raise awareness of grandparent scams. These efforts included webinars, podcast episodes, and articles for a range of audiences, including consumers, financial institutions, local law enforcement, adult protective services, and legal aid organizations. Audiences learned what grandparent scams are and how to identify such scams, as well as how to try and recover funds and report scams to law enforcement.

Law enforcement and financial institution employees were given tips on investigating and disrupting these schemes. Partners for this outreach included the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, ACL, the COPS Office, and AmeriCorps Seniors, among others.

Community Engagement in the Eastern District of New York

Under the leadership of U.S. Attorney Breon Peace, the Eastern District of New York has prioritized fraud prevention and outreach efforts to older adults. The Office has a Speaker's Bureau comprised of over 25 Assistant U.S. Attorneys who deliver elder fraud presentations. Over the past year the Office visited locations including senior centers, affinity and service clubs, faith-based organizations, and even a supportive housing facility for citizens who have re-entered the community following incarceration. The approximately 1-hour presentation aims to shed light on various types of elder fraud, including identity theft, telemarketing scams, phishing emails, romance scams, and gift card scams. The presentation is interactive and encourages attendees to share their experiences, ask questions, and participate in discussions about prevention. Since June of 2022, the Office has reached over 500 older adults, with more presentations scheduled in 2024.

FBI's Community Outreach and Public Awareness

In support of the EJI, the FBI conducted various forms of community outreach to

raise public awareness of elder fraud and abuse and provided training, resources, and tools to adults of all age demographics. A complete listing of the FBI's training and outreach efforts can be found in Appendix B.

In a wide variety of formats, FBI field offices provided elder justice presentations to academia, adult protective services agencies, residents and staff of assisted living facilities, behavioral health specialists, caregivers, community agencies, community leaders, the financial sector, immigrant communities, Indigenous communities, medical providers, politicians, the private sector, refugee communities, regulatory agencies, religious organizations, senior citizen community centers, and retirement communities. In addition to raising awareness on elder fraud, the presentations covered recent trends in scams targeting older adults, prevention tips, educational resources, and steps to take if victimized. Many of the events were conducted jointly with local and federal prosecutors. FBI field offices provided training to federal, state, local, and foreign law enforcement and federal regulatory agencies, during working group meetings of multidisciplinary teams.

FBI Headquarters and field offices conducted outreach, awareness, and training to the financial sector, including financial advisors and financial institutions, and the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS). On October 11, 2022, a representative from the FBI's Financial Crimes Section presented at the ACAMS 21st Annual AML & Anti-Financial Crime Conference on a panel titled "Protect Your

Elders: Fighting Financial Abuse of Seniors and Vulnerable Populations." The FBI provided information on elder fraud trends, statistics, the IC3, behavioral and financial red flags of potential elder financial exploitation, tips for writing effective Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs), and how to collaborate with federal law enforcement. In attendance were more than 5,000 anti-money laundering and compliance professionals, investigators, and financial institution employees and executives. On March 16, 2023, the FBI office in Chicago hosted the first FBI Chicago Intelligence Branch & Financial Sector Analytical Exchange, with a focus on elder financial exploitation. In attendance were representatives from: BMO Harris; Northern Trust; Wintrust; Byline; Busey Bank; CIBC; National Insurance Crime Bureau; Bank of America; CME Group; TransUnion; Discover; and, Wells Fargo.

On May 16, 2023, FBI Deputy Director Paul Abbate presented at the 2023 FINRA Annual Conference session titled "Current Trends and Threats in Financial Crimes" alongside U.S. Department of Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson. Mr. Abbate and Mr. Nelson discussed the latest developments in financial crimes and illicit finance risk, including new and emerging threats related to money laundering, fraud, securities fraud, cyber-enabled crime, digital assets, and sanctions. Mr. Abbate highlighted trends in elder fraud.

The FBI office in Anchorage conducted elder fraud awareness presentations to the Ukrainian refugee community located in

Alaska, in partnership with Catholic Social Services and the New Chance Ukraine Relief Program. Topics discussed were online safety and financial scams, elder fraud, hate crimes and civil rights crimes, and human trafficking. The Anchorage office also provided a radio interview on KYUK-AM, a local radio station in Alaska's Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region, to discuss the IC3 2022 Elder Fraud Report, cyber-enabled fraud and elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention tips, and resources available to victims. KYUK-AM serves a population of approximately 13,500 predominantly Yup'ik/Alaska Native residents in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in Southwestern Alaska and is the only radio station available for most of these residents. The FBI office in San Francisco conducted several elder fraud outreach events in Cantonese and Mandarin to Asian American communities. The FBI translated the Department's Financial Exploitation and Financial Scams, and IC3 Elder Fraud brochures into Arabic, Korean, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

As mentioned in the IC3 2022 Elder Fraud Report,⁷¹ monetary losses attributable to investment fraud reported by victims over age 60 increased over 300%, more than any other kind of fraud, largely due to the rising trend of cryptocurrency investment scams. In almost every crime type tracked by the IC3, losses involving cryptocurrency increased. Overall, cryptocurrency-related losses reported by older adults increased by 350% during 2022. FBI field offices

addressed these trends by including topics on cryptocurrency, specifically cryptocurrency investment scams in its outreach, awareness, and training events.

Media interviews continued to provide the FBI with significant reach into our local communities. In February 2023, the FBI office in Las Vegas was interviewed by Las Vegas Fox 5 on the topic of romance-cryptocurrency investment fraud. The FBI office in Los Angeles was featured in a Los Angeles NBC 4 segment titled "FBI Warns Public About the Rise in Scams Targeting Elderly People." The news pieces reached approximately one million households in each regional area. The FBI office in Newark was interviewed by Univision on the topic of elder fraud awareness, prevention tips, and victims' resources, reaching approximately 2 million households throughout the country. FBI offices also effectively utilized Twitter to promote awareness of elder fraud matters.

Many FBI field offices continued to collaborate with their respective AARP state office to provide elder fraud awareness briefings to AARP members through Tele-Town Hall meetings and Facebook Live events. The Tele-Town Hall and Facebook Live formats provided the FBI contact with significant numbers of AARP members via telephone and live streaming. FBI field offices reached thousands of older Americans during these Tele-Town Halls, in addition to a multitude of others given the archived, on-demand nature of Facebook Live events.

⁷¹ The IC3 Report is discussed below in more detail at page 71.

FBI’s CBS Good Morning America Elder Fraud Segment

On November 30, 2022, the popular news program Good Morning America broadcasted a segment regarding technical support scams, reaching more than 3 million U.S. households.⁷² The segment featured the Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago FBI office, as well as a victim of a technical support scam and his adult daughter. The segment detailed the methods utilized by scammers to defraud targeted victims. The segment also highlighted the 2021 IC3 Elder Fraud Report.

FBI’s Information Sharing with Partners on Older Victims’ Risk of Suicide or Suicidal Ideation

Throughout 2022, the FBI disseminated information-sharing reports to law enforcement partners, and partners in the financial services, healthcare, and public health sectors, regarding the vulnerability of older adult financial fraud victims to suicide or suicidal ideation. The reports provided indicators of fraud and suicidal ideation, and resources if liaison partners encounter a victim in distress.

IC3 Elder Fraud Brochure and Public Service Announcements

IC3 published a tri-fold brochure titled “Elder Fraud.” The brochure,⁷³ which is available

for distribution to the public, describes common elder fraud schemes and steps older adults may take to protect themselves. IC3 also published PSAs on topics including cryptocurrency investment schemes,⁷⁴ technical support scams,⁷⁵ timeshare fraud,⁷⁶ and business email compromise.⁷⁷

C. Professional Resources and Training

Elder Justice Website

As noted earlier, the Elder Justice Website is the Department’s central hub for elder justice training, resources, and information on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud, with over 660,000 page views between July 2022 and June 2023. In addition to providing information and resources for the general public, the Elder Justice Website⁷⁸ supports the Department’s enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud that affect the nation’s older adults. The Website’s primary audience includes elder justice professionals such as prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim service advocates, and multidisciplinary teams. With the Department’s focus on prevention, the Website also hosts a suite of public outreach materials.⁷⁹

⁷² <https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/news/video/fbi-warns-rise-costly-technical-support-scams-94204808>

⁷³ https://www.ic3.gov/Content/PDF/Elder_Fraud_Tri-fold.pdf

⁷⁴ <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2022/PSA221003>; <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230314>

⁷⁵ <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2022/PSA221110>; <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230718>

⁷⁶ <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230302>

⁷⁷ <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230609>

⁷⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

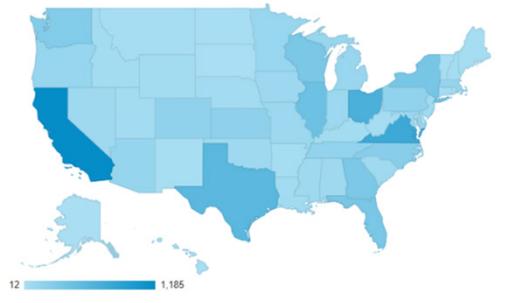
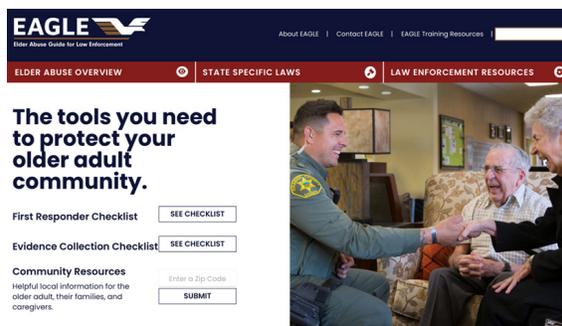
⁷⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/public-outreach>

EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement) and its Progeny

- ***EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement)***

The EAGLE⁸⁰ is an online tool designed to support law enforcement officers in quickly identifying, intervening, and resolving elder abuse situations. Developed with input and user testing by law enforcement, EAGLE provides among other things:

- o Tools to assist in documenting a case for prosecution
- o ZIP code-based community resources locator
- o State-by-state penal codes relating to forms of elder abuse
- o Curated list of webinars designed for law enforcement



The EAGLE website claims 9,634 site users with 44,355 page views. The website has been accessed by users in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, with the most users coming from California, Illinois, Florida, New York, and Texas.

- ***EAGLE Newsletter***



The EAGLE Newsletter⁸¹ is a bi-weekly electronic newsletter targeting law enforcement, with very brief but

⁸⁰ <https://eagle.usc.edu/>

⁸¹ <https://us3.campaign-archive.com/?e=07c9f7711f&u=640adf0d7da4a2ca2eb8b24dc&id=1bf74372b0>

useful content on elder abuse in the law enforcement context. The EAGLE Newsletter continues to gain momentum with over 480 active subscribers, an open rate of over 35 percent, and a click rate of over 7.5 percent. Over the past year, the EAGLE Newsletter has gained 174 new subscribers. (Subscribe to the Newsletter here.⁸²)

- ***EAGLE In-Person and Virtual-Live Training***

The National Center on Elder Abuse has developed in-person and virtual-live EAGLE-based training for law enforcement officers and their partners. This past year, eight geographically diverse (CA CO DC GA TN TX UT WI) live training sessions were provided to 795 participants. In addition, three virtual presentations were given to 313 participants, for a total of over 1,100 individuals receiving the EAGLE training. (Request EAGLE in-person or virtual-live training here.⁸³)

- ***National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) EAGLE Online Training***

The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), in collaboration with the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA), developed a no-cost, one-hour

online EAGLE-based training⁸⁴ on elder abuse for law enforcement. The training is POST certified by IADLEST⁸⁵ in 36 states.⁸⁶ For remaining states, officers can print the Certificate of Completion and request certification through their POST. In the past year, 233 officers in 218 law enforcement agencies passed the course.

1. Resources

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) Podcast

The COPS Office produced a podcast on *The Beat*⁸⁷ titled “Investigating Elder Fraud Online Scams,”⁸⁸ featuring Felix Salazar, an investigator in the San Diego District Attorney’s Office (transcript available⁸⁹). Investigator Salazar was able to use the skills he had gained as an investigator in local law enforcement when he joined the San Diego District Attorney’s Office to begin to build cases against online scam artists. He explains how he was able to build cases and connect with federal law enforcement to go after higher level criminals behind these schemes. He embodies how to build partnerships with local law enforcement, adult protective services, prosecutors, and federal law enforcement to successfully convict these elusive criminals. His story highlights how training local law enforcement, linking cases,

⁸² <https://eagle.usc.edu/newsletter-signup/>

⁸³ <https://eagle.usc.edu/eagle-training-application/>

⁸⁴ <https://www.nw3c.org/UI/CourseDetails.html?courseId=488>

⁸⁵ International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training

⁸⁶ <https://iadlest-ncp.org/>

⁸⁷ <https://cops.usdoj.gov/thebeat>

⁸⁸ <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/investigating-elder-fraud-online-scams/id1523576720?i=1000599606269> or https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/podcasts/the_beat/02-2023/TheBeat_Felix_Salazar.mp3

⁸⁹ https://cops.usdoj.gov/html/podcasts/the_beat/02-2023/TheBeat_Felix_Salazar.pdf

and opening cases with FBI or other federal agencies all over the United States netted successful prosecutions of about \$40 million in losses in six months in San Diego County alone. A summary of the podcast and link was shared electronically with the more than 12,000 The Beat subscribers.

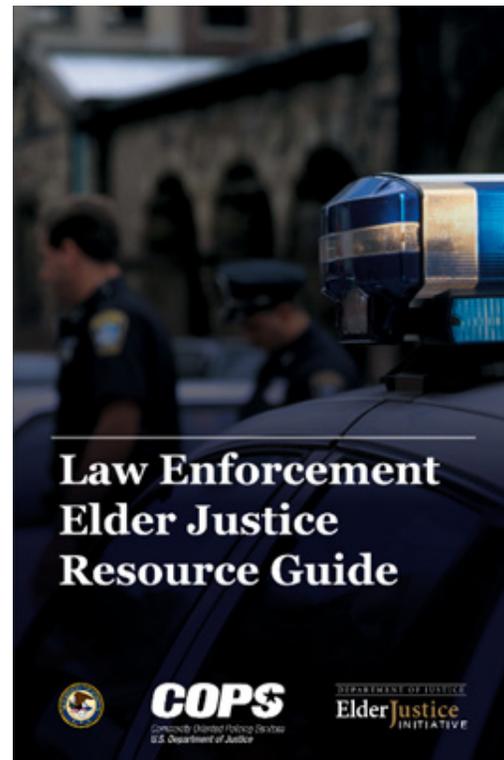
OVC Elder Justice Resources

OVC funds the development of 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, developed 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 and OVC's FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation grants), included two new videos to provide both probate court staff and new conservators with relevant information and tools for conservatorship cases.⁹⁰ Grantee-developed products are available on the Elder Justice Website.⁹¹



Updated Law Enforcement Elder Justice Resource Guide

In 2020, the EJI, in collaboration with the COPS Office, released the Law Enforcement Elder Justice Resource Guide. The Guide, containing the Department's elder justice law enforcement resources, training, and public outreach materials, is intended to enable law enforcement to respond to elder abuse and financial exploitation with both vigor and compassion. In January of 2023, the Guide was updated⁹² to include the Department's latest resources and training and was disseminated to our state and local law enforcement partners across the country.

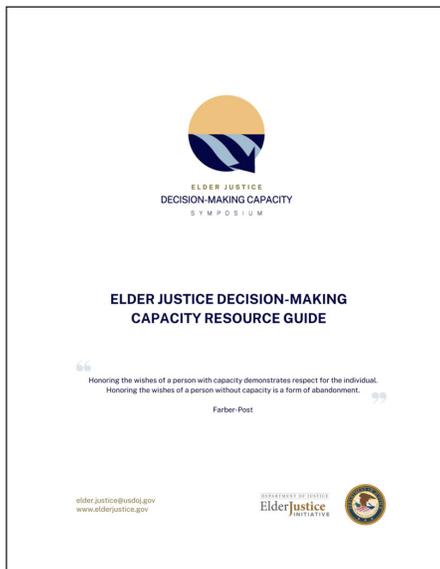


⁹⁰ <https://www.eldersandcourts.org/training/conservator-videos>

⁹¹ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/mdt-resources>

⁹² <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/page/file/1392046/download>

Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Resource Guide



To address the issue of access to justice in elder abuse cases involving possible diminished decision-making capacity, the EJI released in August 2022 the Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Resource Guide,⁹³ with resources for elder justice professionals, including adult protective services workers, judges and court personnel, lawyers and clinicians. This resource grew out of the EJI-hosted virtual symposium titled “Elder Justice Decision-Making Capacity Symposium: The Role of Decision-Making Capacity in Elder Justice Cases that Reach Civil and Criminal Courts”⁹⁴ (April 19-21, 2022). The Symposium was attended by more than 1,500 individuals from every state and the District of Columbia.

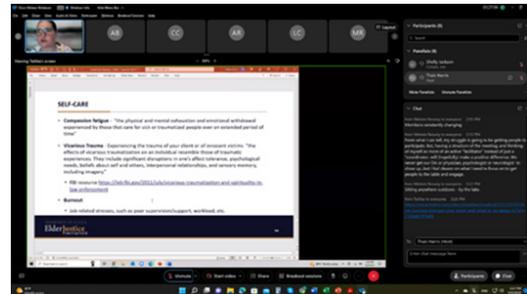
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⁹⁴ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/symposium>

Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC)

The use of multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) is considered a “best practice” when responding to elder abuse. To facilitate a multidisciplinary response, the EJI launched the Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center (MDT TAC) in 2016, providing consultations, training and resources for elder abuse MDTs. Several additional resources were released over the past year.

- ***MDT Coordinator Training***



The MDT TAC continued delivering a special training for MDT Coordinators titled “Elder Abuse MDT Coordinator Training: Skills and Insights to Support Your Work.” MDT Coordinators fill a critical role on elder abuse MDTs, yet few educational resources exist to support their work. This no-cost, two half-day training was designed to fill the education gap by providing fundamental coordination and facilitation skills through 10 modules that can be adapted to different needs and skill levels. Topics include:

- The Role of the MDT Coordinator
- Facilitation – An Essential Function
- Building a Culture of Collaboration
- Enhancing Team Engagement
- Navigating Team Dynamics
- Burnout and Self-Care, and more



This highly interactive training was designed to build a participant’s case review meeting facilitation skillset. Classes were kept small so that every attendee had the opportunity to participate fully in all of the exercises. Demand for this training was higher than anticipated and the class currently has a waiting list. During this reporting period, seven trainings were provided. The map displays the geographical diversity of the attendees.

- ***New Course Being Offered by the MDT TAC***

Elder abuse MDTs strive to serve our nation’s older adults, but few resources

exist to support MDTs in their work. The MDT TAC is working to close this gap by developing customized MDT training for teams tailored to each team’s unique needs and challenges.

Titled “MDT Alchemy: Creating High Performance Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Teams,” this interactive training for the entire team includes case examples, group discussion, research-driven information about MDTs, and lessons learned from the work of similar teams to cover three essential topic areas: Foundation, Evaluation, and Adaptation.

The training was piloted during this reporting period and was provided to a newly forming Rhode Island state MDT.

- ***MDT Consultations***

As part of the Department’s commitment to providing technical assistance to elder abuse MDTs across the country, the MDT TAC provides remote and in-person consultations. During this reporting period, 31 consultations were provided to MDT members. Consultation topics included starting an MDT, problem-solving common MDT challenges, MDT sustainability, creating buy-in and increasing engagement of MDT members, managing confidentiality, and navigating team dynamics.

- ***MDT Highlighted Network Blog Post***

The MDT TAC is proud to feature the accomplishments of MDTs through the MDT Highlighted Networks⁹⁵ section of the Elder Justice Website, featuring teams on a rotating basis that demonstrate a promising practice, a unique model, or have something novel and of value to offer others in the field. During this reporting period, featured programs included the Minnesota Elder Justice Center and Georgia's Crimes Against the Disabled and Elderly Task Force.

- ***Elder Abuse MDT Peer Support Community***

In collaboration with the California District Attorneys Association (CDA), the MDT TAC launched in July 2020 a peer support community⁹⁶ to enhance the ability of elder justice MDTs to communicate with and learn from one another. This community includes a traditional moderated listserv, and a documents library for sharing relevant resources, and provides the ability for members to message each other directly. This project is one of a series of resources created by the MDT TAC to facilitate communication and collaboration among elder justice professionals across the country and support the development and sustainability of elder abuse MDTs. In this reporting period, the community grew to include 90 members.

⁹⁵ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/highlighted-networks>

⁹⁶ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/national-elder-abuse-mdt-peer-support-community>

⁹⁷ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/elder-justice-network-locator-map>

- ***Elder Justice Network Locator Map***

Elder justice professionals across the country are striving daily to improve outcomes for abused older adults through coordinated prevention, intervention and policy teams. Identifying these teams and making meaningful connections between those doing similar work is challenging. The MDT TAC launched the Elder Justice Network Locator Map⁹⁷ in October 2020, a tool designed to shine a light on elder justice teams of all types across the country and foster collaboration by making it easier to identify such teams. In this reporting period, the map data has been managed to remove teams that are no longer operational, update contact information, and add new teams. Currently this map showcases 328 teams nationwide.



2. Training

Elder Justice Coordinator Trainings

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) and CPB collaborated to provide numerous trainings over the last year to Assistant U.S. Attorneys working on elder justice-related cases. In October 2022,

the Department hosted a three-day virtual training for Elder Justice Coordinators and Affirmative Civil Enforcement (ACE) attorneys in all districts. The training focused on how to effectively identify, investigate, and prosecute civil and criminal elder justice cases. Topics included how to build a criminal elder fraud case; partnering with elder justice resources in the community; strategies for handling nursing home failure of care cases; conducting effective forensic interviews of older adults; elder justice community outreach; handling money mule cases; generating elder fraud case leads; and guardianship fraud and abuse. The training hosted speakers from across U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Department. The training was recorded and the sessions, along with training materials, were posted to EOUSA's Elder Justice page on USANet.

In January 2023, the Department kicked off its annual Money Mule Initiative (see Programmatic Highlights). EOUSA hosted a training by CPB for all Elder Justice Coordinators titled "Money Mule Initiative 2023 – Everything You Need to Know," and included information on civil and criminal tools to combat fraud facilitation. The training was recorded and posted to EOUSA's USANet Elder Justice page, as well as emailed to all Elder Justice Coordinators.

In March 2023, EOUSA invited Elder Justice Coordinators and ACE attorneys to attend a training on the use of civil injunctions under 18 U.S.C. § 1345 to disrupt money mules.

This hour-long training was recorded and the recording, along with resource materials including "go-bys," were posted to EOUSA's USANet page dedicated to Elder Justice. EOUSA also distributed a resource drafted by CPB on how best to use civil actions to stop the flow of fraudulently obtained funds from U.S. bank accounts.

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

OVW develops curricula, publications, and multimedia products on identifying, prosecuting, adjudicating, and addressing elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and fraud, and provides 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. OVW partners with the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL), Futures Without Violence, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to develop trainings to enhance victim safety and offender accountability.

- OVW supported NCALL in the development of a video series titled "Elder Abuse Investigations Training for Law Enforcement and Other Investigators."⁹⁸ Released last year, the video series continues to have an impact on the field. For example, Baltimore has added the complete NCALL series to their internal learning management system and 1300 Maryland officers have completed the training.

⁹⁸ <https://elderabuseforlawenforcement.com/>

- OVW sponsored training for California judges on June 5-7, 2023, titled “Handling Cases Involving Abuse in Later Life,” which was provided through the Judicial Council of California. The three-day training educated judges on the dynamics involved in elder abuse cases.
- OVW supports the Abuse in Later Life grant program⁹⁹ in which grantees are required to establish or support multidisciplinary collaborative community responses to victims of abuse in later life, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, financial exploitation, and neglect. The program promotes enhancing victim safety and improving offender accountability by working collaboratively. OVW released a 2023 solicitation¹⁰⁰ as part of this ongoing program.

OVC’s Online Elder Abuse Training for Legal Service Providers

OVC’s Training and Technical Assistance Center (OVC TTAC) provides a series of online training modules for legal aid attorneys that offer a variety of information, tools, and resources to identify and respond to elder abuse, including Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Financial Fraud and Exploitation; Practical and Ethical Strategies; and What Lawyers Need to Know. During

the reporting period, there were 3,674 total completions for all four training modules.¹⁰¹ See Appendix B for details.

OVC’s Polyvictimization in Later Life Online Training

OVC TTAC offers an interactive web-based training program titled “Polyvictimization in Later Life,” which is a six-hour web-based training presented in five modules. Polyvictimization describes the experience of being exposed to multiple types of victimization, and the training is intended to strengthen awareness of polyvictimization’s impact in later life and to provide knowledge and skills for professionals to address older victims’ needs. The training addresses the context of polyvictimization; victims and perpetrators of polyvictimization; best practices to work with older adults affected by polyvictimization using trauma-informed, ethical, and culturally appropriate practices; and the latest research and best practices to serve this population. During the reporting period, 2,340 users accessed the training modules.¹⁰² See Appendix B for details.

OVC’s Responding to Transnational Elder Fraud: A Victim-Centered Approach for Law Enforcement

With funding from OVC, the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), in partnership

⁹⁹ <https://www.ncall.us/ovw-abuse-later-in-life-grant-program/#:~:text=About%20the%20Abuse%20in%20Later,unique%20barriers%20to%20receiving%20assistance.>

¹⁰⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1561821/download>

¹⁰¹ <https://www.ovcttac.gov/ElderAbuse>

¹⁰² <https://www.ovcttac.gov/polyvictimization>

with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), developed an in-person course¹⁰³ that provides attendees with information they need to collaboratively assist older victims of fraud committed in multiple jurisdictions by phone or Internet. This course offers background information on transnational fraud and tips for identifying and interviewing older victims through a trauma-informed lens. It highlights resources that should be provided to victims, along with resources for law enforcement, including agencies that can offer multidisciplinary support to investigations. During this reporting period, two pilot trainings were conducted in Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force Districts in Georgia and Florida to 24 total attendees. Additionally, two live online trainings were held for nearly 75 participants; and the first in-person training was delivered in Tampa, Florida, to 11 participants. Additional in-person sessions are scheduled (e.g., Paradise Valley, AZ on September 21, 2023). A supplemental self-paced online training course¹⁰⁴ is currently available nationwide. The NW3C and IACP continue to conduct outreach for the trainings, and to increase registration limits to accommodate additional attendees, as needed.



OVW Responding to Abuse in Later Life: The Role of Forensic Nurses Webinar

Forensic nurses are specialized to provide care to survivors of trauma and victimization. They play a key role in supporting older survivors of abuse.



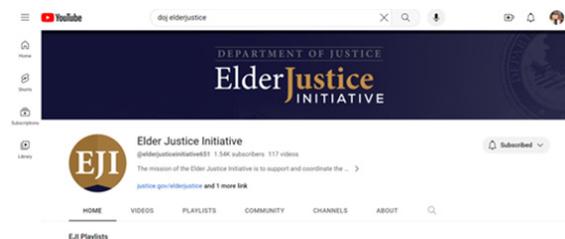
¹⁰³ <https://www.nw3c.org/UI/CourseDetails.html?courseId=714>

¹⁰⁴ <https://www.nw3c.org/UI/CourseDetails.html?courseId=766>

The webinar, titled “Responding to Abuse in Later Life: The Role of Forensic Nurses,”¹⁰⁵ was presented by Dr. Kathleen Thimsen, Director of the Doctorate in Nursing Practice Program at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Nursing, co-Director of its Community Clinic, and Treasurer of the Forensic Nursing Certification Board; and hosted by Martie Washington, Abuse in Later Life Program Coordinator at the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life (NCALL). Created for multidisciplinary professionals that serve older adults, attendees learned about the role of forensic nurses in the response to violence across the life span, and how to engage forensic nurses in an inter-agency coordinated response to abuse in later life.

Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) YouTube Channel

In addition to the Elder Justice Website, the EJI hosts its own YouTube Channel,¹⁰⁶ with 1,540 subscribers, as an additional avenue for outreach and professional development. All of EJI’s digital media are available on the Elder Justice Initiative YouTube Channel.



¹⁰⁵ <https://youtu.be/7kp7VhU1T08>

¹⁰⁶ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC430DwoDeZmhjWxH3eVxTA>

VICTIM SUPPORT AND RECOVERY

A. Overview

Multiple components within the Department work to facilitate the safety and recovery of older Americans who are victimized by elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation or fraud. For example, MLARS works to return forfeited funds to victims. The IC3 RAT works with financial institutions to freeze victim's funds involved in fraudulent schemes. OVC provides formula funding to states to support victim services programming at the state and local level, and through discretionary grant funding, OVC also builds capacity for the field to respond to the needs of older victims. And finally, Victim Witness professionals at the federal level work along side Assistant U.S. Attorneys to provide direct victim services to victims experiencing federal crimes. Whether directly or through capacity building, the Department is facilitating the provision of resources, advocacy and support to older crime victims to regain their sense of safety and well-being. Outlined below are the many ways in which the Department is fulfilling this commitment to older victims. A complete list of Department-funded elder justice grants is available in Appendix C.

B. MLARS: Using Asset Forfeiture to Compensate Older Victims

Asset forfeiture is a critical tool in the recovery of illicit gains, including those arising from financial crimes such as fraud, embezzlement, and theft. The Department's Asset Forfeiture Program plays a critical role in disrupting and dismantling illegal enterprises, depriving criminals of the proceeds of illegal activity, deterring crime, and restoring property to victims.

Returning forfeited funds to victims has been a key part of the Department's Asset Forfeiture Program. The 2018 Attorney General's Guidelines on the Asset Forfeiture Program state that one of the primary goals of the forfeiture program is to "recover[] assets that may be used to compensate victims," and "[w]henver possible, prosecutors should use asset forfeiture to recover assets to return to victims of crime...."¹⁰⁷ Since 2000, the government has transferred nearly \$12 billion in forfeited funds to victims.

¹⁰⁷ Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney Gen., Attorney General's Guidelines on the Asset Forfeiture Program, Part V.D (2018).

MLARS has coordinated significant victim recoveries. In addition to large scale forfeiture and remission matters, in the past year, MLARS has returned more than \$4 million in forfeited funds to victims of a variety of financial crimes and scams specifically targeting older adults, including grandparent scams, romance scams, and investment fraud. MLARS has also seen an increased use of cryptocurrency in these schemes. In one case, fraudsters claiming to be from the “Office of the Inspector General” deceived a victim into believing that his personal information had been used to facilitate criminal activities and convinced him to send cryptocurrency into a purported “secure government account.” The older victim sent more than 12 Bitcoin, then worth more than \$500,000, to the fraudsters. The government seized and civilly forfeited the cryptocurrency and remitted the assets to the victim.¹⁰⁸

C. FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center Recovery Asset Team

The FBI established the IC3 RAT in February 2018 to streamline communication with financial institutions and assist FBI field offices with freezing 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.

From July 2022 through June 2023, RAT processed 2,907 complaints, with a reported loss of \$685,943,800.30. RAT was able to successfully freeze \$510,410,278.75 from the total reported loss, leading to a 74 percent success rate. Of the 2,907 incidents worked by RAT, 682 incidents involved victims over the age of 60 (excluding individuals reporting on behalf of a business). The reported loss for these victims totaled \$53,128,801.23. RAT was able to freeze \$27,293,779.57, for a success rate of 51 percent.

D. Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

1. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Formula Grant Program

The OVC Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula grant program provides funding to State Administering Agencies (SAAs) for crime victim compensation and victim assistance programs. The SAAs distribute VOCA victim assistance funding to subgrantee organizations across the country who address the emotional, advocacy, and financial needs of victims of crime. Victim compensation funding is used to reimburse victims for services received in the aftermath of the crime, such as medical services, counseling, transportation, funeral and burial costs, and time lost from work.

During July 2022 - March 2023,¹⁰⁹ 5,023 VOCA victim assistance subgrantee

¹⁰⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/us-attorney-dena-j-king-announces-successful-forfeiture-and-return-stolen>

¹⁰⁹ OVC grantees submit quarterly performance measures and therefore the reporting period for OVC ended in March 2023.

organizations provided services ranging from individual advocacy, crisis intervention, and therapy to civil legal assistance, transportation, and emergency shelter to 241,066 new victims aged 60 and older. Through these programs, OVC hopes to improve case outcomes, hold more offenders accountable, while minimizing additional trauma and restoring safety and security to older victims of crime.

During July 2022 - March 2023, there were 9,451 individuals aged 60 and older who applied for crime victim compensation benefits, nearly an 18 percent reduction from the previous reporting period. In addition, VOCA-funded organizations paid 749 compensation claims related to elder abuse or neglect. This is a nearly 35 percent reduction from the last reporting period.

Additional highlights:

- VOCA-funded victim assistance organizations allocated \$84.5 million (nearly 2 percent less than the previous reporting period) to specifically serve victims of elder abuse between July 2022 and March 2023.
- In each quarter between July 2022 and March 2023, an average of 23,873 victims sought services for elder abuse or neglect, a decline of nearly 14 percent from the last reporting period.
- During July 2022-March 2023, 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.

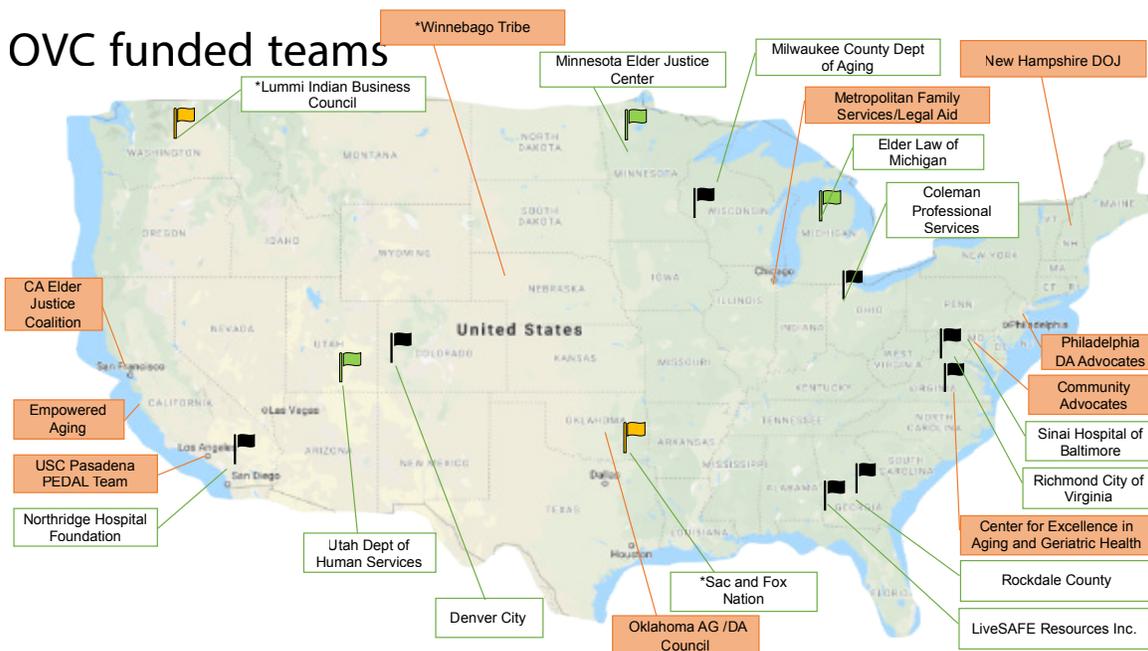
2. Discretionary Grants

Transforming America’s Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse

E-MDTs promote greater awareness of available services, and improve access to, and receipt of, services for older victims. In October 2023, OVC funded 6 grantees with approximately \$2.2 million under the OVC FY 2023 Transforming America’s Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation and T&TA solicitation. The program supports the development and/or enhancement of MDTs and strengthens the capacity of E-MDTs to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of financial exploitation.

These grantees join the 23 local MDTs funded by OVC, in coordination with the EJI, in FY 2019 and FY 2021. Under this solicitation, the National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center, managed by Weill Cornell Medical, also received \$750,000 to expand its reach and scale its impact nationally to better serve older adults.

OVC funded teams



From July 2022 - March 2023, the E-MDTs provided services to 952 new individuals and 27 anonymous contacts. The E-MDTs have served a total of 23,661 individuals. Of the individuals served who identified how they were victimized, 67 percent experienced some form of elder abuse or neglect, 18 percent experienced identity theft, fraud or a financial crime, and 9 percent experienced

domestic and/or family violence.¹¹⁰ In terms of the types of services provided, the most common were (1) referrals to other services, supports, and resources (e.g., legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address-confidentiality programs (22,238 occurrences); (2) crisis intervention (2,928 occurrences); and (3) individual advocacy (2,041 occurrences)).

¹¹⁰ E-MDT grantees also reported a total of 6,928 victims under “other victimizations” with the explanation of “Financial exploitation of an elder” and “Adults/Elders at risk not specifically identified. All other persons served not classified.”

***OVC Grantee Highlight:
Coleman Professional Services
(#2019-V3-GX-0020, no-cost
extension through 9/2023)***

Coleman Professional Services (aka Coleman Health Services) has been leading the Adult Protective Services Interdisciplinary Team (APS I-Team) in Stark County, Ohio, since 2014. With OVC grant funds, Coleman Professional Services was able to hire a full-time adult APS Interdisciplinary (I-Team) Coordinator. The position offers dedicated support while expanding the interdisciplinary team and working to move cases forward in the criminal justice system. The grant award also provides financial backing to address two major areas of need - the ability to hire forensic accountants to assist with cases involving financial exploitation and funding for the provision of neuropsychological assessments for survivors whose decisional capacity status might impact their case. The grantee shared the following excerpt:

“The past 6 months have resulted in significant progress in multiple areas of our focused efforts including our E-MDT, moving financial exploitation cases through the system, and building a forensic team. Our I-Team has been steadily progressing with providing support for more complex and multisystem-involved cases. We recently provided a repeat consultation for a very high-risk case that involved a significant amount of system navigation and coordination.

The situation involved an older couple, one that is a veteran with multiple health

concerns, who was raising their biological grandson. The grandson had a history of aggressive physical behaviors, threats with weapons, and perpetrating tens of thousands of dollars of theft from his grandparents. The grandparents had historically declined to access the criminal justice system, struggled to obtain steady support from mental health providers, and establish and maintain safe boundaries.

Child Protective Services had screened out all the reports from providers working with the family and police had declined to arrest for multiple domestic violence incidents despite their legal ability to do so. Our I-Team Coordinator worked diligently to prep the case for consultation, making sure members connected to the case were present at the case review meeting, doing extensive research on support options for both the older adults and the juvenile perpetrator, and continually communicating with system partners to relay updates and brainstorm options. Our team efforts ultimately resulted with the clients applying for wraparound services from our local Family Council, the grandmother contacting police to remove some of the grandson’s weapons from the home, and ultimately filing criminal charges after the financial exploitation continued. Although not all risk for the older adults was reduced, the increase in service knowledge and connection was significantly improved from the initial consultation. Additionally, the in-depth communication with members and points of external contact helped to deepen existing relationships and build new bridges.”

***OVC Grantee Highlight:
Empowered Aging - Expanded Solano
County Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT)
(#15POVC-21-GG-01081-NONF)***

“The Solano County Elder Justice Program consists of a Program Manager and a Victim Support Specialist. The Solano County Elder Justice E-MDT consists of many community partners, which include local police departments, adult protective services, the Solano District Attorney’s Office, Legal Services of Northern California, Meals on Wheels, and Solano County Social Services. Collectively, the team works together to bring forth resources, advocacy, and support for Solano County seniors and dependent adults who have been victimized.

We have had great success with the team we have in place through case review. During case review, we have been able to provide support to elder abuse victims and guide them to the resources that they need. Through our MDT team, we have prevented evictions, assisted several seniors with the restraining order process, provided court accompaniment, and partnered with agencies to provide emergency shelter for our clients.”

***OVC Grantee Highlight:
New Hampshire Department of Justice Office
of the Attorney General Financial Abuse
Specialist Team (FAST)
(#15POVC-21-GG-01078-NONF)***

“The New Hampshire (NH) Attorney General’s Office was able to hire an Elder Abuse Program Specialist, who coordinates the NH Financial Abuse Specialist Team

(FAST). Created in 2013, the NH FAST’s mission is to increase public awareness of the financial exploitation of older New Hampshire citizens and mitigate the risk of further and continuing harm. Since its inception, NH FAST has held statewide summits, hosted a three-state conference, and created an award-winning media campaign. NH FAST also spearheaded legislation making the financial exploitation of elderly, impaired, and disabled individuals a crime in New Hampshire, and helped secure the passage of SB 385, a law allowing financial institutions to delay the disbursement of funds if exploitation is suspected.

New Hampshire’s 10 county attorneys have begun receiving adult protective services referrals. These referrals were previously distributed only to local law enforcement and the NH Department of Justice. The ‘test’ case for the local E-MDT approach was successfully brought to prosecution following three case reviews by the E-MDT. A case review at the NH FAST highlighted the successful use of SB 385. Adult protective services, local law enforcement, and the bank worked together to stop a scam in progress, and a substantial amount of money was returned to the rightful owner.”

***National Elder Abuse MDT Training and
Technical Assistance Center (National
MDT TTA Center)***

In FY 2020, OVC funded the development of the National MDT TTA Center by Weill Cornell Medical and its partners to help strengthen the capacity of OVC-funded E-MDTs to better identify and respond to

cases of abuse and more comprehensively serve and support victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation. From January 2022 - June 2022, the National MDT TTA Center received 30 requests for technical assistance, of which 17 were completed and 13 are ongoing.



National
Elder Abuse
MDT Training
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The National MDT TTA Center offers E-MDTs critical insights that will allow them to strengthen their case review process, address emerging needs, and improve outcomes. Since the Center was established, it has:

- convened twice monthly Peer Leadership Group meetings for E-MDT Coordinators to meet to discuss successes and challenges of their work and share resources;
- developed a first-ever toolkit containing strategies and resources to better advance racial equity in E-MDTs;
- released a monthly e-bulletin for grantees to receive updates on developments and events in the field;
- produced a series of four videos on best practices for running hybrid E-MDT meetings;
- convened a two half-day virtual conference with experts from the field sharing insights on a range of topics including building robust systems of practice, restorative practices for E-MDTs, and capacity assessments;
- offered six webinars for E-MDT grantees: Best Practices for Evaluating Teams, Advancing Racial Equity TTA Project Resource Guide, Working with Tribal Communities, Protective vs. Preventative Services for E-MDTs, Navigating Client Capacity Issues for E-MDTs, and Building Bridges: A Conversation on Relationship-Building with Your Community;
- administered a Global Impact and Implementation Survey to all grantees, after which the Center scheduled each grantee for a site visit. This survey aims to (1) determine the impact of all technical assistance offerings on E-MDT grantee progress on project objectives, and (2) offer individualized details to inform the site visits; and
- created and offered five Resource Briefs on Evaluation, Data Collection, Logic Models, Case Tracking, and Onboarding an E-MDT Coordinator.

Transforming America’s Response to Elder Abuse: Mobilizing Attorneys for Older Victims of Abuse & Financial Exploitation

Since 2020, through a cooperative agreement with Equal Justice Works, this OVC-funded project has enabled 22 Elder Justice Fellows at 16 legal aid organizations across the country to provide holistic legal services in-person or virtually to older victims of crime, particularly in rural areas. In addition to providing direct services, the Fellows have helped to educate other attorneys and allied professionals about the needs of older victims, and to enable them to provide a coordinated multidisciplinary response, so that they can obtain justice for their clients and help restore their dignity, safety, and financial well-being.

As reported in an Equal Justice Works April 2023 blog post,¹¹¹ during the 2-year Fellowship, the Fellows provided direct legal services to 2,058 individuals on issues ranging from financial exploitation, domestic violence, protection orders, public benefits, and guardianship. They also conducted 763 outreach activities; trained 7,805 attorneys and allied professionals on a variety of topics, including advanced planning, protection orders, and cultural competency; participated in 533 multidisciplinary teams or coalition activities; and implemented 23 planned improvement initiatives within their host organizations and communities, including data collection plans, refining intake processes, and training community-based organizations. Many of the Fellows have stayed on at their host organizations, continuing to address the civil legal needs of older crime victims.



Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation

In FY 2020, OVC awarded nearly \$6 million to 12 organizations under this three-year program to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation using trauma-informed approaches that protect the safety and confidentiality of victims. Funded programs include supporting an Elder MDT Leadership Team; expanding legal services; improving the outreach and engagement of programs to better serve a diverse set of older victims of

¹¹¹ <https://www.equaljusticeworks.org/news/building-a-nationwide-coordinated-response-to-combat-elder-abuse-the-story-of-the-elder-justice-program/>

abuse and financial exploitation; enhancing existing community-based services in lower-income housing communities (for older victims who may be reluctant to use or access existing services); improving case management and civil legal assistance for victims of elder abuse in Tribal communities; and expanding the efforts of the Senior Abuse Financial Exploitation Intervention and Prevention Service programs.

From July 2022 - March 2023, 12 grantees served 892 new individuals out of a total of 1,342 (new and returning) victims and 299 anonymous contacts. The most common victimization types reported were elder abuse or neglect (48 percent), domestic violence (13 percent), and identity theft, fraud, and financial crimes (12 percent). An average of 307 individuals sought services for elder abuse or neglect per quarter. The information and referral service category encompassed the greatest number of victims served, with an average of 390 individuals per quarter, followed by the emotional support/safety services category with 251 individuals served per quarter. The most frequently provided services were referral to other services, supports, and resources (e.g., legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address-confidentiality programs (1,094 occurrences), individual advocacy (791 occurrences), and referral to other victim service programs (729 occurrences)).

Highlights from the grantee during this reporting period include the following:

- The Alaska Native Justice Center developed an elder abuse resource manual for service providers and criminal justice stakeholders in Southcentral Alaska that provides organization descriptions and direct contact information.
- The Elder Abuse Hotline, managed by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, served 57 individuals, bringing the total since the grant started to more than 220 individuals. During this performance period, they have also provided over 500 instances of long-term follow-up services regarding Tribal Protection Orders or providing crisis intervention or counseling to those persons served by the hotline.

E. Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys' (EOUSA) Victim Assistance Program

The EOUSA Victim Assistance Program ensures that federal victims' rights under the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA), 18 U.S.C. § 3771, are being met, and that services are being provided to them under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act (VRRRA), 34 U.S.C. § 20141. Each of the 94 U.S. Attorneys' Offices has a Victim Witness (VW) Unit which is managed by a Victim Witness Coordinator (VWC) or Program Manager and, in some offices, supplemented by additional VW professionals, including advocates, assistants, and specialists. VW professionals come from

diverse backgrounds, including federal, state, local, and Tribal victim-service fields, and have experience in helping a variety of victims, including older adults.

For example, in *U.S. v. Na Rong*, 21-CR-01454, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California charged the defendant with perpetrating a sophisticated, multinational fraud scheme whereby victims in the United States were targeted via an internet-based scam and defrauded by the conspirators into sending money via wire transfers and bulk cash shipments usually through large private mail carriers to conspirators located in the United States who were operating on behalf of suspected foreign call centers. The victims included numerous older individuals, many of whom lost their entire retirement savings and became destitute. Some victims, who were retired at the time of the fraud, had to gain employment in order to survive financially.

The defendant pled guilty to multiple counts of mail fraud and conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud. The VWC provided ongoing and comprehensive support to the victims throughout the prosecution of the case. The VWC worked closely with social service agencies and provided referrals to mental health counseling and food bank resources, shared stress reduction and management techniques, and provided information on local and national debt relief support for the older fraud victims. The VWC also assisted victims with submission of victim impact statements, worked with the Court to facilitate telephonic access to proceedings, and coordinated court accompaniment for victims who wished to attend proceedings in-person, all in furtherance of their rights under the CVRA. At sentencing, several victims exercised their right to be heard, both in-person and remotely via a court-provided victim dial-in line.

DATA AND RESEARCH

A. Overview

An important aspect of the Department's elder justice efforts is data and research on elder justice topics in order to better understand the issues and inform policy. In this report, projects undertaken by the National Institute of Justice and the FBI's IC3 2022 Elder Fraud Report are highlighted.

B. National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

NIJ is the research arm of the Department and has been funding elder abuse research since 2001. NIJ maintains a webpage listing all NIJ-funded elder abuse/financial exploitation awards.¹¹² Below are NIJ's elder justice activities undertaken during the reporting period.

Commissioned Study on Guardianship Abuse

NIJ commissioned a study of guardianship abuse and fraud data and research that includes an overview of the existing research literature and data; an assessment of data capacity and the challenges in collecting and producing guardianship abuse and fraud data across multiple jurisdictions; and recommendations for improving data collection to better identify and track abuse. The report will be released in October 2023.

Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults Solicitation

NIJ released the FY23 Research on the Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults solicitation,¹¹³ which sought proposals for research and evaluation projects in four topical areas: 1) evaluation of programs that seek to prevent, intervene in, or respond to the abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older adults (age 60 years or above); 2) research on individuals who abuse older adults; 3) research on older adults who experience different types of abuse; and 4) research on fraud and financial exploitation of older adults.

NIJ National Research Conference

In 2023, NIJ convened the National Research Conference,¹¹⁴ titled "From Evidence to Action: Harnessing Research to Promote Safety & Justice." The conference included a panel highlighting findings, and practice and policy implications, from NIJ-funded research examining the effectiveness of intervention and prevention projects for the abuse of older adults. These projects included:

¹¹² https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/list?awardee=&city=&combine_awards=elder%20abuse&field_award_status

¹¹³ <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2023-171526>

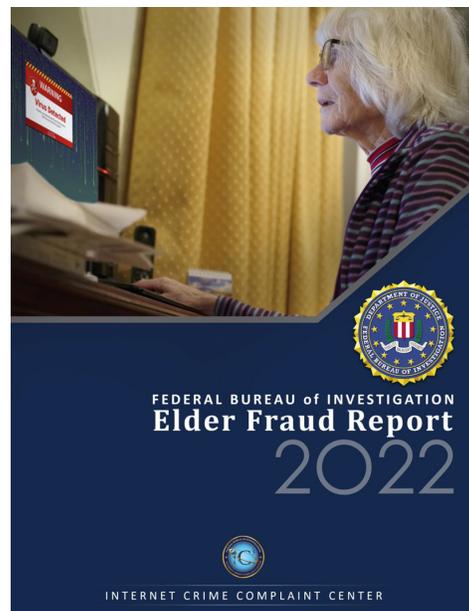
¹¹⁴ <https://nij.ojp.gov/events/conference>

- Elder Abuse Prevention Demonstration Project: Planning Phase (2016-MU-CX-K006)¹¹⁵
- Prevention of Financial Abuse Among Elders Affected by Cognitive Decline: A Randomized Controlled Trial In Three Rural Communities (2019-MU-CX-0094)¹¹⁶
- Mass Marketing Elder Fraud Intervention (2019-R2-CX-0053)¹¹⁷

C. FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) 2022 Elder Fraud Report

IC3 receives and tracks thousands of complaints daily, reported by victims of fraud, their family members, and law enforcement officers. This reporting is key to identifying, investigating, and holding those responsible accountable for their actions. In 2023, IC3 authored its third annual Elder Fraud Report – a summary of complaints submitted by or on behalf of victims aged 60 and over. Each year, millions of older Americans become the victim of some type of financial fraud or internet scheme, such as romance scams, technical support fraud, and lottery or sweepstakes scams. Criminals gain their targets' trust or use tactics of intimidation and threats to take advantage of their victims. Once successful, scammers are likely to continue their efforts because of the prospect of significant financial gain.

In 2022, IC3 received a total of 800,944 complaints, with reported losses exceeding \$10.3 billion. Based on the information provided in the complaints, over 88,000 of the fraud victims were identified as over the age of 60, resulting in approximately \$3.1 billion in losses to older Americans. This total represents an increase of approximately \$1.4 billion in losses reported in 2022 versus what was reported by victims age 60 and older in 2021. Like the prior year, residents of California, Florida, New York, and Texas sustained the most losses to elder fraud schemes, with losses totaling approximately \$1.4 billion. Investment frauds (\$990 million), technical support scams (\$588 million), and confidence fraud/romance scams (\$419 million) were responsible for the greatest loss amounts to older individuals.



¹¹⁵ <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2016-mu-cx-k006>

¹¹⁶ <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2019-mu-cx-0094>

¹¹⁷ <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/awards/2019-r2-cx-0053>

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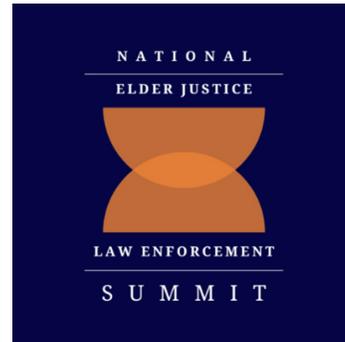
A. Overview

The Department's deep commitment to elder justice informs the rich and diverse array of events and resources being planned for the coming year. For example, the Department will be hosting the first National Elder Justice Law Enforcement Summit in early 2024, undertaking the first national elder abuse victim services needs assessment, and developing and providing an array of training for elder justice professionals. Some of these activities are previewed below.

B. Upcoming Events and Resources

National Elder Justice Law Enforcement Summit

Over 10 percent of older adults experience some type of elder abuse each year, and state, local, and Tribal law enforcement are often on the front line dealing with these cases. While the law enforcement community has made great strides in detecting and responding to elder abuse over the past decade, the challenge continues to grow along with the population of older adults in communities across the country.



To that end, the EJI will host the first National Elder Justice Law Enforcement Summit. The Summit will be held in Washington, DC, in February 2024, and will convene local, state, and federal law enforcement from across the United States involved in combatting elder abuse and financial exploitation. The Summit will educate attendees on the latest trends in elder justice, highlight available resources, tools, and training, and share best practices for investigations and collaboration.¹¹⁸

The National Elder Abuse Victim Services Needs Assessment

Under a contract with the EJI, the ICF is undertaking the first national elder abuse victim services needs assessment, intended to capture the service needs of persons harmed by elder abuse from the initial

¹¹⁸ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/summit>

incident to investigation and prosecution, and throughout recovery. The assessment will be specific for each type of abuse, as well as gender identity, culture, and other important factors. The project involves surveys and focus groups with elder justice professionals, federal staff, and most importantly, persons harmed by elder abuse and their family and friends to ensure their voices are reflected in the results and recommendations. Recommendations are anticipated in the fall of 2024, and will be available on the Department's Elder Justice Website.¹¹⁹



Law Enforcement Elder Abuse Curriculum for Law Enforcement Trainers

In response to the need for law enforcement trainers to have elder abuse training materials at their fingertips, the EJI is supporting the National Center on Elder Abuse and creators of the EAGLE to develop an easily accessible training. The curriculum will include information on recognizing and responding

to elder abuse, and a demonstration of how EAGLE can be used in the field to assist law enforcement officers. The training will include an adaptable PowerPoint as well as a trainer's manual, videos, and pre- and post-tests. The training is anticipated for release in the spring of 2024 and will be disseminated to law enforcement academies throughout the United States.

SAFE (Safe and Accessible Forensic Interviewing with Elders) Training to Approximately 500 Law Enforcement Officers

Developed to meet the growing need for trauma-informed, victim-centered interview techniques for use with older adults in criminal contexts, SAFE is grounded in forensic interviewing best practices with considerations and adaptations to account for age-related changes in cognition, underlying neuropathology (e.g., dementia), individual disability, language capacity, and cultural background.



¹¹⁹ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice>

In the coming year, EJI will support the provision of SAFE Training to over 500 law enforcement officers and their partners in 14 communities across the country through an application process.¹²⁰ Communities in 10 states are currently scheduled (IN KS KY MT ND NV OK OR WA WI). (Learn more about SAFE Training here.¹²¹)

OVW-Sponsored National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse (NIPEA) Training

Held as a virtual training in 2022, NIPEA is returning to in-person training September 19-21, 2023, in New Orleans, LA.¹²² 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. NIPEA explores the complex issues faced by prosecutors - balancing offender accountability with the impact of criminal prosecution on victims.

In addition to 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; provides guidance on the use of medical experts; explores ethical issues confronted by prosecutors; addresses the development and improvement of culturally-specific victim services; and offers prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes. There is no tuition fee for taking the training. This event is co-sponsored by OVW,¹²³ the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life,¹²⁴ and AEquitas.¹²⁵



¹²⁰ <https://www.justice.gov/file/1586011/download>

¹²¹ <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/safe-training>

¹²² <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/national-institute-prosecution-elder-abuse-nipea-sept-19-21-2023>

¹²³ <https://www.justice.gov/ovw>

¹²⁴ <https://www.ncall.us/>

¹²⁵ <https://aequitasresource.org/>

APPENDIX A

Appendix A: Elder Justice Cases

Component	Case Name	Case Number	Case Type	Fraud Type	Brief Description and/or Press Release URL	Outcome	Non-Lead Defendants
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Gregory Clarke</i>	0:19-cr-60084	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Greg Warren Clarke worked with co-conspirators in a scheme to defraud in which victims were called and falsely told that they had won over \$1 million dollars in a lottery and needed to pay fees or taxes to claim their winnings. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jamaican-national-sentenced-stealing-money-elderly-americans-through-jamaica-based-lottery	Convicted; Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment	
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Patrice Runner</i>	18-cr-578	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant mailed solicitations that made it appear the recipient had or could receive psychic services that would result in great wealth, but needed to pay a fee. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/canadian-man-convicted-multimillion-dollar-psychic-mass-mailing-fraud-scheme	Convicted	
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Kimberly Stamps, et al.</i>	23-cr-15	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendants conspired to operate a fraudulent mass-mailing scheme that deceived thousands of consumers into paying fees for falsely promised prizes. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-individuals-charged-operating-multimillion-dollar-elder-fraud-scheme	Charged	John Kyle Muller; Barbara Trickle

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Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Jon J. Kahen</i>	22-cr-309	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant operated Global Voicecom Inc. (GVI), a U.S.-based VoIP provider. GVI provided telecommunications services that introduced foreign phone traffic into the U.S. By 2018, Kahen became aware that an India-based VoIP provider was using GVI's telecommunications services to engage in fraud, and by May 2019, Kahen was aware that the funds paid to GVI by this client for continued gateway carrier services constituted the proceeds of unlawful activities. Despite this knowledge, Kahen conducted unlawful monetary transactions involving these criminally derived funds.	Convicted	
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Luis Enrique Rendon Cardenas</i>	22-cr-20507	Criminal	Extortion	Rendon operated a distribution center that helped the call center operators execute their fraud scheme from Peru. The Peruvian-based call-centers defrauded Spanish-speaking United States residents by falsely threatening them with arrest, deportation and other legal consequences. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/eleveth-defendant-pleads-guilty-15-million-scheme-defraud-spanish-speaking-united-states	Charged; Convicted	
Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Ezennia Peter Neboh, et. Al</i>	22-20134-CR	Criminal	Inheritance Scam	Defendants were part of a group of fraudsters that sent personalized letters to elderly victims in the United States, falsely claiming that the sender was a representative of a Spanish bank and that the recipient was entitled to receive a multimillion-dollar inheritance left for the recipient by a family member who had died years before in Portugal.	Four defendants extradited; Two defendants convicted; One defendant sentenced to 82 months' imprisonment	Kennedy Ikponmwosa; Iheanyichukwu Jonahntan Abarham; Emmanuel Samuel; Jerry Chucks Ozor; Amos Prince Okey Ezemma

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Consumer Protection Branch	<i>U.S. v. Nexway, et al.</i>	23-cv-900	Civil	Technical Support Fraud	Defendants processed credit card payments for foreign clients that committed telemarketing fraud via technical support scams. In a typical scam, Nexway's client caused deceptive pop-up notifications to appear on a consumer's computer screen, warning that the computer was infected with a virus or freezing the screen and displaying a phone number to call for help. Nexway and its principals worked with fraudster clients despite knowing or consciously avoiding knowing that the clients were engaged in fraudulent telemarketing and other deceptive practices.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	SASU; Nexway Group AG; Nexway, Inc.; asknet Solutions AG; asknet, Inc.; Casey Potenzzone; Victor Iezuitov
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Puerto Rico	<i>U.S. v. Oluwaseun Adelekan, et al.</i>	21-cr-395	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendants conspired to launder funds from different international organized fraud schemes, including romance, pandemic relief unemployment insurance fraud, and business email compromise scams.	Charged	Temitope Omotayo; Ifeoluwa Dudubo; Temitope Suleiman; Oluwasegun Baiyewu
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Blade Bai, et al.</i>	2:20-cr-621	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; Business Imposter Scam; Technical Support Fraud	Defendants laundered proceeds for fraud schemes. Scammers induced victims to purchase gift cards and read the numbers to the scammers. Defendants acquired the gift card numbers and through purchases and other transactions concealed the funds' origins.	One defendant convicted; Sentenced to 20 months' imprisonment	Bowen Hu; Tairan Shi; Yan Fu

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Consumer Protection Branch; USAO California, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Tracy Knowles, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-2216	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Defendants were members and associates of a network of individuals who, through extortion and fraud, induced older Americans across the United States to pay thousands to tens of thousands of dollars each to purportedly help their grandchild or other close family relative. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/two-more-defendants-grandparent-scam-network-plead-guilty-rico-conspiracy	Five defendants convicted; Five defendants sentenced, ranging from time served to 57 months' imprisonment	Adonis Butler Wong; Timothy Ingram; Anajah Gifford; Lyda Harris; Joaquin Lopez; Jack Owuor; Tracy Glinton
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Michael Zeto</i>	2:22-cr-85	Criminal	Unauthorized Charging	Defendant partnered with foreign telemarketers who provided him with the names, bank account numbers and other personal information for American consumers who supposedly had purchased products. These consumers often had not, in fact, agreed to purchase the products and had not authorized anyone to debit their bank accounts. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/nevada-man-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-fraudulent-check-scheme	Convicted	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Illinois, Central	<i>U.S. v. Michael D'Ambrose, et al.</i>	22-cr-630	Criminal	Unauthorized Charging	The indictment alleges that defendants deceived banks about the nature of the payment processing companies' business and financial transactions to open and maintain bank accounts and to allow for the processing of tens of millions of dollars of checks, which were purportedly authorized by consumers. Defendants allegedly used those bank accounts to deposit checks on behalf of merchant clients despite warning signs of fraud, including indications that merchant-clients were initiating unauthorized debits from the accounts of purported customers.	Charged	Scott Apgar

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Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Consumer Law Protection, LLC, et al.</i>	22-cv-01243	Civil	Timeshare Fraud	The defendants promised to assist consumers in exiting their timeshare contracts in exchange for large fees, but usually failed to deliver on their promises. According to the complaint, the defendants deceived consumers – who were mostly seniors – into paying more than \$90 million to the defendant companies for services that were not delivered.	Filed	Consumer Rights Council; Premier Reservations Group, LLC; Resort Transfer Group, LLC; Square One Development Group, Inc.; Square One Group, LLC; Timeshare Help Source; Farmington Allegiance, LLC; Mainline Partners, LLC; Christopher Carroll; George Reed; Louann Reed; Scott Jackson; Eduardo Balderas
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Nevada	<i>U.S. v. Mario Castro, et al.</i>	19-cr-0295	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendants mailed solicitations that made it appear recipients had won a prize, but needed to pay a fee to claim the prize. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/three-nevada-men-convicted-multimillion-dollar-prize-notice-scheme	Three defendants convicted	Jose Salud Castro; Salvador Castro; Miguel Castro; Jose Luis Mendez; Andrea Burrow

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Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Scott Gammon, et al.</i>	2:22-cr-85; 2:21-cr-418; 2:21-cr-609	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendants mailed notices that made it appear victims had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/queens-man-sentenced-36-months-prison-multi-million-dollar-prize-notice-fraud-scheme	Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment	Christopher King; Natasha Khan
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Lorraine Chalavoutis, et al.</i>	2:18-cr-349	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendants mailed notices that made it appear older and vulnerable victims had won a prize but needed to pay a fee to claim it. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/long-island-resident-pleads-guilty-multimillion-dollar-elder-fraud-scheme	Sentenced to six months' imprisonment	Tully Lovisa; Shaun Sullivan; Steve McClenahan; Richard Winters
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. Anthony L. Stewart</i>	19-cr-380	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant and his co-conspirators sought to unlawfully enrich themselves through a fraudulent lottery scheme targeting the elderly. Victims throughout the United States received phone calls in which they were falsely informed that they had won cash prizes totaling over \$1 million and needed to pay fees to claim their winnings. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/jamaican-national-extradited-united-states-connection-fraudulent-lottery-scheme-targeted	Extradited	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Damone D. Oakley</i>	21-cr-179	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant sought to unlawfully enrich himself through a fraudulent sweepstakes scheme targeting the elderly. Victims throughout the United States received mailings, text messages or phone calls in which they were falsely told that they had won millions of dollars and luxury vehicles in a sweepstakes, but first needed to pay taxes and fees to claim their winnings.	Extradited	

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Consumer Protection Branch; USAO South Carolina	<i>U.S. v. Candy Kern</i>	23-cr-278	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant was charged and pleaded guilty to conspiracy for her role in a nationwide structured cash flow scheme that exploited military veterans in desperate financial straits and targeted elderly investors seeking a safe retirement investment. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/south-carolina-woman-pleads-guilty-fraud-conspiracy-targeting-retirees-and-military-pension	Charged; Convicted	
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO South Carolina	<i>U.S. v. Scott Kohn, et al</i>	6:19-cr-239	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants induced retirees into investments with false assurances of significant return rates. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-receives-10-year-sentence-following-guilty-plea-south-carolina-fraud	Lead defendant sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment	Scott Kohn; Kraig Aiken; David Kenneally; Melanie Jo Schulze-Miller
Consumer Protection Branch; USAO Wisconsin, Western	<i>U.S. v. Kevin Breslin, et al.</i>	23-cr-10	Criminal	Failure of Care	Breslin was the Chief Executive Officer of Atrium, which operated 24 skilled nursing facilities and nine assisted living facilities. The indictment alleges that as part of the scheme to defraud, defendants diverted funds from the facilities through guaranteed payments to Atrium owners, guaranteed monthly return-on-investment payments to investors and construction costs. The indictment further alleges that the diversion of funds caused inadequate care of residents, including a shortage of clean incontinence briefs, inadequate wound care supplies, inadequate cleaning supplies, and a lack of durable medical equipment and respiratory supplies. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/new-jersey-man-and-company-operating-nursing-homes-and-assisted-living-facilities-wisconsin	Charged	KBWB Operations, LLC

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Elder Justice Initiative; USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. ex rel. Neyiris Orozco v. Shlomo Rechnitz, et al.</i>	15-cv-6177	Civil	Failure of Care	Alta Vista Healthcare & Wellness Centre, LLC (Alta Vista), a skilled nursing facility in Riverside, California, and its management company, Rockport Healthcare Services (Rockport), agreed to pay the United States and California a total of \$3.825 million to resolve allegations that they submitted and caused the submission of false claims to Medicare and Medicaid by paying kickbacks to physicians to induce patient referrals. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-skilled-nursing-facility-and-management-company-agree-pay-3825-million-settle	Settlement	Rockport Health Services
Elder Justice Initiative	<i>U.S. v. American Health Foundation, et al.</i>	2:22-cv-02344	Civil	Failure of Care	Defendants allegedly violated False Claims Act by submitting false claims for grossly substandard care provided at defendants' nursing homes. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-sues-american-health-foundation-and-its-affiliates-providing-grossly	In litigation	AHF Management Corporation; AHF Montgomery, Inc. d/b/a/ Cheltenham Nursing and Rehabilitation Center; AHF Ohio, Inc. d/b/a The Sanctuary at Wilmington Place and Samaritan Care Center and Villa

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Elder Justice Initiative; USAO New York, Northern	<i>Saratoga Center for Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing</i>	NA	Civil	Failure of Care	Operators of a nursing facility agreed to pay \$7,168,000 to resolve allegations that they violated the False Claims Act by causing the submission of false claims to the Medicaid program for worthless services provided to residents. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/landlord-and-former-operators-upstate-new-york-nursing-home-pay-7168000-resolve-false	Settlement	Leon Melohn; Alan "Ari" Schwartz; Jeffrey Vegh; Jack Jaffa; 149 Ballston Ave., LLC; Ballston Two, LLC; Saratoga Center for Care, LLC; Saratoga Care and Rehabilitation Center, LLC
USAO Alabama, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Olushola Adewole Afolabi, et al.</i>	21-cr-00203	Criminal	Identity Theft; COVID-19 Related Fraud	Defendants used stolen identification information from older Illinois residents to file false unemployment claims during the COVID-19 pandemic that resulted in \$4 million in funds stolen.	Sentenced to three years' probation	Olugbeminiyi Aderibigbe
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Flavia Annang, et al.</i>	4:22-cr-00893	Criminal	Romance Scam; Inheritance Scam	Two defendants charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering for receiving money from romance/inheritance scam victims and keeping some and sending other amounts on to others, based in Ghana. The scheme had approximately 83 victims who sent approximately \$4,400,000 to bank accounts controlled by these two defendants.	Lead and co-defendant convicted	Whitney Adams
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Nan Raden</i>	4:22-cr-02453	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant was a money runner charged with conspiracy to launder proceeds relating to a romance fraud scheme that targeted the elderly.	Charged	

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USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Victoria Totten</i>	CR23-00282	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, a licensed insurance Agent, embezzled approximately \$114,000 from various elderly insurance clients. Defendant over collected insurance premium payments from her clients and falsely misrepresented the reasons the payments needed to be made in this fashion. Instead of transmitting the insurance premiums to the insurance companies, Defendant used large portions of the money for her own personal use and to pay the insurance payments for other clients. https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/arizona-licensed-insurance-agent-charged-scheme-defraud-elderly-clients	Charged	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Kingsley Sebastian Ibhadore</i>	2:22-cr-01392	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant used false foreign passports and identities to open bank accounts and funnel illicit funds from romance scam victims through the accounts.	Charged	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Edward Kwaku Boakye</i>	4:23-cr-00031	Criminal	Romance Scam; Inheritance Scam	Two defendants charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering for receiving money from romance/inheritance scam victims and keeping some and sending other amounts on to others.	Two defendants charged; One defendant convicted	Ayisha Hassan
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Michael Tae Jacoby</i>	CR21-00452	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Investment advisor scammed 5 victims one of whom was elderly. Elderly victim suffered losses totaling \$1.69 million.	Convicted; Sentenced to 38 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Onovughe Ighorhiohwunu</i>	CR21-1119	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant participated in a scheme where conspirators with connections to Nigeria used fictitious or assumed online identities to meet victims in the United States. Conspirators contacted victims through dating websites and games and then pretended to strike up romantic relationships with them. After establishing relationships, conspirators asked the victims for money, often to help with a phony crisis such as an emergency medical procedure, and usually told the victims their money would be repaid. https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/man-sentenced-over-10-years-role-international-romance-fraud-scheme-0	Sentenced to 130 months' imprisonment	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Betsy Feinberg, et al.</i>	CR18-1786	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants engaged in an investment fraud scheme. Defendants convicted after jury trial.	Defendants sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	Michael Feinberg
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Yasin Mohammed Ibrahim</i>	4:23-cr-00030	Criminal	Romance Scam; Inheritance Scam	Co-conspirators tricked mostly elder victims into sending money to bank accounts - including Ibrahim's - under the guise of claiming an inheritance of gold bars for the online girlfriend/boyfriend.	Charged	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Robert B. Sproat</i>	CR-18-2220	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant and two co-conspirators used a religious charitable organization as a front to entice victims to invest over \$1.2 million. https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/chandler-man-sentenced-33-months-defrauding-investors	Two convicted; One sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment	Jeffrey McHatton; Robert Moss

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USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. Koreasa M. Williams</i>	4:21-cr-03136	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	<p>Licensed insurance agent (defendant) induced older adult to give her checks totaling \$1,220,000 to invest for the older adult's benefit, but instead spent the money to pay back victims of her (defendant's) earlier embezzlement scheme against 9 victims, settle a civil suit, and pay her attorney's fees. Agent also convinced older adult to start transferring money from his charitable foundation to defendant's "charity" to "hold" the money until it could be transferred to a new foundation to benefit the older victim's disabled daughter; instead agent spent the \$118,652 on herself and her family.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/former-tucson-insurance-agent-sentenced-over-11-years-elder-fraud</p>	Sentenced to 136 months' imprisonment	
USAO Arizona	<i>U.S. v. David Odean McIntosh</i>	CR-18-2216	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	<p>McIntosh was one of the leaders of an international fraud ring that targeted thousands of elderly victims around the United States. Jamaican-based scammers and others called elderly victims in the United States, claiming the victims had won a lottery or other prize. McIntosh's role in this scheme was to distribute "lead lists," which contained the names and personal information of thousands of primarily elderly individuals for the scammers to contact and lure into the scheme. In addition, McIntosh also conspired to launder portions of the fraudulent proceeds.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-az/pr/man-sentenced-160-months-role-international-lottery-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly</p>	Sentenced to 160 months' imprisonment	

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USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Kunhia Jia, et al.</i>	8:23-cr-00037	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendants opened bank accounts in fake names using counterfeit passports. Defendants received into their accounts the proceeds of government imposter scams into bank accounts they controlled and withdrew the money in cash.	Charged	Xue Wang
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Sharief Deona McDowell</i>	5:22-cr-00274	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant falsely represented that she would invest mostly elderly victims' money in commodity futures and options contracts. She did not trade with the investors' money and instead misappropriated the funds for her personal use. https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/woman-pleads-guilty-26-million-commodity-futures-trading-scheme	Charged; Convicted	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Jamal Nathan "Jimmy" Dawood</i>	8:23-cr-00038	Criminal	Fraud or Embezzlement by Acquaintance	Defendant offered to assist the victim with asset management, but then stole the victim's assets and transferred some funds to defendant's associates. https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/grand-jury-charges-san-fernando-valley-man-who-allegedly-embezzled-22-million-money	Charged	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Lana Pothos, et al.</i>	8:22-cr-00028-CJC	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, a bank manager, stole \$1.2 million from elderly customers by using one of the victim's identities to fraudulently open a bank account, then impersonating the victim to transfer the stolen money to different bank accounts. https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-bank-manager-orange-county-pleads-guilty-bank-fraud-stealing-12-million-elderly	Convicted	Theron Fox

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USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Michael Farole, et al.</i>	23-MJ-3217	Criminal	Timeshare Scam	Defendants were charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The defendants allegedly convinced victims to pay advance fees in return for services that involved selling or securing the sale or rental of their timeshares. The services were not provided. https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/losangeles/news/fbi-los-angeles-raises-public-awareness-about-elder-fraud-announces-arrests-made-this-week-of-men-who-allegedly-targeted-elderly-victims-in-timeshare-scheme	Charged	Christopher Lang
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Valentine Iro, et al.</i>	2:19-CR-00380	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	Defendants were involved in a massive international criminal network that conspired to defraud individuals and companies all over the world and then to launder an intended amount of more than \$25 million in intended ill-gotten gains. Among the schemes facilitated by the network were romance scams. Federal prosecutors have secured 21 convictions in this case so far. https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/carson-man-sentenced-more-11-years-prison-role-international-conspiracy-launder-money	Three defendants sentenced, ranging from 81 to 135 months' imprisonment	George Ugochukwu Egwumba; Princewell Arinze Duru
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Michael McDonagh</i>	8:22-cr-00056	Criminal	Timeshare Scam	Defendants contacted older timeshare owners and claimed they could help liquidate the timeshares for a fee. Defendants then induced the victims to pay for fictitious services and alleged expenses, and to obtain fictitious restitution payments. https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/lead-defendant-multimillion-dollar-boiler-room-scam-targeted-timeshare-owners-pleads	One defendant convicted	Antonio Duarte; Christopher James Vannoy

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USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Robert Louis Cirillo</i>	8:22-cr-00077-DOC	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<p>Defendant worked with co-schemers to conduct a relative-in-distress scam. The co-schemers tricked the victim into sending \$400,000 to an account defendant controlled, and defendant and others used the money for their own purposes. Defendant was also charged with running a securities fraud scheme in which he targeted low-income Hispanic victims to obtain more than \$3.2 million via false promises of high returns from construction loans.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/former-stockbroker-sentenced-6-years-prison-32-million-investment-fraud-cheating-taxes</p>	Sentenced to 78 months' imprisonment	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. Darrell Arnold Aviss</i>	21-cr-303	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<p>Defendant ran a Ponzi scheme, soliciting money from people who wanted to purchase annuities from insurance companies based in Switzerland. Defendant did not use the victims' money to purchase annuities, even though he arranged for the victims to receive fabricated statements showing the purported value of the annuities, which the false documents showed were increasing over time.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-cdca/pr/santa-barbara-man-sentenced-over-11-years-federal-prison-14-million-ponzi-scheme-tax</p>	Sentenced to 133 months' imprisonment	
USAO California, Central	<i>U.S. v. \$63,353.86 in Bank Funds</i>	2:22-CV-04423	Civil	Business Email Compromise Scam; Romance Scam	<p>Dianwei Wang and Zhili Song operated an unlicensed money transferring business, and in doing so transferred the proceeds of romance and Business Email Compromise scams to their customers.</p>	Filed; Permanent Injunction	

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USAO California, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Oluwafemi Agbayewa</i>	2:21-cr-234	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering in connection with lottery fraud scheme that targeted older victims and resulted in actual loss of at least \$7.5 million. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edca/pr/georgia-resident-sentenced-5-years-prison-international-lottery-fraud-scheme-victimized	Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	
USAO California, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Brian Kenneth Stoffel</i>	1:22-cr-73	Criminal	Identity Theft	Defendant stole the personally identifying information of an older victim. Defendant used that information to drain the victim's bank account and apply for various lines of credit in his name.	Sentenced to 40 months' imprisonment	
USAO California, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Ana Phimmasone</i>	21cr3262	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant embezzled from her employer by diverting payments from its clients, mostly elderly patients, to her own accounts. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdca/pr/office-manager-admits-she-embezzled-more-350000-home-healthcare-agency-and-its-elderly	Sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment	
USAO California, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Eduard Ghiocel, et al.</i>	23-cr-00650	Criminal	Violent Crime	Defendants laundered \$1.4 million in proceeds from dozens of grand thefts, robberies and swindles targeting mostly elderly victims in San Diego County. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdca/pr/romanian-citizens-plead-guilty-laundering-14-million-proceeds-jewelry-thefts-and-covid	Two defendants convicted	Floarea Ghiocel
USAO California, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Maria Ruvalcaba</i>	3:23-cv-01016	Civil	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant assisted in a lottery fraud.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	

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USAO Colorado	<i>U.S. v. Hiep Cong Van</i>	20-cr-32	Criminal	Loan Scam	While he was under federal supervision stemming from a 2013 conviction for wire fraud and money laundering, defendant convinced an 84-year-old Colorado woman, who was also a client of the landscaping business, to "loan" him \$22,000.	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment	
USAO Colorado	<i>U.S. v. Dhruv Jani, et al.</i>	22-cr-202	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendants facilitated a government imposter scam. The government contends that fifty-seven victims mailed, or attempted to mail, approximately \$1.6 million to conspirators. Many of these same victims were also directed to mail packages of cash and gift cards to individuals in other states. https://www.justice.gov/usao-co/pr/indian-national-pleads-guilty-money-laundering-conspiracy-based-wray-colorado	Three defendants charged; Three defendants convicted; One defendant sentenced to 28 months' imprisonment	James Albert Witte; James Lee Henderson
USAO Connecticut	<i>U.S. v. Douglas Senerth</i>	21cr96	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant defrauded his grandparents by falsely claiming to be a college student and inducing them to give him approximately \$419,000 to pay for nonexistent college tuition and other related expenses, and an additional approximately \$260,000 by falsely claiming that he would invest their money into an investment fund run by one of his nonexistent professors. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/south-windsor-man-sentenced-federal-prison-defrauding-grandparents-679k	Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Connecticut	<i>U.S. v. Farouq Fasai, et al.</i>	20-cr-00051	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendants and others used lottery scams, romance scams and other fraudulent means to induce elderly victims to provide them with money, gifts and personal details. Victims sent cash, money orders or checks through the mail to various addresses in Connecticut, and also wired or deposited money into bank accounts in Connecticut controlled by conspiracy members and their associates. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ct/pr/leader-lottery-and-romance-fraud-scheme-sentenced-14-years-federal-prison	Two defendants sentenced to 72 and 168 months' imprisonment	Rodney Thomas, Jr.; Ralph Pierre
USAO Delaware	<i>U.S. v. Joan Donald</i>	21-CR-41-CFC	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant stole \$1.1 million from employer, who was elderly and sick with ovarian cancer	Convicted; Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	
USAO Delaware	<i>U.S. v. Maurice Tunnell</i>	23-cv-643	Civil	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant assisted and facilitated a predatory mail and wire fraud scheme. Participants in the scheme contact potential victims, falsely claim that those victims have won a sweepstakes or lottery. Defendant receives the money from the victims and transmits the money to other participants in the scheme.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	
USAO District of Columbia	<i>U.S. v. Rosemary Ogbenna</i>	21-CR-672	Criminal	Failure of Care; Identity Theft; Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	The defendant operated a rooming house business and had tenants that were elderly or had other issues, such as mental health issues that received SSA and VA benefits. Defendant's business entity became the representative payee for a number of her tenants and she used some of the benefits for her own personal gain. https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/dc-woman-sentenced-32-months-prison-stealing-government-benefit-funds	Sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment	

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USAO District of Columbia	<i>U.S. v. James Trankle, et al.</i>	21-CR-675	Criminal	Charity Scam	Defendants created fake charities, solicited donations and then used the donations for their own personal benefit. https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/maryland-man-found-guilty-scheme-bilked-benevolent-donors-charitable-contributions	Convicted	Stephen Sibert
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Keith Ingersoll, et al.</i>	6:21-cr-00138	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants committed wire fraud involving defrauding the elderly victim of over \$10 million in relation to real estate investments. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/orlando-man-sentenced-more-9-years-prison-fraud-schemes	Convicted; Sentenced to 108 months' imprisonment	James Adamczyk
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. William Perez</i>	8:22-cr-133-SCB-JSS	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant was a runner/money mule in international government impersonator conspiracy. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/tampa-man-sentenced-money-laundering-conspiracy-relating-government-impersonator-scam	Convicted; Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Tracey Jedlicki</i>	8:21-cr-376	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant and her co-conspirators operated international boiler rooms in Panama and elsewhere. The boiler rooms used high-pressure sales techniques to defraud individuals who believed they were investing substantial amounts of money in regulated financial products or markets, such as options in commodities and stocks. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/delray-beach-woman-sentenced-30-months-prison-her-role-international-boiler-room	Sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Jignesh Vekeria</i>	8:23-cr-40	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant supervised money mules as part of an international government impersonator conspiracy, in which conspirators advised victims, who were generally elderly, that their Social Security numbers had been compromised.	Charged	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Pratikbhai Patel</i>	8:22-cr-403	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant was a runner/money mule in and international government impersonator conspiracy, in which conspirators advised victims that their Social Security numbers had been compromised.	Charged	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Donte Johnson</i>	8:22-cr-385	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant and his unindicted co-conspirator were posing as Publishers Clearing House and making elderly victims send money claimed to be fees or taxes to get the "big prize."	Charged	
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Diane Durbon, et al.</i>	2:23-cr-24	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendants, in their role as the victim's caretakers, unlawfully accessed the victim's investment and annuity accounts and stole more than \$540,000 of the victim's funds. The victim was a person living with dementia. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/cape-coral-caretakers-plead-guilty-stealing-more-half-million-dollars-elderly-victim	Two defendants charged; Two defendants convicted	Brittany Lukasik

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USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Rossman, et al.</i>	8:20-cr-207-T-36JSS	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<p>Defendants made false and fraudulent misrepresentations and concealed material information to convince elderly victim-investors to put their money into an insurance venture – “FastLife.” These victim-investors were not told about surrender fees and other costs associated with said liquidations, or about negative personal tax consequences resulting from liquidations. Wasserman also used victim-investors’ money to make payments to earlier victim-investors in the FastLife venture, as well to as other earlier creditors.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/jury-convicts-insurance-agent-defrauding-elderly-investors</p>	One defendant convicted; One defendant sentenced to 5 years’ probation	Phillip Roy Wasserman
USAO Florida, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Nicole Sprague</i>	2:21-cr-87-JLB-MRM	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	<p>Defendant participated in a technical support scam, which defrauded numerous elderly victims. Defendant routinely deposited the victims’ funds into her bank accounts before she disbursed and transferred the proceeds to other members of the conspiracy.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/cape-coral-woman-sentenced-more-two-and-half-years-prison-committing-fraud-targeting</p>	Sentenced to 33 months’ imprisonment	

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USAO Florida, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Scott P Haines</i>	3:22cr4-MCR	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, a Florida deputy sheriff, schemed to defraud an elderly victim out of over \$10,000 by inserting himself into the victim's personal and business affairs, including at times that he was in uniform. Once confronted with the allegations, defendant made multiple false statements to federal agents. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/former-santa-rosa-county-deputy-sheriff-sentenced-federal-prison	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	
USAO Florida, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Charlie James Rhodes</i>	3:22cr79-MCR	Criminal	Identity Theft	Defendant stole checks from mailboxes throughout Florida and in Alabama and used acetone to remove the ink. Then he wrote false information on the checks. Almost all the checks were written by elderly victims, primarily for bills such as pest control or utilities. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/defuniak-springs-man-sentenced-federal-prison-stealing-checks	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 45 months' imprisonment	
USAO Florida, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Romario Mark Anthony Murray</i>	19cr33	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant conspired to defraud elderly victims of their money through false promises of sweepstakes prizes. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndfl/pr/jamaican-man-sentenced-51-months-federal-prison-operating-sweepstakes-scam-targeting	Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Aislady Diaz, et al.</i>	22-20354-CR-WILLIAMS	Criminal	Identity Theft; Loan Scam; Relative/ Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; COVID-19 Related Fraud	Defendant, an aide at a nursing home, stole the driver licenses and other personal identifying information of two elderly patients in her care. She then provided that information to other co-conspirators who used the victims personal identifying information to apply for credit cards, purchase numerous high-end vehicles and apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).	Three defendants charged; Three defendants convicted	Ailensy Buron Diaz; Berto Omar Rodriguez Fonseca
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Johnny Ray Thomas, et al.</i>	22-20332-CR-WILLIAMS	Criminal	Technical Support Scam	Defendants operated several fraudulent companies, which convinced elderly victims to make payments to the defendants' companies for purported IT services and software. Defendants and their co-conspirators "cold called" victims to inform them their computers had been hacked or otherwise compromised and convinced the victims to pay thousands for worthless "anti-virus" software and other services. Defendants diverted the victims' funds to corporate and personal bank accounts they controlled for their personal use and benefit and to carry out the conspiracy by paying for leads.	Three defendants charged	Saher Masih Uppal; Prateek Uppal

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USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Reinaldo Miralles Gonzalez</i>	22-20456	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	<p>Defendant and his co-conspirators, pretending to be FBI agents contacted victims and told them that they were being investigated for being involved in terrorist activities and to avoid arrest and other legal consequences they had to send money for various court and legal fees. Those funds were to be sent using United States Postal money orders and were to be mailed to various addresses including defendant's home and business addresses.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/member-fbi-imposter-ring-intimidated-defrauded-victims-sentenced-federal-prison</p>	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment	
USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Charles William McElwee</i>	22-60202-CR	Criminal	Identity Theft	<p>Defendant and his co-conspirators purchased, sold, distributed and arranged for the purchase, sale and distribution of Medicare beneficiary information numbers, including beneficiary names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/member-fbi-imposter-ring-intimidated-defrauded-victims-sentenced-federal-prison</p>	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 41 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Florida, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sherri Lynn Smith</i>	21-14023-CR-AMC	Criminal	Relative/Care-giver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant worked as a caretaker for an elderly couple. As part of her duties, she had access to the victims' bank accounts to assist them with paying their monthly bills. Defendant used her access to the victims' finances to embezzle approximately \$300,000 out of the victims' accounts without their knowledge or consent. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdfl/pr/caretaker-senior-couple-sentenced-stealing-hundreds-thousands-elderly-couple-s-bank	Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Vikas Mehta, et al.</i>	1:21cr451	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendants participated in a wire scheme that defrauded U.S. victims via government imposter phone scams. Their activities included opening bank accounts that received defrauded victims' money into those accounts.	Two defendants convicted; One defendant sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	Vikas Mehta; Walter Valdivia; Pradip Parikh; Jaime Salas; Alpesh Patel; Darash Shah
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Elvis Eghosa Ogiekpolor, et al.</i>	1:22cr16	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam; Romance Scam	Defendant was convicted following a nearly two-week trial of conspiracy to commit money laundering and substantive money laundering counts arising from a multi-year money laundering conspiracy in which Ogiekpolor and other co-conspirators received and laundered over \$10 million in fraud proceeds from Business Email Compromise, romance frauds, and other online frauds. Approximately a dozen victims, including several romance fraud victims, testified at his trial. In addition to Ogiekpolor, five other individuals pleaded guilty. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndga/pr/georgia-man-who-laundered-millions-romance-scams-business-email-compromises-and-other	Lead defendant sentenced to 300 months' imprisonment	Vere Whyte; Kutina Crawford; Ebony Parks; Tiffany Gaines; Tamara Gaines

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USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Samuel Odekhiran</i>	1:21-cr-391	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam; Romance Scam	Defendant laundered fraud proceeds from Business Email Compromises, romance frauds, and other schemes.	Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Aziz Choukri</i>	1:21-CR-0341	Criminal	Investment Fraud	The defendant befriended the victim, an older man suffering from cognitive decline, and convinced him to "invest" his money in the defendant's music production company. The victim ultimately lost his entire life savings, while the defendant enriched himself.	Sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment	
USAO Georgia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Brian Tisdale</i>	1:22-CR-0234	Criminal	Government Program Fraud	Defendant was charged by information for his role in an approximately \$5.9 million conspiracy to defraud Medicare and pay kickbacks.	Convicted; Sentenced to 42 months' imprisonment	
USAO Idaho	<i>U.S. v. James Dougherty, et al.</i>	1:22-cr-00168-DCN	Criminal	Failure of Care; Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendants owed fiduciary obligations to an elderly individual under estate planning documents created while the victim was apparently in the hospital. Defendants transferred the victim's ranch to themselves without the victim's knowledge or consent. Defendants did not allow the victim to return to the ranch. Instead, she was sent to live with defendants' close relative in a small bedroom and in substandard conditions.	Charged	Jessica Dougherty
USAO Illinois, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Hirenkumar Chaudhari</i>	20 CR 407	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant acted as a money mule in a government official imposter scam that targeted elderly persons. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/suburban-chicago-man-sentenced-three-years-federal-prison-laundering-proceeds	Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Illinois, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Olaniyi Nasiru Ojikutu</i>	18-CR-00818	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant served as a money mule in a romance scam that targeted elderly women. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/chicago-resident-sentenced-seven-years-connection-international-romance-scam	Sentenced to 88 months' imprisonment	Daniel Samuel Eta
USAO Illinois, Northern	<i>U.S. v. David Sheldon Wells</i>	23-CR-00057	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant charged with cheating three victims, including two elderly men living with dementia, out of over \$632,000. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/chicago-investment-advisor-indicted-fraud-charges-allegedly-swindling-clients-out	Charged	
USAO Illinois, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Lee Turner</i>	21-cr-399	Criminal	Extortion	Defendant used a series of threats and intimidation to bilk an elderly victim out of more than \$1.6 million. She communicated numerous threats and fraudulent statements to the victim. Defendant took on false personas to convey false statements purportedly from others, including alleged gang members, individuals involved in organized crime, prosecutors, journalists, and corrupt law enforcement officers. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndil/pr/woman-guilty-using-threats-and-intimidation-bilk-elderly-victim-out-more-16-million	Convicted	
USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Tanya M. Aboseada</i>	23-CR-30077	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant charged with scamming grandmother using various made-up scenarios but used the funds to purchase items for herself and friends.	Charged	

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USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jaykumar Patel</i>	21-cr-30118-DWD	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant moved criminal proceeds for an India-based fraud conspiracy targeting elderly, vulnerable victims in the United States. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil/pr/tampa-man-sentenced-72-months-prison-bank-fraud-conspiracy	Sentenced to 72 months' imprisonment	
USAO Illinois, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Erica Rose, et al.</i>	20-cr-30013-SMY	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; Identity Theft	Defendants defrauded elderly women in southern Illinois. Rose abused her employment as an in-home caretaker and stole the identities of her elderly clients. Then she passed the stolen information along to McKinney to attempt to drain their bank accounts through counterfeit checks and fraudulent purchases. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdil/pr/belleville-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-elderly-identities	Sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment	Ashley McKinney
USAO Indiana, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jasuan Pope, et al.</i>	1:21-cr-123	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Defendants targeted and exploited the elderly and their relationships with their relatives for personal financial gain. This sophisticated criminal network induced elderly Americans to pay tens of thousands of dollars to help their grandchild or other close family relative. Defendants identified unoccupied residences to use as cash delivery addresses, relayed the addresses to co-conspirators who directed victims to send money to the addresses and defendants would then retrieve the criminal proceeds. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdin/pr/five-defendants-sentenced-federal-prison-perpetrating-nationwide-grandparent-scam	Five defendants sentenced, ranging from 30 to 97 months' imprisonment	Darlens Renard; Princess Elizer; Jennifer Glemeau; Kareem Brown

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USAO Indiana, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Edwin Agbi</i>	1:19-cr-280	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant's co-conspirators created fake profiles on an online dating service designed for adults over age 50, deceiving victims into believing that they were in genuine relationships with the fake personas and then asking for money. Defendant received money from the victims, keeping a portion for himself and then have the remaining money deposited into his co-conspirators' foreign bank accounts. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdin/pr/indianapolis-man-sentenced-57-months-federal-prison-defrauding-senior-victims	Sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Shanan Smith</i>	22-cr-2014	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant used a power of attorney to access family funds she was unable to access and then used those funds for unauthorized purpose to benefit herself and not the protected party.	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Carrie Martin</i>	22-CR-51	Criminal	Identity Theft; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant unlawfully obtained financial information of her victims from their power of attorney, and then used the identity of the power of attorney to fraudulently obtain the victims funds.	Convicted; Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Kelsey Baxter</i>	22-CR-2040	Criminal	Medication Theft	Defendant was a nurse at a nursing home and fraudulently obtained the residents' controlled substances. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndia/pr/evansdale-nurse-sentenced-federal-prison-stealing-pain-medication-elderly-nursing-home	Convicted; Sentenced to 1 month imprisonment	

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USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Ryan Thornton</i>	22-Cr-3034	Criminal	Medication Theft	Defendant, a nurse at a nursing home facility, would take liquid fentanyl that was to be disbursed to elderly patients by removing the fentanyl from IV pumps with a syringe.	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 9 months' imprisonment	
USAO Iowa, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Matthew Bowlden</i>	22-cr-2025	Criminal	Medication Theft	Defendant, a nurse working at nursing homes, diverting patients' narcotics for his own use.	Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	
USAO Iowa, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Zachary Flaherty</i>	4:23-cr-061	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant, an insurance salesman, misrepresented the nature of investments and annuities to elderly clients. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdia/pr/clive-man-charged-defrauding-elderly-individuals-and-insurance-companies	Charged	
USAO Kansas	<i>U.S. v. Perry Johnson</i>	23-40007	Criminal	Government Program Fraud	Defendant is accused of defrauding the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program of approximately \$1 million intended to help elderly and low-income residents with rental housing expenses. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ks/pr/property-manager-defrauds-program-elderly-low-income	Charged	
USAO Kansas	<i>U.S. v. Innocent Ugwu</i>	5:22-cr-40030	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant conspired with others to defraud individuals, using romance, advance fee and other fraudulent schemes.	Convicted; Sentenced to time served	
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Adedunmola Gbadegesin, et al.</i>	5:20-CR-117-KKC	Criminal	Romance Scam; Grant Scam	Defendants assisted a romance scam. Defendants include three domestic money launderers - Fafunmi, Ineh Eqwem and Ajayi, as well as money launderer manager, Gbadegesin, who was extradited from Nigeria and convicted.	Lead defendant sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	Ismaila Fafunmi; Livingstone Ineh Eqwem; Oltaunbosun Ajayi

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USAO Kentucky, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Donna Sue Glass</i>	22-cr-00022	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant operated a personal care home/assisted living facility. In 2014, she had her resident C.W. add her as a signatory on his bank account and over the next several years, withdrew approx. \$74,000 from the account without authorization. Similarly, defendant had herself appointed as Guardian of another resident, P.J., and took control of her bank accounts. When P.J. left her facility, she continued to collect P.J.'s retirement checks without paying for her new nursing home. Glass had herself named Guardian of resident K.C., and used his account for her personal benefit without his authorization.	Charged; Convicted	
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Roy Wayne Jenkins</i>	3:21-CR-061	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant is charged with a scheme to defraud an elderly victim living with dementia. Using forgery and unauthorized online account access, defendant posed as his victim's power of attorney and converted more than \$285,000 for his own use and funneled hundreds of thousands more into his failing business. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/louisville-man-sentenced-21-months-federal-prison-defrauding-senior-victim	Sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment	
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Richard Maike, et al.</i>	4:17-cr-00012	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Seven defendants charged with mail fraud and money laundering in a pyramid scheme, which enticed investors to buy shares in an online gambling site. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/federal-jury-finds-three-guilty-pyramid-scheme	Three defendants convicted; Three sentenced, ranging from 30 to 120 months' imprisonment	Doyce Barnes; Faraday Hoseinipour; Richard Anzalone; Dennis Dvorin; Jason Syn

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USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Juan Carlos Arcena Cabrera</i>	3:22-CR-00126-CHB	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Defendant is charged with mail fraud conspiracy for his role in a grandparent scam. The charged defendant picked up a package shipped to New York by a victim in Kentucky and is linked to other victims in a larger scheme, apparently based in New York. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/federal-grand-jury-louisville-indicts-new-york-man-his-role-grandparent-scam-targeting	Charged	
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Melissa Howard</i>	1:21-CR-024	Criminal	Medication Theft	Defendant, a nurse by trade, is charged with consumer product tampering for stealing and using fentanyl patches intended for older patients and endangering those in her care in the process.	Sentenced to three years' probation	
USAO Kentucky, Western	<i>U.S. v. Robert Bondonno, et al.</i>	3:20-cr-009	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Four defendants indicted on wire fraud, mail fraud, and money laundering charges in an investment fraud scheme. Older victims believed they were investing in a substance abuse rehabilitation facility.	Sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment	Courtland Van Oden; Bearkes J. Ainsworth, Jr.; Gregory W. Dawkins;
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Rose Demers</i>	23-115	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud; Romance Scam	Defendant was indicted for acting as a money mule in a large, wide-ranging scam.	Charged	
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Christopher L. Keel, et al.</i>	22-115	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendants impersonated federal officers to convince victims to send them money.	Two defendants charged; One defendant convicted	Jayesh J. Panchal
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Karen Tigler</i>	21-28	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant was a bank teller who embezzled funds from an older client. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edla/pr/former-bank-teller-sentenced-federal-fraud-charges	Sentenced to 27 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Louisiana, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Monty Matthews</i>	22-cr-00025	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<p>Defendant advised two victims that he could make investments on their behalf and with very high rates of return. Defendant demanded that they needed to maintain an investment account with him exceeding \$550,000. Based on defendant's false assurances and representations regarding what were, in fact, non-existent investment opportunities, along with his threat to injure the victims if they did not continue to make payments, the victims made over 4,000 cash drops to defendant.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/baton-rouge-man-sentenced-57-months-federal-prison-fraudulent-investment-scheme</p>	Convicted; Sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment	
USAO Louisiana, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Monty Matthews</i>	22-25-JWD-RLB	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<p>Defendant used fraudulent means to get an older couple to provide him with approximately \$1,000,000 to obtain a "promised high interest rate." Additionally, the defendant posed as a law enforcement officer and threatened the victims with arrest and physical harm if they did not provide additional funds.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/baton-rouge-man-sentenced-57-months-federal-prison-fraudulent-investment-scheme</p>	Sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment	
USAO Louisiana, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Mohammad Alam</i>	22-20-JWD-SDJ	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	<p>Defendant was the money mule in an international computer technical support fraud scheme. The scheme took in over \$340,000 from at least 32 victims.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdla/pr/new-york-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-computer-fraud-scheme-targeted-elderly</p>	Sentenced to 2 years' probation	

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USAO Maine	<i>U.S. v. Kennedy Tanrosay, et al.</i>	2:23-cr-00030-NT	Criminal	Romance Scam	Two defendants charged with wire fraud in connection with romance scam, losses exceeded \$200,000.	Charged	Francis Aghedo
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Oluwaseyi Akinyemi</i>	TDC-21-454	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam; COVID-19 Related Fraud	Defendant and at least one co-conspirator engaged in a social media-based scheme. Members of the conspiracy targeted elderly victims, representing themselves as agents of both real and fictitious government agencies and offered victims non-existent financial rewards. Conspirators impersonated social media accounts of the victim's friends to vouch for their fraudulent financial scheme. Defendant received packages from victims throughout the country. Defendant and other co-conspirators also illegally obtained unemployment and CARES Act COVID-19 related benefits by filing fraudulent unemployment claims in the names of living and deceased victims from Maryland and Arizona. https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-eight-years-federal-prison-elder-fraud-scheme-and-unrelated	Sentenced to 96 months' imprisonment	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Isidore Iwuagwu</i>	22-MJ-2296	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant is charged with conspiring to commit money laundering related to numerous online romance scams. http://https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/special-deputy-united-states-marshall-facing-federal-charges-money-laundering-related	Charged	

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USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Eghosasere Avboraye-Igbinedion, et al.</i>	21-cr-054	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<p>Defendants were part of a conspiracy to defraud elderly victims by persuading them to send thousands of dollars in cash to members of the conspiracy, falsely stating that the money would be used to help the victims' relatives pay legal or other expenses for crimes and other incidents that had not actually occurred.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/florida-man-convicted-maryland-after-six-day-trial-nationwide-scheme-defrauded-elderly</p>	One defendant convicted; One defendant sentenced to 108 months' imprisonment	Medard Ulysse
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Daniel Ongele</i>	21-cr-266	Criminal	Identity Theft	<p>Defendant obtained the account information of the elderly victims from a co-conspirator who was employed as a bank teller. Defendant and others then used ATM in Maryland to deposit and attempt to deposit fraudulent checks drawn on the compromised accounts into accounts belonging to other conspirators.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/maryland-man-sentenced-33-months-federal-prison-12-million-bank-fraud-scheme</p>	Sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Michael Odell Anderson</i>		Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	<p>Defendant participated in a grandparent scam, posing as bail bondsman/courier to receive cash directly from victims, taking approximately 7 percent of the proceeds and distributing the remaining proceeds to other conspirators.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/fraudster-pleads-guilty-participating-800000-elder-fraud-scam</p>	Convicted	

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USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Charles Egunjobi</i>	22-mj-02363	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant is charged with operating an unlicensed money service business relating to numerous online romance scams. https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/district-columbia-auditor-faces-money-laundering-charges-related-international-romance	Charged	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Isidore Iwuagwu</i>	23-cr-145	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant, a Special Deputy United States Marshal and Department of Justice contractor providing security for critical Department of Justice facilities, participated in a romance scam. https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/special-deputy-united-states-marshal-facing-federal-charges-money-laundering-related	Charged	
USAO Maryland	<i>U.S. v. Sylvester Atekwane</i>	21-cr-338	Criminal	COVID-19 Related Fraud; Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant and others agreed to collect the names, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers of victims to impersonate victims and submit fraudulent unemployment claims in those victims' names. In at least one instance, defendant used his position as a caregiver to unlawfully access victims' personally identifiable information to obtain unemployment insurance benefits. https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/hyattsville-man-pleads-guilty-his-role-cares-act-and-unemployment-insurance-fraud-scheme	Convicted	

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USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Kelechi Collins Umeh</i>	22-mj-01286-DLC	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant charged in connection with his role in expansive online fraud schemes, including romance scams and advanced fee scams. It is alleged that defendant used fake passports in the names of numerous aliases to open bank accounts to collect and launder the proceeds of the online scams. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/quincy-man-arrested-defrauding-victims-using-various-online-schemes	Charged	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Mike Oziegbe Amiegbe</i>	21-CR-10339-IT	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant opened bank accounts using fake passports in others' names to receive the proceeds from online scams, including romance scams. After defendant received the victims' money, he withdrew the fraud proceeds in cash or with a cashier's check and sent the money to his co-conspirators overseas.	Charged; Convicted	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Francis Okafor</i>	22-CR-10095-DPW	Criminal	Loan Scam; Romance Scam	Defendant and others participated in a series of romance scams designed to defraud victims. Defendant used false foreign passports in the names of others but with his photo to open numerous bank accounts. In turn, co-conspirators directed victims to send money to these accounts. Defendant and his co-conspirators then withdrew the victims' money from various bank branches and ATMs and wired the money overseas. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/taunton-man-sentenced-prison-role-million-dollar-online-romance-scams	Convicted; Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Kofi Osei</i>	21-CR-10064-IT	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant, a Ghanaian national living in Massachusetts, is charge with wire fraud, aiding and abetting, money laundering, and making a false statements to a bank in a romance scam. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/money-launderer-sentenced-8-million-romance-scam-fraud-scheme	Convicted; Sentenced to 54 months' imprisonment	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Chukwunonso Douglas Umegbo</i>	21-CR-10066	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant opened bank accounts using fake identity documents. It is alleged that the bank accounts were used to receive fraudulently obtained funds from romance scams. Once the fraudulently obtained funds reached the accounts controlled by defendant, he allegedly withdrew the money in cash, used the funds to purchase cashier's checks, or spent the money on personal purchases. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/former-new-bedford-man-extradited-wire-fraud-and-money-laundering-arising-alleged	Extradited	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Macpherson Osemwegia</i>	21-cr-10219	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant agreed with others to participate in a series of romance and other online scams designed to trick victims into sending money to accounts that defendant and others controlled. Defendant's role was to open bank accounts into which victim funds were transferred and quickly withdraw the funds. In less than three years, he opened at least 16 bank accounts at seven banks using four different fraudulent passports. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/boston-man-sentenced-nearly-three-years-jail-online-fraud-schemes	Sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Mark Arome Okuo</i>	21-CR-10309	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant participated in a conspiracy involving romance scams and other online frauds. To further the conspiracy, defendant used fake passports in the names of aliases to open bank accounts. He then executed large cash withdrawals from those accounts. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/canton-man-pleads-guilty-online-fraud-conspiracy	Convicted	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Paul McGonigle</i>	21-CR-10181	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant served as a financial advisor for the victims, many of whom were elderly, one of whom was living with dementia, and another who suffered a traumatic brain injury. He caused unauthorized withdrawals from victims' annuities and induced victims to give him money to invest on their behalf. To carry out his scheme, defendant posed as clients on calls with their annuity companies and signed their names on forms requesting withdrawals from their annuities. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/middleboro-financial-adviser-pleads-guilty-investment-adviser-fraud	Convicted	
USAO Massachusetts	<i>U.S. v. Steven Xigoros</i>	21-cr-10286	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant used his position as an accountant, tax preparer and investment advisor to misappropriate millions of dollars from his clients. He induced clients to entrust their money to him to make various investments, to purchase securities, and to lend him money for purported business ventures. Defendant then used those funds for his own expenses, including to make payments against his gambling debts. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ma/pr/lowell-money-manager-sentenced-more-nine-years-prison-defrauding-clients-millions	Convicted; Sentenced to 109 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Cody Timmerman, et al.</i>	20-cr-233	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	Defendants participated in a telemarketing scheme. The scheme was carried out by a network of dozens of fraudulent magazine sales companies located across the United States and in Canada. The companies operated telemarketing call centers from which their employees made calls using deceptive sales scripts designed to defraud victim consumers by inducing them—through a series of lies and misrepresentations—into making large or repeat payments to the companies.	One defendant convicted	Irma Beatrice Timmerman; Sierra Iris Dawn Gallegos; Justin Donald Suhajda; Todd Allen Hughes
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Russell Rahm, et al.</i>	20-cr-232	Criminal	Other - Telemarketing Fraud	Defendants participated in a telemarketing scheme. The scheme was carried out by a network of dozens of fraudulent magazine sales companies located across the United States and in Canada. The companies operated telemarketing call centers from which their employees made calls using deceptive sales scripts designed to defraud victim consumers by inducing them—through a series of lies and misrepresentations—into making large or repeat payments to the companies.	Fourteen defendants convicted	The 43 defendants are identified here: https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/sixty-defendants-charged-300-million-nationwide-telemarketing-fraud-scheme
USAO Minnesota	<i>U.S. v. Gayle Joyce Ferngren</i>	0:22-cr-00358	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant and others participated in a scheme to launder proceeds of romance fraud scams and schemes to defraud Federal Pandemic Assistance Programs. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/rush-city-woman-pleads-guilty-18-million-scheme-involving-romance-fraud-and-federal	Convicted	

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USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Jessica Medrano</i>	4:22CR00448 HEA	Criminal	Identity Theft; Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, the victim's niece, obtained access to her disabled and elderly uncle's identifying and bank account information upon the illness of her mother. She used the information to purchase merchandise and initiate the wire transfer of funds.	Charged	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Andrea Nicole Hopkins</i>	4:22CR00498 AGF-DDN	Criminal	Identity Theft	Defendant was a bank branch manager who fraudulently accessed customer accounts and initiated transactions without their knowledge or permission. She used the money to buy a motorcycle, to pay for living expenses and to pay personal debts. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/florissant-bank-manager-sentenced-18-months-prison-stealing-175000	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Gino Rives</i>	4:23MJ9021 RHH	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant befriended an elderly woman and defrauded her of large sums of money and vehicles.	Charged	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Alexis Butler</i>	4:23CR345 SRC	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant transferred funds from the credit union account of her 96-year-old great-grandmother into an account she opened. The transferred funds represented the majority of her great-grandmother's savings.	Charged	

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USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Linda Matson</i>	4:21CR654 SEP	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant was advised by postal authorities that she was a victim in a romance scheme. After being advised of it, and receiving a money mule letter, defendant began deceiving her family members into sending \$590,000 that she forwarded. Defendant admitted she intended to use the money for reasons she was concealing from the postal inspector. She also admitted lying to the inspector and the FBI. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/woman-who-lied-about-romance-scam-sentenced-2-years-prison	Convicted; Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	
USAO Missouri, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Rotimi Oladimeji, et al.</i>	4:21CR00423 RWS	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant admitted to obtaining or trying to obtain more than \$1.2 million as part of a romance scam. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edmo/pr/texas-man-admits-12-million-romance-scam-targeting-st-louis-woman	Convicted	Olumide Akinrinmade
USAO Missouri, Western	<i>U.S. v. Morgan Nicole Armstrong, et al.</i>	23-00127-CR-W-RK	Criminal	Identity Theft; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Two defendants stole social security and other checks from nursing home residents and also used their identities to commit bank fraud. One of the defendants was employed at the nursing home.	Charged	Lance Arthur Beciseker
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Debra Gean Roeber</i>	CR 22-15-BU-DLC	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant defrauded a blind elderly woman of her money while providing home care to the victim. He took the money and built a lake house. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/butte-woman-sentenced-prison-stealing-more-600000-elderly-blind-victim-under-her	Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	

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USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Theresa Chabot</i>	CR 22-18-M-DLC	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Romance Scam	Defendant was the mule for elder abuse, including romance scams, investment scams, advance pay fee scams, etc. Upon receiving millions of dollars, Chabot would take a cut and then send it overseas to the United Arab Emirates. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/kalispell-woman-admits-running-money-mule-business-sending-money-overseas	Convicted; Sentenced to 57 months' imprisonment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Elizabeth Stephenson</i>	CR 21-28-BLG-SPW	Criminal	Identity Theft; Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant worked at an assisted living facility and stole money from a 96-year-old resident who gave her his debit card and PIN to buy him a six-pack of beer. Over the next month, defendant used the card to withdraw over \$16,000 from ATMs, spent over \$1,000 on fees to talk to her boyfriend in jail, and used the victim's credit card to pay \$3,500 for a criminal defense attorney. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/billings-woman-sentenced-32-months-prison-identity-theft-case	Sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Shantyl Giacoletto</i>	CR 22-19-BU-DLC	Criminal	Medication Theft	While working as a full-time nurse at a hospital, defendant stole oxycodone, hydrocodone, and morphine from the hospital claiming the drugs were for patients. When caught and fired, defendant moved on to assisted living facilities and, eventually, in-home care and continued to steal the drugs directly from patients. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/butte-nurse-sentenced-prison-stealing-opiates-area-medical-centers	Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	

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USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Garrett Hamilton</i>	CR 22-10-M-DLC	Criminal	Identity Theft	Defendant fraudulently used credit and gift cards stolen from the residence of an elderly couple.	Sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Shantyl Giacoletto</i>	22-19-BU-DLC	Criminal	Medication Theft	Defendant was a traveling nurse that stole painkillers from elderly patients in assisted living facilities. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/butte-nurse-sentenced-prison-stealing-opiates-area-medical-centers	Sentenced to 13 months' imprisonment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Eddy Joseph, et al.</i>	23-25-M-DWM	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendants conspired with a large enterprise originating from India, as part of a government imposter scam.	Charged	Sukhdev Vaid
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. John Russell Howald</i>	21-04-H-BMM	Criminal	Violent Crime	Defendant repeatedly shot at the house of a 71-year-old woman because of her sexual orientation and voiced a plan to attack the entire LGBTQ+ community of the small town (most elderly individual). https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/montana-man-sentenced-federal-hate-and-firearms-crimes-shooting-intended-kill-and-rid	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 216 months' imprisonment	
USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Gina Mann</i>	CR 22-17-BLG-DLC	Criminal	Identity Theft; Relative/Caretaker Fraud or Embezzlement	After the 74-year-old victim's wife died, defendant offered to manage his finances. She convinced him to create an online banking account which she controlled and depleted and then opened new credit cards in his name accumulating over \$115,000 in unauthorized charges. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/glendive-woman-admits-stealing-more-119000-man-whose-finances-she-managed	Convicted	

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USAO Montana	<i>U.S. v. Ira Kyrk Westbrook</i>	CR-22-14-BU-DLC	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant's father, John Doe, 72, travelled from New Mexico to Montana to visit his son. Doe had suffered several strokes and now has limited mobility and speech. He never returned to New Mexico and was placed in a nursing home. Defendant was appointed as a fiduciary for Doe's SSA and VA benefits and diverted over \$50,000 for his own personal expenses. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mt/pr/bozeman-man-sentenced-prison-stealing-social-security-benefits-while-acting-fiduciary	Convicted; Sentenced to six months' imprisonment	
USAO Nebraska	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Breyer, et al.</i>	8:23CR79	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendants, despite multiple warnings that they were participating in a lottery scam, deposited \$70,000 from a lottery scam victim in two bank accounts in their name and withdrew \$55,000 and remitted to unknown parties. Authorities recovered \$15,000 using a seizure warrant to one of the banks.	Charged	Elaine Breyer
USAO Nebraska	<i>U.S. v. Wendy J. Bailey</i>	8:21CR244	Criminal	Business Imposter Scam; Investment Fraud; Loan Scam; Romance Scam	Defendant was charged in a mail fraud scheme. She occupied the role of an intermediary between those running the scheme and the victims.	Convicted; Sentenced to time served	

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USAO New Hampshire	<i>U.S. v. Ian Freeman, et al.</i>	21-cr-41-JL	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam; Investment Fraud; Romance Scam	<p>Ian Freeman operated a sophisticated, unlawful money services business (MSB) selling millions of dollars of virtual currency. By operating an unlicensed MSB, Freeman sold bitcoin without abiding by any FinCEN and Bank Secrecy Act regulations which require MSBs to, among other things, have an anti-money laundering program and collect know-your-customer information. As a result, a substantial percentage of Freeman's customers were fraudsters who paid Freeman's higher fees in exchange for anonymity. The investigation revealed these fraudsters perpetrated all manners of fraudulent schemes, including those targeting elderly individuals.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-nh/pr/ian-freeman-convicted-all-counts-relating-bitcoin-money-laundering-scheme</p>	Two defendants convicted	Aria DiMezzo; Andrew Spinella; Renee Spinella; Nobody ak/a/ Richard Paul
USAO New Hampshire	<i>U.S. v. Craig Corriveau</i>	22-cr-128-SE	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	<p>Defendant stole approximately \$84,000 from the victim and left her with almost \$20,000 in credit card debt. He only stopped stealing after he breached the credit limit on the victim's credit cards and emptied the bank accounts.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-nh/pr/east-rochester-man-sentenced-defrauding-elderly-family-member</p>	Charged; Convicted; Sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment	

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USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Rubbin Sarpong</i>	21-cr-285	Criminal	Romance Scam	<p>Defendant and his conspirators, several of whom reside in Ghana, allegedly participated in an online romance scheme. Although the stories varied, most often Sarpong and the conspirators claimed to be military personnel stationed in Syria who received, recovered, or were awarded gold bars. The conspirators told many victims that their money would be returned once the gold bars were received in the United States.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/cumberland-county-man-sentenced-14-years-prison-conspiring-commit-wire-fraud-money</p>	Sentenced to 168 months' imprisonment	
USAO New Jersey	<i>U.S. v. Ashish Bajaj</i>	22-cr-520	Criminal	Business Imposter Scam	<p>Defendant and his co-conspirators fraudulently obtained funds by impersonating fraud prevention representatives from banks. They told the victims that they worked at a "hub" for multiple financial institutions' fraud departments and they were reaching out because the victims' bank accounts had been hacked.</p>	Sentenced to 33 months' imprisonment	

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USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Odera Odabi</i>	23-CR-169	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant and others defraud John Doe, an elderly Suffolk County resident, of approximately \$5 million. The defendant worked with other individuals to obtain payments from John Doe in connection with an Internet romance scam that operated from the Atlanta area and Nigeria. The defendant used some of the transferred funds to purchase luxury goods, such as purchases at Louis Vuitton and the Apple Store. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/georgia-man-indicted-scheme-defraud-elderly-suffolk-county-victim-more-5-million	Charged	
USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Samuel Grant</i>	23-CR-241	Criminal	Fraud or Embezzlement by Acquaintance	Defendant deposited stolen or forged checks belonging to elderly victims throughout Suffolk County and then used the funds to pay his personal expenses.	Charged	
USAO New York, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Joseph Degregorio</i>	22-CR-30 (KAM)	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant was a stockbroker who called former and new clients to sell them investments in fictitious companies.	Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	
USAO New York, Northern	<i>U.S. v. JoAnne Natalie</i>	1:22-cr-00243-GTS	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant was charged with misappropriation by a fiduciary and government theft in connection with stealing funds from a veteran who had been declared incompetent, with losses exceeding \$50,000. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/saratoga-springs-woman-pleads-guilty-misappropriating-funds-fiduciary-veteran	Charged; Convicted	

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USAO New York, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Trina Gigliotti</i>	5:22-cr-00252-DNH	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant was indicted for misappropriating the funds of the legally incompetent spouse of a deceased veteran, as well as stealing from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndny/pr/utica-woman-indicted-theft-and-misappropriation-funds-fiduciary	Charged	
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Jennifer Shah, et al.</i>	19-CR-833	Criminal	Work-at-home Scam	Defendants operated a multi-year fraud and money laundering scheme that falsely convinced victims to invest in bogus work-from-home schemes. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/reality-show-cast-member-jennifer-shah-sentenced-78-months-prison-running-nationwide	Lead defendant sentenced to 78 months' imprisonment	Anthony Cheedie; Stuart Smith; Kevin Handren; Cameron Brewster; Chad Allen; Shane Hanna; Joseph Ciaccio; Joseph Minetto; Derrek Larkin; Joseph DePaola; Mattie Cirilo
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Farouk Appiedu, et al.</i>	21-CR-88	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	A criminal enterprise based in Ghana (the "Enterprise") committed a series of Business Email Compromises and romance scams. Calvin received fraud proceeds from victims of the Enterprise in personal bank accounts as well as business bank accounts for his company Freeman Autos LLC. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/new-jersey-man-sentenced-78-months-laundering-millions-fraud-schemes-perpetrated-ghana	Sentenced to 78 months' imprisonment	Fred Asanta; Calvin Freeman; Lord Aning

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USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Vinoth Ponmaran, et al.</i>	19-CR-667	Criminal	Technical Support Scam	Defendants were part of a conspiracy that for several years exploited elderly victims by remotely accessing their computers and convincing victims to pay for computer support services they did not need, and which were never actually provided. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/man-arrested-leading-role-10-million-tech-support-fraud-scheme-exploited-elderly	Charged	Ariful Haque; Romana Leyva
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Adedayo John, et al.</i>	21-CR-609	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	Defendants were charged in connection with a money laundering and bank fraud conspiracy in which they laundered funds on behalf of a criminal enterprise that engaged in Business Email Compromise and romance scams involving both older and non-older victims.	Four defendants convicted; Four sentenced, ranging from 15 to 24 months' imprisonment	Oluwadamilola Akinpelu; Kazeem Raheem; Morakinyo Gbeyide; Warris Adenuga; Smart Agunbiade; Lateef Goloba; Samsondeen Goloba; Olawale Olaniyan; Olawayin Peter Olarewaju; Emmanuel Oronsaye-Ajayi; Aramiwale Shittu
USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sadick Edusei Kissi</i>	21-CR-64	Criminal	Romance Scam; Business Email Compromise Scam	Defendant was convicted of three criminal counts he was charged with for his participation in a conspiracy based in the Republic of Ghana ("Ghana"), which operated a series of romance scams.	Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment	

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USAO New York, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Peaches Stergo</i>	23-cr-20	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant engaged in a scheme to defraud an 87-year-old Holocaust survivor of over \$2.8 million, which was his life savings. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/florida-woman-arrested-defrauding-holocaust-survivor-28-million-connection-romance-scam	Charged; Convicted	
USAO New York, Western	<i>U.S. v. Michael Kornaker</i>	1:21-cr-00037	Criminal	Identity Theft; Loan Scam; COVID-19 Related Fraud	Defendant fraudulently applied for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), using the name and personal information of another person and without that person's permission. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/north-tonawanda-man-going-back-prison-covid-19-relief-fraud-and-violating-supervised	Convicted; Sentenced to 28 months' imprisonment	
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Mamady Fadima Conde, et al.</i>	No. 5:22-CR-348-D	Criminal	Identity Theft; Romance Scam; COVID-19 Related Fraud	Defendants charged with money laundering conspiracy and substantive money laundering in connection with scheme to launder the proceeds of various frauds, including an identity theft scheme that targeted the Social Security retirement accounts of victims throughout the United States.	Charged	Joseph Kingsley Irona; Chinedu Frances Okwuosha

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USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Joseph Walker Floyd, IV, et al.</i>	7:23-CR-1-BO	Criminal	Investment Fraud	<p>The defendants operated an insurance business through which they offered a purported "loan program." Defendants solicited investment funds in exchange for interest-bearing promissory notes. Investors were led to believe that the insurance company was investing in a related business enterprise that was earning sufficient profits from which to pay the promised rate of return and fund redemptions of principal upon demand. In truth, the insurance company borrowed more than \$20 million from investors and did not have the means to service the debt through any legitimate business source.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/insurance-executives-plead-guilty-conspiracy-multi-million-dollar-ponzi-scheme</p>	Charged	William Frederick Floyd, Jr.
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Furman Alexander Ford</i>	5:20-CR-351	Criminal	Identity Theft	<p>Defendant was the owner and operator of IAM Healthcare. He oversaw a scheme to trick group homes located into providing client Medicare information. He also targeted small community churches by offering food in exchange for Medicare information. Ford then used the information from these schemes to submit Medicare claims on behalf of these elderly and disabled beneficiaries who did not receive any services from IAM Healthcare.</p> <p>https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/raleigh-man-sentenced-healthcare-fraud-wire-fraud-and-identity-theft-elderly-and</p>	Sentenced to 204 months' imprisonment	

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USAO North Carolina, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Alepheus Brewer</i>	5:23-cv-260	Civil	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant assisted and facilitated a sweepstakes or lottery scam. Brewer received the victims' funds through the United States Postal Service or commercial mail carriers, deposited the fraudulently obtained funds into various bank accounts that Brewer owned in the United States, and then permitted individuals in Jamaica to withdraw the funds through ATMs.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	
USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. Nachiket Banwari</i>	3:23-cr-62	Criminal	Technical Support Scam	Defendant is charged with conspiring to carry out an international internet technical support fraud scam by tricking victims into purchasing unnecessary technical support services. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/charlotte-man-indicted-international-multi-million-dollar-tech-support-fraud-scam	Charged	
USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. Colby Joyner</i>	3:22-cr-180	Criminal	Government Program Fraud	Defendant participated in a genetic testing scheme that resulted in the submission of more than \$10 million in fraudulent claims to the Medicare program. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/federal-jury-finds-physician-assistant-guilty-10-million-medicare-fraud	Charged; Convicted	

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USAO North Carolina, Western	<i>U.S. v. Austin Delano Page, et al.</i>	3:19-cr-348	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants engaged in an investment scheme, falsely representing to victims that they were operating a hedge fund that invested in various securities, including stock of well-known companies like Apple. Contrary to representations made to victim investors, defendants did not operate a hedge fund. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/ponzi-scheme-operators-are-sentenced-prison-4-million-investment-fraud	Defendants sentenced to 48 and 97 months' imprisonment	Brandon Alexander Teague
USAO North Dakota	<i>U.S. v. Adam Drake</i>	3:21-cr-155	Criminal	Identity Theft	The defendant was charged with wire fraud and aggravated identity theft in connection with defendant's financial exploitation of his grandparents.	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	
USAO Ohio, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Raymond A. Erker, et al.</i>	1:20CR478	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant targeted elderly investors with a private annuity scam. He set up call centers in Delaware and Nevada that purported to be legitimate companies. Defendant paid distributions to prior investors with funds from new investors. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/former-westlake-investment-advisor-sentenced-nearly-22-years-prison-operating-ponzi	Sentenced to 262 months' imprisonment	
USAO Ohio, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Javon Jonathan Spencer</i>	1:21-cr-881	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes Fraud/Psychic	Spencer was involved in a lottery fraud scheme that targeted elderly victims. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndoh/pr/jamaican-national-sentenced-prison-lottery-fraud	Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Shahiydullah A. Binraymond</i>	2:21-cr-120	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant tricked an elderly couple into transferring a deed to real property.	Sentenced to 44 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Steven Humphrey</i>	3:22-cr-027	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant convinced the older victim to invest over \$1,000,000 in a fraudulent investment scheme involving rubber, plastics and automobiles.	Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Mark Alan Thomas</i>	2:21-cr-175	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant stole over \$500,000 from an older woman while acting as the woman's power of attorney. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/former-belmont-county-attorney-sentenced-5-years-prison-stealing-more-800000-elderly	Convicted; Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	
USAO Ohio, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Seth Nyamekye</i>	2:21-cr-93	Criminal	Romance Scam; Investment Scam	Defendant and co-conspirators created profiles on online dating sites and cultivated romantic relationships with older victims who they then convinced to send money for investments that did not exist. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdoh/pr/canal-winchester-man-sentenced-5-years-prison-romance-scam-money-laundering-conspiracy	Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	
USAO Oklahoma, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Elga Eugene Harper</i>	22-CR-170-JFH	Criminal	Violent Crime	Defendant went to the home of a 72-year-old nun in the Anglican tradition who lived in the Muscogee Creek Nation Indian Reservation where he asked to use the bathroom. Inside the house, Defendant assaulted, raped, and strangled the 72-year-old woman with a rope. Defendant tied up her hands and feet, preventing her from leaving her home or calling 911.	Convicted	
USAO Oklahoma, Western	<i>U.S. v. Jorge Mario Jaramillo-Orozco, et al.</i>	CR-22-285-PRW	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Defendants acted as couriers for a scheme where victims received a call from a person pretending to be a grandchild or friend or a lawyer calling on that person's behalf.	Charged	Alexander de Jesus Hernandez

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USAO Pennsylvania, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Foberta Gass</i>	23-cv-1844	Civil	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant plays a critical role in a lottery fraud scheme by receiving victim payments by mail or common carrier, depositing the payments into her bank accounts, and then transferring the funds by wire transfer to individuals in Jamaica engaged in the scheme.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	
USAO Pennsylvania, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Robert Burns</i>	23-cv-1885	Civil	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant has assisted and facilitated a lottery fraud scheme by accepting victim payments and providing participants of the scheme with access to those payments.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	
USAO Pennsylvania, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Shannon Burns</i>	23-cv-1886	Civil	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant has assisted and facilitated a lottery fraud scheme by accepting victim payments and providing participants of the scheme with access to those payments.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	
USAO Pennsylvania, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Melinda Bixler</i>	1:2022-cr-87	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant misappropriated funds from bank accounts of older victims residing in a nursing home via unlawful use of a power of attorney. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdpa/pr/york-woman-sentenced-18-months-prison-money-laundering-scheme	Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Zachary Dinell</i>	22-cr-00084	Criminal	Hate Crimes	Defendants were employees of an in-patient health care facility. Residents of the facility suffered from a range of severe physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities, and required assistance with all activities of daily living, including bathing, using the bathroom, oral hygiene, feeding, and dressing. Defendants engaged in a conspiracy to commit hate crimes against residents of the facility because of the residents' actual or perceived disabilities. Dinell and Smith carried out assaults in a variety of ways, including by punching and kicking residents, jumping on residents, rubbing hand sanitizer in their eyes, spraying liquid irritants, including mouthwash, in their eyes and mouths, and in one instance removing a resident's compression stocking in a manner intended to inflict pain.	Convicted; Sentenced to 204 months' imprisonment	
USAO Pennsylvania, Western	<i>U.S. v. Adrian Orozco Perez</i>	22-132	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Defendant was a courier in a grandparent scam targeting Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Georgia. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/florida-resident-sentenced-36-months-prison-conspiracy-commit-wire-fraud-and-money	Convicted; Sentenced to 36 months' imprisonment	
USAO Puerto Rico	<i>U.S. v. Gary Steven Wykle, et al.</i>	20-216 (FAB)	Criminal	Investment Fraud	The defendants organized a Ponzi scheme, representing that their investments were safe and performing as promised. Investors received "actual returns" from defendants. These alleged profits were, in fact, funds from new investors.	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	Alejandro Cortés-López

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USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Jason Hatcher, et al.</i>	21-CR-00071	Criminal	Grandparent Scam/Relative in Distress Scam	Defendants allegedly participated in a scheme to contact elderly Rhode Islanders and pose as the person's grandchild, claiming that they had been arrested and needed money for bail. Several victims were contacted multiple times. Some victims were told that a "gag order" was in effect and that they were prohibited from telling anyone about the case or the cash payments. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/three-sentenced-grandparent-scam-conspiracy-defrauded-rhode-island-seniors	Two defendants convicted; Three defendants sentenced, ranging from 30 to 33 months' imprisonment	Bryan Valdez-Espinosa; Diego Alarcon
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Wisdom Onyobeno, et al.</i>	19-cr-1115	Criminal	Romance Scam	Five defendants conspired to participate in a romance scam conspiracy. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/texas-woman-sentenced-romance-fraud-scams-defrauded-seniors-more-26-million	Two defendants convicted; One defendant sentenced to 78 months' imprisonment	Dominique Golden; Syreta Scherer; Breuna Williams
USAO Rhode Island	<i>U.S. v. Fola Alabi</i>	22-cr-00074	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant participated in a conspiracy where one member posed as a high-ranking military officer stationed overseas while befriending and gaining the trust of seniors in at least ten states, including Rhode Island. Defendant has been charged in federal court in Rhode Island with bilking seniors out of nearly one million dollars.	Convicted; Sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment	
USAO South Dakota	<i>U.S. v. Jessica Nohava, et al.</i>	21-40135	Criminal	Mail Theft	Defendants broke into a post office in a small community, stole mail, and shared the items with others.	Two defendants convicted; two defendants sentenced to 3 years' probation	Misty Crowe; Heather Stahlhoefer

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USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Amin</i>	22-cr-321	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant is charged with operating an illegal money transmitting business, which laundered funds from wire fraud schemes including internet fraud and romance scams. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/dual-citizen-gets-max-laundering-romance-scam-proceeds	One defendant charged; One defendant convicted	Akua Dufie
USAO Tennessee, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Bonuta Knight</i>	3:23-cr-00059	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant was charged for her role with a romance and advance fee fraud scheme.	Charged; Convicted	
USAO Tennessee, Middle	<i>U.S. v. Karl Hampton</i>	21-cr-109	Criminal	Fraud or Embezzlement by Acquaintance	Defendant met the victim while he was working as an exterminator in her home. He tricked the victim into believing that he would care for her personally and financially. He held himself out as the victim's "personal representative," her "son" or her "godson," and pretended that he was acting on her behalf. https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdtn/pr/man-convicted-defrauding-elderly-widow-12-million	Convicted	
USAO Tennessee, Western	<i>U.S. v. Royan J. Smith, et al.</i>	1:22-cr-10012	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Two defendants indicted for mail fraud in connection with a lottery fraud scam.	Two convicted; Two sentenced to 18 and 34 months' imprisonment	Leonard Christopher Mack

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USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Aakash Gandhi</i>	1:21CR0078	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant and others operated a scheme that defrauded victims throughout the United States by calling victims and claiming to be with the SSA. Defendant tracked currency shipments for the conspiracy and recovered packages of United States currency shipped by those who had been victimized by the scheme, receiving a portion of the proceeds and delivering the remaining currency to co-conspirators. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/washington-state-man-sentenced-fictitious-social-security-scheme-targeting-east-texas	Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	
USAO Texas, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. James Clark Nix, et al.</i>	4:20cr355	Criminal	Investment Fraud; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant found guilty for orchestrating a retirement investment scheme that defrauded older investors out of a combined total of more than \$6 million. Defendant spent the proceeds on luxury cars, homes, and hotels. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edtx/pr/austin-area-man-sentenced-48-years-federal-prison-fraud-and-money-laundering-violations	Sentenced to 576 months' imprisonment	Bradley Paul Nix
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. David Animashaun, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-435	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendants were indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money-laundering in connection with a romance scam. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/romance-scammer-sentenced-3-years-prison	One defendant convicted; Two defendants sentenced to 37 months' imprisonment	Oluwalobamise Michael Moses; Irabor Fatarr Musa; Ijeoma Okoro; Chukwuemeka Orji; Emanuel Stanley Orji; aka Roland Iheke; Frederick Orji

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USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Afeez Alao</i>	3:21-CR-437	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendant was indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money-laundering in connection with a romance scam.	Convicted; Sentenced to 51 months' imprisonment	
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Ambrose Ohide</i>	3:21-cr-00434	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendant was indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money-laundering in connection with a romance scam.	Convicted	
USAO Texas, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Uwadiale Esezobor, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-436	Criminal	Romance Scam	The defendants were indicted for conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money-laundering in connection with a romance scam.	Two defendants sentenced to 33 and 46 months' imprisonment	Victor Idowu
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. MD Azad, et al.</i>	4:20-cr-157S	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	Defendants participated in a fraud ring which operated out of various cities including Houston. Part of the scheme involved fraudsters contacting victims by phone or via internet sites for computer technical support and directing victims to a particular phone number. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/last-individual-admits-role-nationwide-fraud-scheme-targeting-elderly-victims	One defendant convicted	Sumit Kumar Singh; Himanshu Kumar; Anirudha Kalkote
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Moini Pinjara, et al.</i>	20-cr-356S	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant was part of a large fraud ring posing as DEA or SSA employees who exploited older victims across the United States. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/fourth-sentenced-government-impersonation-call-center-scam	Sentenced to 29 months' imprisonment	Viral Gandhi; Burham Syed; Myisha Carter

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USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Waseem Maknojiya</i>	4:20cr558	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendant was involved in a government imposter scam via Indian call centers to extort money from victims in the United States. He acted as a runner in these schemes, using aliases and fake identification documents to pick up more than 70 parcels containing cash the scheme's victims had mailed. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/indian-national-sentenced-government-impersonation-call-center-scam	Sentenced to 60 months' imprisonment	
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Anthony Munigety, et al.</i>	4:21cr595	Criminal	Technical Support Fraud	Defendants conspired with India-based fraudsters, including those operating technical support scams.	One defendant charged	Ravi Kumar; Sonia Mascarenhas
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Sohil Usmangani Vahora, et al.</i>	22-cr-440	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Defendants conspired with an India-based call center as part of a government imposter scam. Zaheen Malvi first acted as a runner in the scheme, going to different Target stores in the Chicago area and depleting funds from gift cards that victims had transferred to the call centers. In later years, Malvi managed other runners as they traveled around the country, picking up packages filled with cash that call center victims had mailed.	Charged; One defendant convicted	
USAO Texas, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Amin</i>	22-cr-321	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant is charged with operating an illegal money transmitting business, which laundered funds from wire fraud schemes including internet fraud and romance scams. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdtx/pr/dual-citizen-gets-max-laundering-romance-scam-proceeds	One defendant charged; One defendant convicted	Akua Dufie

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USAO Texas, Western	<i>U.S. v. Harry Cole, et al.</i>	18-cr-333	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	A Nigerian national residing in Canada and a Dallas woman operating a marketing leads business were sentenced for their roles in a fraudulent “sweepstakes” scheme that sent more than \$250 million in counterfeit checks with fraudulent lottery award letters to elderly U.S. victims. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdtx/pr/two-more-sentenced-sweepstakes-scheme-targeting-elderly-victims	Two defendants sentenced to 30 and 78 months' imprisonment	Akintola Akinmadeyemi; Joel Calvin; Clarence Barefield; Donna Lundy; Tony Dada Akinbobola; Emmanuel Olawale Ajayi; Bolaji Akinwunmi Oyewole
USAO Texas, Western	<i>U.S. v. Telise Armke</i>	23-cr-162	Criminal	Fraud or Embezzlement by Acquaintance	Defendant, through a mutual friend, befriended victims. Defendant proceeded to tell victims she had a payment coming from FEMA, but that certain taxes, fees, etc. had to be paid before FEMA would release the money.	Charged	
USAO Utah	<i>U.S. v. Chaohui Chen</i>	2:20-cr-128	Criminal	Government Imposter Scam	Three defendants charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud, worked with unknown co-conspirators to call victims and use false pretenses to convince them to purchase gift cards and share the gift card numbers with them. That information was then shared with the defendants who used the numbers to purchase items and additional prepaid gift cards (generally not traceable to the fraud). https://www.justice.gov/usao-ut/pr/defendants-sentenced-217200-gift-card-conspiracy-and-wire-fraud-scheme-cheated-victims	Two defendants convicted; Two defendants sentenced to 21 and 36 months' imprisonment	Wenyi Zheng; Yu Cheng

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USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Jerry Woodlief</i>	4:22-cr-4	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant used his position as power of attorney to obtain funds from his charge and several of that victim's family members. The defendant forged family member signatures, diverted funds intended for his charge and other family members, and sold property belonging to his charge that was intended for the charge's grandchildren.	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Aasim Khan</i>	1:22-cr-34	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant was a bank manager at an Arlington bank branch. He, without authorization, wrote a \$240,000 check from a money market account belonging to a 91-year-old customer, and moved money from the account of another customer, who was 84 years old, without this customer's permission.	Sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Clarence Rice</i>	4:21-cr-60	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendant falsely represented to victims that he was going to receive a sizeable inheritance from his father's death, under the condition that he paid off all his existing debts. He tricked victims into giving him large sums of money using the false representations that he needed the funds to obtain his inheritance. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/hampton-man-sentenced-15-years-defrauding-elderly-victims-and-tax-evasion	Sentenced to 180 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Mable Jones</i>	3:21-cr-30	Criminal	Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement; Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, who owned a Richmond assisted living facility, spent money meant for residents' care on travel, debts, and gambling. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/richmond-assisted-living-facility-owner-sentenced-health-care-fraud	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	

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USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. David Alcorn, et al.</i>	19-cr-47	Criminal	Investment Fraud	Defendants were part of an investment fraud conspiracy that operated out of California, Arizona, Florida, Idaho, and Hampton Roads, among other locations across the country. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edva/pr/arizona-and-california-men-sentenced-20-million-investment-fraud	Two defendants sentenced to 156 and 185 months' imprisonment	Aghee Smith
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Jerry Woodlief</i>	4:22-cr-4	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant used his position as power of attorney to obtain funds from his charge and several of the victim's family members. The defendant forged family member signatures, diverted funds intended for his charge and other family members, and sold property belonging to his charge that was intended for the charge's grandchildren.	Convicted; Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Ishmael Kayde</i>	23-cr-94	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant conspired and agreed with multiple co-conspirators to launder funds derived from mail or wire fraud schemes, including romance fraud, gold and diamond investment fraud, and other fraud scams. During his participation in this money laundering conspiracy, defendant received funds in his bank accounts from victims of those romance and other fraud schemes while working with and at the direction of associates located in foreign jurisdictions, including Ghana.	Charged; Convicted	
USAO Virginia, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. Sharon Johnson</i>	22-cr-16	Criminal	Government Program Fraud	Defendant fraudulently billed Medicaid for personal care services purportedly provided to at least 14 of her patients, knowingly submitting timesheets to Medicaid that falsely claimed that certain aides had provided services, when, in fact, they had not.	Convicted	

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USAO Washington, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. David Antonio Cecerril</i>	23-cr-02029	Criminal	Government Program Fraud	Defendant, a licensed Washington physician, participated in a scheme and conspiracy to obtain millions of dollars by falsely billing Medicare for medically unnecessary genetic tests and durable medical equipment, including back, knee, shoulder, and ankle braces. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwa/pr/coeur-dalene-physician-indicted-participating-telemarketing-medicare-fraud-conspiracy	Charged	
USAO Washington, Eastern	<i>U.S. v. David Joseph Osinski</i>	2-22-CR-0070-TOR	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant participated in a romance scam that caused a victim to liquidate and send his life savings to defendant's bank account. https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwa/pr/texas-man-charged-participating-scheme-defraud-spokane-resident-345000	Charged	
USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Brian Davie</i>	3:00-mf-5111	Criminal	Fiduciary (e.g., guardian, POA) Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant, a former branch manager at Wells Fargo, allegedly used unauthorized cash withdrawals, money transfers, and cashier's checks to steal over \$1 million. He allegedly targeted elderly and vulnerable customers. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/former-battle-ground-washington-bank-branch-manager-charged-stealing-over-1-million	Charged	

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USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Lee Michael Griffin</i>	22-cr-70	Criminal	Fraud or Embezzlement by Acquaintance	Defendant, a former financial services representative at Alaska USA Federal Credit Union, stole more than \$129,000 from an elderly bank customer by making unauthorized transfers from the woman's account to his own. https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdwa/pr/former-credit-union-employee-who-repeatedly-stole-elderly-woman-s-account-sentenced	Sentenced to 12 months' and one day imprisonment	
USAO Washington, Western	<i>U.S. v. Walter Bailey</i>	3:23-cv-05306-BHS	Civil	Business Imposter Scam	Defendant participated in a money laundering scheme involving counterfeit USPS labels in furtherance of money mule schemes.	Filed; Permanent Injunction	
USAO West Virginia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Tosha Lantz</i>	2:23-CR-13	Criminal	Identity Theft; Relative/Caregiver Fraud or Embezzlement	Defendant used her elderly father-in-law's personal information to obtain several credit cards in his name. She also stole approximately \$22,700 from his bank account.	Charged	
USAO West Virginia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Shelly Ann Leipham</i>	1:21CR19	Criminal	Lottery/Sweepstakes/ Psychic Fraud	Defendant committed wire fraud in connection with a sweepstakes scheme. She targeted older victims and convinced them they were eligible to win a sweepstakes but to receive the monies, the targets needed to send various amounts of money by mailing and wiring funds to her. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/las-vegas-woman-gets-7-years-elder-financial-fraud	Sentenced to 87 months' imprisonment	

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USAO West Virginia, Northern	<i>U.S. v. Bradley Glaspell</i>	1:22-CR-31	Criminal	Home Construction and Repair Fraud	Defendant, the owner and operator of Over the Top Roofing, LLC, and Helping Hands Home Improvement, falsely advertised his businesses on social media, claiming to be a licensed contractor when in fact he was not. He required down payments for materials but then failed to complete the work as promised and used the money he collected for his own personal expenses. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndwv/pr/harrison-county-contractor-sentenced-decade-prison-fraud	Sentenced to 120 months' imprisonment	
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Abdul Inusah</i>	3:21-cr-70	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendant was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of victim funds sent to his account by his co-conspirators. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/ghanaian-national-sentenced-prison-role-romance-fraud-scheme	Sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment	
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Kenneth Emeni, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-68	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendants were involved in laundering proceeds of schemes, including romance scams. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/nigerian-national-sentenced-prison-role-fraud-and-money-laundering-scheme	Three defendants sentenced, ranging from to 12 months' and one day and 60 months' imprisonment	Kenneth Ogudu; Oluwagbenga Harrison; John Nassy; Oluwabamishe Awolesi; Romello Thorpe
USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Banabas Ganidekam, et al.</i>	3:21-cr-71	Criminal	Romance Scam	Defendants were involved in laundering proceeds of schemes, including romance scams. https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdvw/pr/ghanaian-national-pleads-guilty-role-romance-fraud-scheme	Sentenced to 3 years' probation	Abdul Osumanu

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USAO West Virginia, Southern	<i>U.S. v. Patricia Dudding</i>	3:22-cr-1	Criminal	Business Email Compromise Scam	Defendant was a willing money mule and assisted in the laundering of other victims' funds that were sent to her bank accounts by her co-conspirators.	Sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment	

In addition to the above-described matters, the department is currently litigating approximately 50 additional elder justice cases. These cases were initiated outside the reporting period and had neither a finding of liability nor a final resolution during the reporting period.

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APPENDIX B

Appendix B: Public Outreach, and Professional Resources and Training

Component	Title and Description	Number of Attendees	Date	Audience
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Following Mule Tracks" to the Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists on identifying, disrupting, and investigating money mules and the scams using money mules.	500	8/2/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Scams and Older Adults" to AARP Fraud Fighter volunteers on federal elder fraud efforts and identifying scams.	50	8/31/2022	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Emerging Trends" to Capital Chapter of Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists on emerging trends in fraud.	100	9/22/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Responding to Transnational Fraud Schemes that Target Older Adults" to federal employees on identifying and guarding against scams.	300	10/25/2022	General public
Consumer Protection Branch	Call with American Bankers Association Senior Protection Taskforce, discussing emerging elder fraud threats and federal response.	40	10/26/2022	Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar titled "Elder Fraud" with the American Bankers Association on elder fraud, emphasizing scam trends and federal responses.	400	10/27/2022	Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Call with Adult Protective Services group on identifying and working with scam victims.	75	11/17/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
Consumer Protection Branch	AARP Tele-Town Hall on scams.	300	11/18/2022	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
Consumer Protection Branch	Panel discussion titled "Elder Financial Exploitation" at ABA/ABA Financial Crimes Enforcement Conference on scams and federal response.	200	12/6/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Combatting Elder Financial Exploitation" to Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists on elder fraud identification and investigation.	150	12/15/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector

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Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation to the Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists on identifying and disrupting scams.	500	2/16/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Is Your New Romance a Scam?" on how to spot and stop romance fraudsters.	150	2/22/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
Consumer Protection Branch/FBI	Presented on the topic of elder financial exploitation during the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Quarterly Scams Roundtable, hosted virtually by PwC's Financial Crimes Unit, Fraud Services Team. During the webinar, FBI CID/FCS/ECU provided an overview of: The 2017 Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act of 2017 (EAPPA); statistics and trends from IC3.gov; a summary of the vulnerability of older adults to frauds and swindles; the FBI and DOJ role in the EAPPA; how financial institutions can collaborate with law enforcement; the FinCEN advisory on Elder Financial Exploitation; and, SAR filing best practices.	40	3/14/2023	Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar titled "Frauds and Scams: The Pitch" with the Administration for Community Living on fraud pitches, why they work, and how consumers can guard against them.	200	3/15/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
Consumer Protection Branch	Article titled "Tackling the Fraud Ecosystem" in ABA Bank Compliance Magazine on the fraud ecosystem, highlighting several elder fraud typologies.	5,500	5/1/2023	Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Presentation titled "Stubborn as a (Money) Mule" to the money service business fraud investigators on identifying, disrupting, and investigating money mules and the scams using money mules.	500	5/23/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Presented and answered questions on federal elder fraud strategies to FINRA Foundation Board.	15	6/7/2023	Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar titled "WEAAD: Elder Financial Exploitation" with ABA Foundation on emerging trends in fraud and fraud prevention, and a discussion of law enforcement use of SARs.	300	6/14/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
Consumer Protection Branch	Webinar titled "Frauds and Scams: Reporting and Recovering Funds" with the Administration for Community Living on how to report frauds and scams, how law enforcement uses reports, and recovering funds.	175	6/20/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)

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COPS Office	<p>National Sheriffs' Association's (NSA) Newsletter - National Association of Triads The National Association of Triads consists of about 680 Triad Councils in 32 states with approximately 17,000 volunteers. Their quarterly newsletter has 780 subscribers and is supported by a COPS Office award. https://nsa.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/pub/bWFpbGluZ0luc3RhbmNISWQ9ODc2MzE1MQ==</p>	795	7/11/2022	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults; Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	<p>National Sheriffs' Association's (NSA) Newsletter - National Association of Triads The National Association of Triads consists of about 680 Triad Councils in 32 states with approximately 17,000 volunteers. Their quarterly newsletter has 780 subscribers and is supported by a COPS Office award. https://nsa.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/pub/bWFpbGluZ0luc3RhbmNISWQ9ODgyNDI5OA==</p>	805	9/30/2022	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults; Industry/Private sector
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COPS Office	<p>The COPS Office produced an episode of the podcast <i>The Beat</i> titled "Investigating Elder Fraud Online Scams," featuring Felix Salazar, an investigator in the San Diego District Attorney's Office. Investigator Salazar was able to use the skills he had gained as an investigator in local law enforcement when he joined the San Diego District Attorney's Office to begin to build cases against online scam artists. He explains how he was able to build cases and connect with federal law enforcement to go after the higher level criminals behind these schemes. He embodies how to build partnerships with local law enforcement, adult protective services, prosecutors, and federal law enforcement to successfully convict these elusive criminals. https://cops.usdoj.gov/thebeat</p>	12,000	2/13/23 and continues to be available on COPS Office and iTunes	State/local/tribal and territorial law enforcement; Training providers; Community stakeholders; Academics
COPS Office	<p>NSA's National Association of Triad Clearinghouse Website National Association of Triads is serving as a clearinghouse of information, best practices, and trends in crimes targeting older adults and is working with state and local triads on national training. https://www.sheriffs.org/programs/national-triad</p>	1,918	On demand	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults; Industry/Private sector
COPS Office	<p>NSA Questionnaire to Triad members. NSA emailed a link to a Triad Community Engagement and Resources Questionnaire in December, but after a low response rate it was re-sent to the Triad members list to query activities, needs, and potential peer exchange opportunities.</p>	808	Initially in December 2022, re-sent in June, and closed	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults

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			June 28, 2023	
EJI	MDT presentation for NASAA	22	7/26/2022	Industry/Private sector
EJI	EJI disseminated outreach flyer collection in 6 languages https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice/elder-justice-flyers	112,236	7/27/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Disseminated new DOJ Resources on Diminished Capacity E-Blast	112,236	8/23/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Workshop entitled "Enhancing Outcomes for APS Clients through Building APS and Law Enforcement Relationships," presented at the National Adult Protective Services Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan.	100	8/29/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Workshop entitled "Criminal Justice and Community-Based Interventions to Benefit APS Clients," presented at the National Association of Adult Protective Services Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan.	130	8/31/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Presentation titled "Why Working in Collaborative Teams to Address Elder Abuse and Integrate Services Benefits Older Victims and Professionals: The Department of Justice's Efforts to Build Skills and Collaborative Teams to Address Elder Abuse and Financial Exploitation," given at the National Center for Victims of Crime National Training Institute, St. Louis, MO.	10	10/8/2022	Victim services providers
EJI	Dissemination of MDT TAC Highlighted Network – Minnesota.	800	10/12/2022	Multidisciplinary teams; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Dissemination of MDT TAC MDT e-blast.	400	10/21/2022	Multidisciplinary teams; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Dissemination of MDT TAC Advancing Justice One Team at a Time e-blast.	800	10/21/2022	Multidisciplinary teams; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Dissemination of the Department's Law Enforcement Resources e-blast.	112,236	10/25/2022	State/local law enforcement
EJI	MDT TAC participated in a webinar with the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) and Veterans Affairs.	300	10/25/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen) VA employees; MDT members

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EJI	Presentation titled "Enhancing Outcomes for APS Clients through Building APS and Law Enforcement Relationships," given at the Texas APS Conference, Galveston, Texas.	120	12/6/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	MDT TAC provided MDT Training with Rhode Island.	25	2/3/2023	Rhode Island MDT Members
EJI	Social media campaign (via OPA) - #LawEnforcement plays a critical role in responding to elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation & fraud; #ElderJustice Initiative has training & tools available to help recognize & investigate these crimes.	12,731	4/19/2023	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Social media campaign (via OPA) - https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=612950837536740&set=a.302496485248845	199	4/19/2023	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Social media campaign (via OPA) - https://www.instagram.com/p/CrQdgjkA362/	45,157	4/19/2023	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Social media campaign (via OPA) - https://twitter.com/DOJCivil/status/1648718447964979202	45,172	4/19/2023	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Presentation titled "Building Better APS and Law Enforcement Relationships to Benefit APS Clients," given at the Ohio APS Conference, Columbus, Ohio.	50	4/20/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	Presentation titled "Working with Prosecutors: Tips for APS," given at the Ohio APS Conference, Columbus, Ohio.	50	4/20/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
EJI	MDT TAC provided Empowered Aging Solono County MDT Training.	25	4/20/2023	MDT Members
EJI	Webinar titled "EJI Law Enforcement Resources," presented to Rhode Island Law Enforcement.	10	5/1/2023	State/local law enforcement
EJI	MDT TAC participated in a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau webinar titled "Who's Who in Elder Justice."	300	5/17/2023	Multidisciplinary teams
EJI	MDT TAC disseminated Advancing Justice One Team at a Time e-blast.	800	5/23/2023	Multidisciplinary teams
EJI	Panel Chair for session titled "What Works in Preventing the Abuse of Older Adults?" at the 2023 National Institute of Justice Research Conference, Washington, DC.	15	5/24/2023	Researchers
EJI	Release of 2023 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) e-blast.	112,236	6/12/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Multidisciplinary teams; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
EJI	Release of SAFE 2-Day Training Opportunity e-blast.	115	6/12/2023	State/local law enforcement

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EJI	Release of SAFE 2-Day Training Opportunity flyer.	112,236	6/21/2023	State/local law enforcement
EJI	Plenary presentation titled "From Research to Practice: Integrating Trauma Informed Responses to Elder Abuse," given at the 2023 Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Conference, Columbus, Ohio.	180	6/28/2023	State/local law enforcement; Attorneys; Multidisciplinary teams; Physicians; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Researchers
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	5	1/12-13/23	MDT Coordinators
EJI	Providing training at the Elder Justice Coordinator Conference.	Unknown	10/4-5/2022	Federal law enforcement
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	6	11/14-15/22	MDT Coordinators
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	7	2/6-7/23	MDT Coordinators
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	7	3/23-24/23	MDT Coordinators
EJI	MDT TAC provided training at the University of North Carolina MDT Training.	75	3/2-4/23	Multidisciplinary teams
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	8	5/18-19/23	MDT Coordinators
EJI	Assisted with planning and participated in the University of Southern California's Person-Centered MDTs Consensus Meeting (virtual).	35	5/21-22/2023	State/local law enforcement; Attorneys; Multidisciplinary teams; Physicians; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Researchers
EJI	Presentation on MDTs at the Riverside California Elder Justice Conference.	100	6/1-2/23	State/local law enforcement; Attorneys; Multidisciplinary teams; Physicians; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	8	7/14-15/2022	MDT Coordinators
EJI	Virtual training titled "MDT Coordinator Training," 2 half-day training for MDT Coordinators.	8	9/8-9/2022	MDT Coordinators
EJI	Elder Justice Website page views	661,752	On demand	Unknown
EJI	Views of Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer's Role (plays across 6 Elder Abuse Roll Call Videos).	3,795	On demand	Unknown
EJI	EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement) page views	44,355	On demand	Unknown
EJI	SAFTA Toolkit (downloads)	322	On demand	Unknown
EJI	Finding the Right Fit Training (registered and/or completed the course)	217	On demand	Unknown
EJI	EAGLE Online Training for Law Enforcement (NW3C) (completed and passed the course)	233	On demand	State/local law enforcement
FBI Albany	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Summit Mill Independent Living Community.	20	9/8/2022	Older adults

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FBI Albany	Summit at Saratoga Independent Living Community in Saratoga Springs, NY.	20	9/29/2022	Older adults
FBI Albany	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation provided at the 2022 ACFE Fraud Conference.	300	11/22/2022	Certified fraud examiners
FBI Albany	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Westview Senior Center.	8	12/5/2022	Older adults
FBI Albany	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Avila Retirement Community.	50	1/31/2023	Older adults
FBI Albany	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Temple Adath, Syracuse.	30	2/12/2023	Older adults
FBI Albany	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Colonie Senior Citizens Club.	50	5/3/2023	Older adults
FBI Albany	Meeting of the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) of Vermont Working Group.	12	Monthly	Community partners (elder advocacy groups)
FBI Albuquerque	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to University of New Mexico Continuing Education.	50	9/1/2022	Students
FBI Albuquerque	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to residents of EGIS Senior Home.	40	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Anchorage	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of a senior citizen housing complex, at an event hosted by Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.	15	8/26/2022	Older adults; Community members
FBI Anchorage	FBI Anchorage was interviewed by Juneau Empire news outlet on elder fraud awareness and prevention tips, with a focus on scams common to the holiday season.	5,000	11/7/2022	Older adults; Community members
FBI Anchorage	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources provided at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Tribal Health Organization monthly meeting with its regional liaisons.	25	1/24/2023	Tribal Health Organization regional liaisons
FBI Anchorage	FBI Anchorage provided InfraGard members with elder fraud brochures for outreach events and for distribution to rural Alaska communities.	500	2/1/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBI Anchorage	Public safety awareness presentations to the Ukrainian refugee community in Alaska, in partnership with Catholic Social Services/RAIS and New Chance Ukraine Relief Program. Topics discussed were online safety and financial scams, elder fraud, hate crimes and civil rights crimes, and human trafficking.	15	3/28/2023	Ukrainian refugees; Older adults
FBI Anchorage	FBI Anchorage provided a radio interview on KYUK-AM, a local radio station in Alaska's Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region, to discuss the 2022 IC3 Annual Report on Elder Fraud, cyber-enabled fraud and elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention tips, and resources available to victims. KYUK-AM serves a population of approximately 13,500 predominantly Yup'ik/Alaska Native residents in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in Southwestern Alaska, and is the only radio station available for most of the population served.	13,500	6/23/2023	Community members; Older adults

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FBI Atlanta	In conjunction with the release of the 2022 Elder Fraud Report through IC3, FBI Atlanta developed a series of public service announcement (PSA) videos disbursed to media outlets throughout the state of Georgia, timed in conjunction with the holiday season to highlight relevant fraud. The focus of the videos was to educate the public with regards to various fraud schemes, to include elder fraud, highlight red flags, and promote a focus on preventing victimization. The topic of not being a money mule was highlighted in an effort to prevent unwitting individuals from signing up for roles in laundering facilitation schemes. The PSA clips were picked up by media outlets throughout the state, resulting in two follow-up interviews to highlight key points.	900,000	12/1/2022	Media outlet viewers and listeners across Georgia, North Florida, and Southern Tennessee
FBI Atlanta	FBI Atlanta ASAC spoke to television and radio outlets regarding romance fraud, red flags, steps to prevent victimization, and action steps if victimized.	50,000	2/1/2023	Community members; Older adults
FBI Atlanta	On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), FBI Atlanta participated in an outreach event hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office. FBI Atlanta presented on financial fraud schemes targeting senior citizens, victimization prevention tips, and resources available to victims.	30	6/15/2023	Community members; Older adults; USAO; Law enforcement; Members of the North Georgia Elder Abuse Task Force
FBI Atlanta	FBI Atlanta presented at the American Society on Aging's 2023 National Conference in Atlanta, on the topic of the FBI's efforts to combat financial fraud against senior citizens, ways senior citizens can protect themselves from being victimized, and red flags to prevent being a money mule.	200	12/1/2023	Older adult service agencies and organizations; Caseworkers
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Essex Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	18	7/20/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Pikesville Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	26	7/22/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Seven Oaks Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	35	7/25/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Bykota Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	45	7/27/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Catonsville Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	20	7/28/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Elkridge Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	30	7/29/2022	Older adults; Employees

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FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Jacksonville Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	15	8/9/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Arbutus Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	25	8/11/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Cockeysville Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	20	8/23/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Hereford Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	35	8/27/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	An elder fraud victim and FBI Baltimore were interviewed as part of a story about romance scams and discussed an FBI Baltimore investigation.	1,100,000	10/10/2022	Viewers of Fox News
FBI Baltimore	A victim was interviewed on Fox and Friends, and multiple other Fox outlets, discussing romance scams.	1,200,000	10/12/2022	Viewers of Fox and Friends
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the Florence Bain Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	60	10/20/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Fleming Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	25	11/3/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Discussed holiday scams at a Tele-Town Hall event for AARP Maryland members.	7,300	11/16/2022	Older adults
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Springwell Senior Living Community. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	70	11/21/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Rosedale Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	15	12/14/2022	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Liberty Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	25	1/11/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Broadmead Retirement Community. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	30	1/11/2023	Older adults; Employees

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FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Victory Villa Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	15	1/17/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Overlea-Fullerton Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	100	1/18/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Ateaze Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	15	1/24/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Parkville Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	35	2/15/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Woodlawn Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	40	2/22/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Briefed Chapter 1936 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees on elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources.	100	3/6/2023	Federal retirees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Reistertown Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	45	3/23/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Edenwald Retirement Community. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	60	3/28/2023	Older adults; Employees
FBI Baltimore	Conducted an elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to members of the Annapolis/Parole Rotary Club.	50	3/28/2023	Rotary Club members
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of New Castle Senior Center. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	20	4/19/2023	Older adults
FBI Baltimore	Conducted an elder fraud presentation at the Senior Lifestyle Expo, held at Eagle's Nest Country Club.	40	4/20/2023	Older adults
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud presentation to clients of Investment Watch LLC.	5	4/27/2023	Older adults
FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud briefing, focused on online dating and technical support fraud schemes, presented to the Prince of Peace DayTimers at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.	35	5/9/2023	Churchgoers
FBI Baltimore	Appearance on "The Senior Zone" to discuss elder fraud scams as part of PROTECT Week in Maryland.	10,000	6/12/2023	Listeners of WYCB 1340AM

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FBI Baltimore	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Pickersgill Retirement Community. The presentation focused on romance scams, grandparent scams, technical support scams, and other common schemes affecting senior citizens.	40	6/12/2023	Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Marshall County Department of Human Resources.	60	10/1/2022	County employees
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Holt Senior Center.	20	11/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources discussion panel hosted by the Junior League of Birmingham at its annual Market Noel event.	50	11/1/2022	Consumers; Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the FBI Citizen's Academy.	40	11/1/2022	Community leaders
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Huntsville Rotary Club.	80	12/1/2022	Rotary Club members
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Birmingham Jewish Community Center.	35	12/1/2022	Community members
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the CEO of the Better Business Bureau.	2	12/1/2022	Consumer group
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Collat Jewish Family Services Care Manager.	2	12/1/2022	Community member
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to UAB Center for Aging.	50	1/1/2023	Employees; Staff
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to a Walker County Department of Human Resources case worker.	2	1/1/2023	Victim assistance employee
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Guntersville Middle School.	75	2/1/2023	Middle school faculty and students interested in conducting a service project with senior centers to raise elder fraud awareness
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to a Shelby County Department of Human Resources supervisor.	2	2/1/2023	County employee
FBI Birmingham	Presentation at an AARP Tele-Town Hall regarding romance scams.	1,600	2/1/2023	Private sector; Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Briarwood Presbyterian Church seniors group.	50	2/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the owner of "Home Instead" senior care home.	2	2/1/2023	Private sector
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Shades Valley Rotary Club in Birmingham.	75	2/1/2023	Rotary Club members
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the commander of the Birmingham American Legion Post.	2	4/1/2023	Consumer group

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FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the FBI Citizen's Academy.	40	5/1/2023	Community leaders
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the League of Southern Credit Unions.	30	5/1/2023	Private sector
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the CEO of the Better Business Bureau.	2	5/1/2023	Consumer group
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the United Way Area Agency on Aging.	95	5/1/2023	Consumer group; Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Presentation at an AARP Tele-Town Hall regarding online scams.	4,200	5/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the North Shelby Baptist Church seniors group in Birmingham.	50	5/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Birmingham	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Enon Baptist Church seniors group.	40	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Retired Men's Club of Arlington.	60	2/8/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Southern Berkshire Triad.	4	7/14/2022	Older adults; Law enforcement; Service providers
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Watertown Council on Aging/Senior Center.	15	7/20/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Needham Senior Center.	20-25	8/2/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Westwood Senior Center.	15	8/22/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Adams Council.	40	8/25/2022	Older adults; Staff
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Danvers Senior Center.	45-50	8/25/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Tolles Parsons Center.	50	9/9/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Newton Senior Center.	50	9/15/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Anew Health Adult Daycare Center.	100	9/29/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Lexington Senior Center.	60	10/4/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Dalton Council.	30	10/19/2022	Older adults; Staff

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FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Framingham Council on Aging/Callahan Center.	30	12/8/2022	Older adults
FBI Boston	Fraud presentation to the UMASS Business Fraternity.	150	3/29/2023	Students
FBI Boston	Fraud presentation to the Tri-Valley Protective Services.	50	3/30/2023	Older adults; Staff
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Sturbridge Senior Center.	30	3/30/2023	Older adults; Staff
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Hopkinton Senior Center.	60	3/30/2023	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Marlborough Senior Center.	45	4/12/2023	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Acton Senior Center.	45	4/18/2023	Older adults
FBI Boston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Temple Israel Life Long Learning Program.	30	6/15/2023	Older adults
FBI Buffalo	Provided a presentation on virtual currency and elder fraud as part of Lifespans Financial Exploitation webinar.	35	7/20/2022	Older adults
FBI Buffalo	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Avon Rotary Club.	27	1/31/2023	Rotary Club members
FBI Buffalo	A presentation of recent cases and crime trends in Western New York, across the Violent Gangs, Counterterrorism, and White Collar Crime programs, to financial and money laundering investigators at M&T Bank.	250	3/2/2023	Private sector Investigators--financial and money laundering investigators of M&T Bank
FBI Buffalo	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to a senior center located in Tonawanda, NY.	100	3/8/2023	Older adults
FBI Buffalo	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Orchard Park Senior Center.	50	4/19/2023	Older adults
FBI Buffalo	Presented on elder fraud and romance scams to Infraguard members, mostly IT professionals located in Cheektowaga, NY.	100	5/25/2023	Infraguard members; IT professionals
FBI Buffalo	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day--FBI Buffalo SAC spoke during a live press conference at Erie County Hall, alongside other law enforcement and political officials, and warned senior citizens about financial scams.	500	6/15/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBI Charlotte	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Cary Community Center.	15	11/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Charlotte	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Searstone Retirement Community.	45	1/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Charlotte	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Overture Cary.	40	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Charlotte	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Cary Rotary Group.	15	5/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Charlotte	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Atria Cary.	35	5/1/2023	Older adults

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FBI Charlotte	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Gardner Senior Center.	100	5/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Charlotte	Elder Justice Initiative Awareness Walk	100	6/1/2023	AARP members; Charlotte community
FBI Chicago	Meeting with Wintrust Bank fraud investigators to discuss the implementation of Financial Information Systems (FIS) software which would automate the detection of fraud schemes and quickly identify trends being used to defraud older adult victims.	3	8/23/2022	Fraud investigators
FBI Chicago	Presentation on elder financial exploitation at a seminar sponsored by Infragard.	150	8/25/2022	Infragard members; Business leaders
FBI Chicago	FBI Chicago Press Release titled "FBI Chicago Warns of Local Technical Support Scam."	100,000	9/15/2022	Viewers of FBI.gov
FBI Chicago	Presentation on elder financial exploitation at an educational seminar sponsored by Aging Care Connections.	250	10/9/2022	Community members
FBI Chicago	Attended the virtual Midwest Interagency Conference organized and hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Presenters included individuals from: the Bank of England; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Ghana Securities Exchange Commission; Financial Conduct Authority; U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; and, the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions. Presentation topics included: "Examination and Enforcement of Cryptocurrency and Digital Assets: Collaboration, Investigative Tools and Lessons Learned;" "Critical Third Parties Discussion Paper;" and "Emerging Technology – International Perspective."	50	11/7/2022	Financial industry; Law enforcement
FBI Chicago	<i>Good Morning America</i> aired a segment featuring interviews of two older victims regarding the technical support fraud scams targeting older victims.	3,000,000	11/30/2022	Viewers of Good Morning America
FBI Chicago	Participated in an educational seminar on elder financial exploitation sponsored by the city of Elmhurst, IL.	20	12/6/2022	Elmhurst community members; Older adults
FBI Chicago	Participated in an educational seminar on elder financial exploitation sponsored by the South Suburban Aging Initiative.	15	1/13/2023	Community members
FBI Chicago	Meeting with Naperville Police Department Financial Crimes regarding fraud schemes targeting the elderly.	2	1/31/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Chicago	Presented to the Wheaton Rotary Club in Wheaton, IL, regarding white collar topics, including elder financial exploitation.	40	3/1/2023	Rotary Club members
FBI Chicago	FBI Chicago was a panel participant at FINRA's speaker series focused on cybercrime and white collar crime matters. The event was hosted by FINRA virtually from its office in Chicago, IL. The panel focused on: FBI Chicago's partnerships and collaboration with law enforcement and the Private sector; securities and commodities fraud schemes; SAR best practices; current trends; IC3; and, elder financial exploitation.	400	3/15/2023	FINRA members
FBI Chicago	FBI Chicago hosted the first FBI Chicago Intelligence Branch & Financial Sector Analytical Exchange at the FBI Chicago office. In attendance were representatives from: BMO Harris; Northern Trust; Wintrust; Byline; Busey Bank; CIBC; National Insurance Crime Bureau; Bank of America; CME Group; TransUnion; Discover; and, Wells Fargo. FBI Chicago presented on Complex Financial Crime occurring within the FBI Chicago AOR and highlighted elder financial exploitation.	33	3/16/2023	Financial institution employees

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FBI Chicago	Presentation on the Elder Justice Initiative at an educational seminar sponsored by the Former Agents of Chicago Society.	25	3/17/2023	Older adults
FBI Chicago	Terrysavage.com (The Savage Truth) posted "Scary Scam Story," documenting public outreach conducted by FBI Chicago Public Affairs on the "Terry's Column" portion of her website (www.terrysavage.com/scary-scam-story/).	300,000	5/10/2023	Nationwide viewership
FBI Chicago	Presentation to the 2023 Chicago Citizens' Academy (CA) on the FBI's Financial Crimes and Money Laundering threats, to include the DOJ/FBI Elder Justice Initiative.	26	5/10/2023	Community leaders
FBI Chicago	Presentation on cybercrimes and white collar crime matters, to include elder fraud, at the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) Chicago Chapter event.	250	6/8/2023	AML Specialists
FBI Cincinnati	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Brookdale Trillium Crossing Senior Living Center.	50	1/1/2023	Older adults; Staff
FBI Cincinnati	Presentation titled "Financial Crime Threat Trends" to Huntington National Bank.	233	1/1/2023	AML Specialists
FBI Cincinnati	FBI presentation alongside local, state, and federal fraud investigators during the Maple Knoll Retirement Village's annual Consumer Fraud Protection Forum, broadcast on Cincinnati Public Radio (WMKV). Topics included health care fraud, scams targeting senior citizens, and identity theft.	10,000	3/1/2023	Listeners of WMKV
FBI Cincinnati	Elder financial exploitation briefing at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Statewide Conference.	25	4/1/2023	Service Directors of Ohio's 88 County Department of Job and Family Services
FBI Cincinnati	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Rittenhouse Village Gahanna Senior Living Center.	18	6/1/2023	Older adults; Staff
FBI Cleveland	Training to Toronto Police Services on elder scams involving cryptocurrency.	200	8/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI Cleveland	Training to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) on elder scams involving cryptocurrency.	75	8/1/2022	Government agency
FBI Cleveland	Training to Geauga County Law Enforcement on elder scams and cryptocurrency scams.	15	8/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Glass City Federal Credit Union.	50	9/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Fifth Third Bank.	60	9/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Ottawa County Summit on Aging.	30	10/1/2022	Community members
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to ISMPP.	10	10/1/2022	Private sector
FBI Cleveland	Training to FINRA on elder scams involving cryptocurrency.	500	12/1/2022	Regulatory agency
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Medina County Senior Center.	60	12/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Cleveland Rotary Club.	40	1/1/2023	Community members; Older adults

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FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Brookpark Senior Center.	10	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Mortgage Society for Northern Ohio.	30	3/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Local 38 Retired Electricians.	52	3/1/2023	Union members; Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Rowfant Club.	45	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Strongsville Senior Center.	7	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Olmstead Falls Senior Living Center.	35	4/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Fairview Park Senior Center.	30	5/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Training to Elyria Police Department on elder scams involving cryptocurrency.	19	5/1/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Lake County Council on Aging.	50	6/1/2023	Community members
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Hicksville Senior Center.	20	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Cleveland	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Defiance Senior Center.	40	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Lebanon Methodist Church, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	25	9/27/2022	Older adults
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Shepherd's Center of Columbia, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	60	10/12/2022	Older adults
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	1	10/12/2022	Church leader
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Westminster Presbyterian Church, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	1	10/18/2022	Church leader
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Plantersville Tri Community Service Organization, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	30	1/9/2023	Community service organization

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FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Church of the Holy Cross, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	50	3/2/2023	Church members
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Columbia Wellness Center, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	55	3/14/2023	Older adults
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Brookdale Homeowners Association, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	26	3/21/2023	Homeowners association members
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Katie & Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	32	3/28/2023	Community center members
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to senior citizen church members of the McGregor Presbyterian Church, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	95	5/11/2023	Church members
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Rotary Club of Five Points, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	23	5/12/2023	Rotary Club members
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Spring Valley Rotary Club, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	25	6/8/2023	Rotary Club members
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Woodlands Golf and Country Club, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	25	6/8/2023	Older adults
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Columbia Presbyterian Church, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	25	6/8/2023	Older adults
FBI Columbia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Columbia Sertoma Club, with a focus on victimization prevention tips and steps to take if victimized.	25	8/3/2023	Older adults
FBI Dallas	Presentation conducted at the Elder Fraud Awareness Summit on trends in elder financial exploitation.	75	4/1/2023	Public sector; Private sector; Participants included: Congressman Nathaniel Moran (1st District of TX); Tyler Area Senior Citizen Association; Better Business Bureau; Adult Protective Services; USSS; Local law enforcement
FBI Denver	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to AARP Elder Watch Colorado.	250	11/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Denver	"Cryptocurrency Scams Involving Tether, USD Coin on the Rise".	50,000	2/1/2023	Viewers of FBI.gov

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FBI Denver	Interviewed by several media outlets for cryptocurrency fraud awareness and "pig butchering" scams.	500,000	2/1/2023	Viewers of FOX, NBC, and local media
FBI Denver	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to an independent living community.	30	7/1/2023	Older adults; Staff
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Detroit Chapter of AARP.	100	10/5/2022	AARP members
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing at an event hosted by Mainstreet Financial Advisors at Portage Community Senior Center.	50	10/6/2022	Financial advisors; Older adults
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to residents of Royal Oak Manor Cooperative.	512	11/3/2022	Older adults
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to the Accounting & Financial Professional Association at its conference for professional education.	600	11/23/2022	Accountants; Financial advisors
FBI Detroit	ABC 4 (Wood TV) segment which was part of the AARP Real Possibilities television program. The segment was titled "Seniors can Protect Themselves from Fraud with these Tips."	500,000	12/13/2022	ABC 4 viewers
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to residents of Bridgewater by Del Webb, a retirement community.	20	2/8/2023	Del Webb retirement community residents
FBI Detroit	Presentation provided during AARP Michigan's "Learn a Latte" virtual discussion. Topics included: Elder fraud scams and financial crimes targeting seniors; why seniors are targeted; and victimization prevention tips.	240	3/2/2023	AARP members
FBI Detroit	Recorded two segments of AARP Fraud for the AARP Real Possibilities television program with AARP Michigan. The first segment addressed common fraud schemes, red flags to watch for, and how to protect yourself from becoming a victim. The second segment addressed technology fraud schemes, money mules, confidence schemes, romance fraud, lottery sweepstakes fraud, and Internet fraud.	500,000	3/14/2023	AARP members
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Macomb Organization for Retiree Enrichment (M.O.R.E.) at Macomb County Community College.	35	3/29/2023	Macomb County older adults
FBI Detroit	Panel discussion with Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel. This was a two-part series to discuss trending scams affecting senior citizens.	200	5/3/2023	AARP members; Older adults
FBI Detroit	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to West Michigan Association of Financial Professionals at its financial fraud conference.	24	5/9/2023	Accountants and financial advisors
FBI Detroit	Presentation on crimes targeting senior citizens, indicators of victimization, and prevention tips, at a seminar hosted by Edward Jones Financial Services.	35	6/28/2023	Older adults
FBI El Paso	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to El Paso Community College.	80	10/1/2022	Caretakers; Older adults

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FBI El Paso	Presentation on elder fraud awareness, trends, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources to residents of The Legacy at Cimarron, an assisted living facility.	40	2/1/2023	Older adults
FBI El Paso	Presentation on elder fraud awareness, trends, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources to Dodds Wealth Management Group.	20	5/1/2023	Financial advisors
FBI El Paso	Presentation on elder fraud awareness, trends, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources at the 14th Annual Crimes Against the Elderly Conference held at the El Paso Community College.	150	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI El Paso	Presentation on Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources to Vino Nuevo El Paso. The event was live streamed on the Internet and conducted in Spanish.	637	10/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Kauai Bar Association.	30	10/1/2022	Attorneys
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the Waipahu district.	30	10/1/2022	Waipahu District community members
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to adult protective services.	40	1/1/2023	Victim assistance employees
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Hilo Police Department.	30	2/1/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Kona Police Department.	20	2/1/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to a credit union.	21	2/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Honolulu Police Department, Maui Police Department, Kauai Police Department, and SIPD.	43	2/1/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the FBI Citizen's Academy.	20	3/1/2023	Community leaders
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness interview on Hawaii News Now.	500,000	4/1/2023	Viewers of Hawaii News Now
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources to the Honolulu ACFE.	20	4/2/2023	ACFE members
FBI Honolulu	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to bank AML employees.	50	6/1/2023	Financial institution AML employees
FBI Honolulu	SAC, Honolulu Field Office, was interviewed regarding topics in elder financial exploitation (awareness, prevention of victimization, and victim resources) four times with local media outlets in 2023.	500,000	2023	Viewers of local news outlets
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at Atascocita Branch Library.	60	7/8/2022	Older adults; Community members

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FBI Houston	FBI Houston provided a radio interview for the Serve Our Seniors show on radio channel 700AM KSEV, on the topic of elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources.	1,000	10/9/2022	Older adults; Community members
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Houston Area Continuity of Care Organization.	35	10/18/2022	Community leaders; Private sector partners; older adult service providers
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to APS caseworkers of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.	100	10/26/2022	Caseworkers
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to West University Senior Services.	50	11/17/2022	Older adults
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Lone Star College, Academy for Lifelong Learning.	50	2/2/2023	Older adults
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the AARP Webster Chapter.	85	2/9/2023	Older adults
FBI Houston	FBI Houston provided an interview to KPRC, Houston's local NBC affiliate, focused on elder fraud awareness and prevention.	1,500,000	3/15/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBI Houston	FBI Houston provided a radio interview to Texas State Network, on the topic of elder fraud awareness and prevention.	250,000	4/18/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBI Houston	FBI Houston was interviewed by Univision, on the topic of elder fraud awareness and prevention tips, with a focus on investment fraud-related schemes.	2,000,000	4/18/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBI Houston	FBI Houston was interviewed by KHOU, local CBS affiliate, on the topic of elder fraud awareness and prevention.	1,500,000	4/18/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the Houston Gerontological Society and residents of the Village of Southampton, a senior living community.	30	5/16/2023	Older adults; Gerontology professionals
FBI Houston	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of The Abbey at Westminster Plaza.	50	6/27/2023	Older adults
FBI Indianapolis	A presentation titled "Elder Fraud Education Series: Avoiding Scams & Swindles" to residents, staff, and visitors of American Senior Communities Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living. The presentation provided information about elder fraud trends, the emotional hook (hope, fear, love), what elder fraud schemes have in common, prevention tips, and resources available to victims.	75	5/31/2023	Older adults; Family members; Staff
FBI Indianapolis	Provided a digital copy of the IC3 Elder Fraud brochure and the DOJ Elder Justice Initiative reference guide to CFO of Westminster Village Muncie. Based on discussion with the CFO, the materials were to be provided to Westminster Village's activities team to share with its residents.	40	7/5/2023	Community leaders; Older adults; Community members
FBI Jackson	Presentation on elder fraud scams, trends, prevention tips, and victim resources to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	60	4/12/2023	Sorority members; Older adults
FBI Jackson	Presentation on elder fraud scams, trends, prevention tips, and victim resources to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.	30	4/13/2023	Members of church community; Older adults

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FBI Jacksonville	Presentation to residents of The Villages community. FBI Jacksonville provided an awareness overview of elder fraud, current trends, identification tips, prevention tips, and victim resources.	200	5/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Jacksonville	Presentation to older clients of Duetsche Bank. FBI Jacksonville presented an awareness overview of elder financial exploitation, identification of common frauds targeting senior citizens, prevention tips, and victim resources.	300	7/1/2022	Financial advisors
FBI Jacksonville	News 4 Jax segment titled <i>"Who's Targeting You?"</i>	200,000	10/1/2022	Viewers of News 4 Jax
FBI Jacksonville	News 4 Jax segment on romance scams, including identification, victim resources, and prevention tips.	200,000	2/1/2023	Viewers of News 4 Jax
FBI Kansas City	Presentation conducted at the Summit on Aging and Health, on partnership-building and best practices on educating and raising awareness of senior citizens on financial scams.	70	9/1/2022	Government officials; Older adult health service workers
FBI Kansas City	Elder fraud awareness, prevention tips, and victim resources presentation to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 124, Retirees Club.	120	12/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Kansas City	Presentation on the FBI's Elder Justice Initiative, elder fraud awareness, trends, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources to the University of Missouri Bloch Business School of Management. The event was advertised as open to the general public.	30	3/1/2023	Students; Community members
FBI Kansas City	Presentation on elder fraud awareness, trends, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources to members of the Jewish Community Center Heritage Center.	30	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Las Vegas	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at an AARP Tele-Town Hall event.	1,000	11/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Las Vegas	FBI Las Vegas was interviewed by Las Vegas Fox 5 on the topic of romance-cryptocurrency investment fraud.	1,000,000	2/1/2023	Viewers of Las Vegas Fox 5
FBI Las Vegas	FBI Las Vegas published a Tweet on romance-cryptocurrency investment fraud.	8,000	2/1/2023	Followers of FBI Las Vegas Twitter page
FBI Las Vegas	FBI Las Vegas published a Tweet on elder fraud awareness and IC3.gov.	8,000	4/1/2023	Followers of FBI Las Vegas Twitter page
FBI Las Vegas	FBI Las Vegas published a Tweet on not being ashamed to file a report if victimized by elder fraud.	8,000	4/1/2023	Followers of FBI Las Vegas Twitter page
FBI Las Vegas	FBI Las Vegas published a Tweet on elder fraud awareness and prevention tips.	8,000	6/1/2023	Followers of FBI Las Vegas Twitter page
FBI Las Vegas	Participated in quarterly meetings of the Fight Fraud Working Group.	25	Quarterly	Law enforcement; Consumer protection agencies
FBI Los Angeles	Presentation on elder fraud at the National Center on Elder Abuse webinar: Person-Centered Approaches to Elder Abuse.	20,000	1/1/2023	FBI; Caregivers
FBI Los Angeles	Monthly conference call with the National Adult Protection Services Association.	100	2/1/2023	FBI; USAO; Adult Protective Services

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FBI Los Angeles	FBI Los Angeles participated in the Santa Barbara adult protective services multidisciplinary team meeting.	15	2/1/2023	FBI; Santa Barbara protective services
FBI Los Angeles	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Jewish Federation of San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys.	65	2/1/2023	Jewish older adults and caretakers
FBI Los Angeles	FBI Los Angeles participation in a forum hosted by Match Group/Tinder.	50	7/1/2023	FBI; USAO; Match Group executives
FBI Los Angeles	Segment on NBC Los Angeles titled "FBI Warns Public About the Rise in Scams Targeting Elderly People."	1,000,000	7/1/2023	Viewers of NBC Los Angeles
FBI Louisville	Meeting with Breathitt County Sherriff's Office to provide a briefing about contract fraud, public corruption, scams, insurance fraud, and the vulnerability to scams of flood victims across SE Kentucky.	12	8/3/2022	Law enforcement
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Pennyriple Allied Community Services, Trigg County Senior Center.	55	8/11/2022	Older adults
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Cumberland Valley Area Development District.	15	2/23/2023	Executives; employees; Staff
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Barren River Area Development District.	25	3/2/2023	Executives; employees; Staff
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Green River Area Development District.	25	3/7/2023	Executives; employees; Staff
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Purchase Area Development District.	10	3/14/2023	Executives; employees; Staff
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Kentucky Association of County Treasurers and Financial Officers.	125	3/16/2023	Executives; Administrators; Employees; Staff
FBI Louisville	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Kentucky Public Retirees during its annual meeting.	50	6/15/2023	Older adults
FBI Memphis	Middle District of Tennessee Elder Justice Task Force Executive Meeting.	15	10/1/2022	FBI; USAO; Local law enforcement
FBI Memphis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Tennessee Commission of Aging and Disability (TCAD).	60	2/1/2023	Area directors; TCAD staff and professionals
FBI Memphis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to U.S. Military Officers Association of America, Sumner County Chapter.	30	4/1/2023	Retired military officers
FBI Miami	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at the 2023 Global Anti-Fraud Enforcement Network Conference, hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.	40	2/1/2023	International, federal, state, and local law enforcement; Investigators; Analysts
FBI Miami	Spoke on a panel at an ACAMS conference in Hollywood, FL, titled "Age-related Fraud: Detection and Protection Systems to Counter Elder Financial Abuse." Co-presenters included representatives from USPIS, Citigroup, and National Australia Bank. Topics covered included elder fraud, money laundering, money mules, IC3 fraud reporting and recovery.	200	5/1/2023	Investigators; Analysts; Financial services professionals

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FBI Miami	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at a national conference hosted by Abrigo.	100	6/1/2023	Financial services employees
FBI Miami	Meeting with employees of the Federal Trade Commission, located in Washington, DC, to discuss methods to identify elder fraud schemes, research techniques, and opportunities to collaborate.	30	8/1/2023	Investigators
FBI Miami	Participated in monthly meetings of Palm Beach Economic Crimes Unit, an intelligence forum on white collar criminal activity occurring in Palm Beach County. During the meetings, participants briefed the group on trends, schemes, subjects, and requests for information.	20	2023	FBI; USPI; USSS; HHS; local law enforcement; financial institutions; Florida Department of Corrections; Florida Office of the Attorney General; Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs; National Insurance Crime Bureau
FBI Miami	FBI Miami participated in meetings of the Palm Beach State Attorney's Office Elder Abuse Working Group, hosted by the State Attorney's Office. This working group was established to help address the crime which disproportionately affects the large senior citizen population in Palm Beach County. During the meetings, participants discussed referrals, investigations and investigative recommendations, and outreach opportunities.	40	2023	FBI; USAO; Local law enforcement; Palm Beach County Consumer Affairs; Palm Beach County Clerk & Comptroller, Department of Children and Families; Agencies which focus on providing services to older adults
FBI Milwaukee	Financial crimes presentation, including elder fraud, to Wisconsin Technical College BOC.	31	11/10/2022	Staff; Students
FBI Milwaukee	Discussion of elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources at a meeting of the Wisconsin Consumer Fraud Working Group.	13	11/29/2022	Business leaders
FBI Milwaukee	Elder fraud trends and resources briefing to Nicolet Bank.	2	12/22/2022	Chief security officer
FBI Milwaukee	Briefing on elder fraud trends and resources provided at a meeting of the chiefs of Chippewa Valley police departments.	20	1/26/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Milwaukee	Elder fraud trends and resources briefing to CCF Bank.	2	3/8/2023	Chief security officer
FBI Milwaukee	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Wisconsin Statewide Intelligence Center.	15	5/15/2023	Investigators; Analysts
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness briefing provided to Fidelity Bank and TCI Capital. Topics of discussion included trends in money laundering, cybercrimes, telemarketing fraud, health care fraud, and elder fraud. The Fidelity Bank and TCI Capital employees shared examples of fraud activities they observed within the banking and finance industry.	10	7/21/2022	Financial institution executives and managers
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Ameriprise. Topics included telemarketing, online scams, and money mules.	30	8/22/2022	Financial institution executives and managers
FBI Minneapolis	Panel discussion at the greater twin cities Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) Summit. The panel discussed common elder fraud scams, red flags, money mules, preventative measures, and resources available to victims.	150	9/27/2022	Law enforcement; Financial institution employees; Executives

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FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Alexandria Technical Community College, Law Enforcement Center.	100	9/30/2022	Law enforcement; Faculty
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud and cyber-enabled scams awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to employees of Cornerstone Bank.	15	10/12/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Minneapolis	Meeting with investigators of the Wells Fargo AML Special Investigative Unit to discuss the FBI's Forensic Accountant and White Collar Crimes programs and the value of SARs/CTRs to investigations. The attendees discussed best practices in sharing information related to the victimization of senior citizen clients of Wells Fargo.	7	10/14/2022	Investigators; Financial institution employees
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators - Minnesota and North and South Dakota Chapters.	20	10/18/2022	Investigators
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the AARP Fraud Fighters Working Group. The presentation was conducted jointly with the Elder Justice Coordinator at U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota.	15	10/20/2022	Public safety officials; Financial institution employees
FBI Minneapolis	Current fraud trends on the topics of money laundering and telemarketing fraud presented to RBC Wealth Management Anti-Money Laundering and Client Risk Prevention Teams.	20	11/1/2022	Financial advisors; Wealth management
FBI Minneapolis	Current trends in elder fraud, including large health care fraud schemes, briefed to Ucare SIU.	7	11/7/2022	Employees; Investigators
FBI Minneapolis	Current trends in elder fraud, including large health care fraud schemes, briefed to federal and state law enforcement partners and HealthPartners SIU.	8	11/10/2022	Employees; Investigators
FBI Minneapolis	Presentation to students of Totino Grace High School. FBI Minneapolis provided an overview of the FBI and the job roles of Special Agents and Forensic Accountants, and discussed white-collar crime, money laundering, and elder fraud.	25	12/7/2022	Students; Faculty
FBI Minneapolis	Liaison and outreach with Federal and state law enforcement partners and Medica SIU. Discussed current trends regarding Health Care Fraud (HCF) in the AO, Ucare cases, money mules, and how elderly often become victims in the large HCF schemes. An area of concern was how witting and unwitting money mules are involved in larger HCF scams. It was noted, many HCF cases cross over into other financial scam and involve money mules in the AO.	11	12/12/2022	Employees; Investigators
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to St. Catherine University.	10	1/11/2023	Students; Faculty
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing presentation to an executive of the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Minnesota and North Dakota. Also discussed were methods to best facilitate information sharing to FBI Minneapolis, and what BBB resources were available to help the FBI identify complex financial crimes frauds and patterns.	2	2/2/2023	Business leader

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FBI Minneapolis	FBI Minneapolis presented to the Cybersecurity/Applied Mathematics and Criminal Justice classes at Wayzata High School, the largest high school in Minnesota. FBI Minneapolis presented on investigations related to financial crimes, including corporate, institutional, health care, mortgage, securities, and commodities fraud, and how these are affecting all age ranges.	90	2/10/2023	Faculty; Students
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to University of St. Thomas.	20	3/15/2023	Faculty; Students
FBI Minneapolis	Presentation to the St. Paul Police Department at its Block Watch Leader gathering event. Information provided included cybercrimes, IC3.gov, ransomware, health care fraud, money laundering, romance scams, elder fraud, victimization prevention tips, and resources available to victims.	29	3/15/2023	Public safety officials; Older adults
FBI Minneapolis	Current trends in elder fraud, including large health care fraud schemes, briefed to federal and state law enforcement partners, and Blue Cross Blue Shield SIU.	7	4/13/2023	Employees; Investigators
FBI Minneapolis	FBI Minneapolis participation and presentation at the Senior Safety Day event, alongside Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, AARP, and the BBB, to raise awareness of safety, security and health matters of importance to senior citizens.	100	4/20/2023	Government employees; Public safety professionals; Older adults
FBI Minneapolis	Presentation at the Upper Midwest Automated Clearing House Association Annual Symposium, hosted by UMACHA and the Financial and Retail Protection Association. FBI Minneapolis presented information on financial scams targeting senior citizens, trends, and prevention measures. Topics also included money mules and cybercrimes.	25	5/2/2023	Financial institution employees; Insurance company employees
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at the Minnesota Fraud Investigators Association Annual Conference.	70	5/4/2023	Public safety officials; Law enforcement
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Appley Valley Senior Center.	45	5/15/2023	Faculty; Older adults
FBI Minneapolis	Presentation at the 2023 Living Well Resource Fair on common scams targeting senior citizens and how to identify them, fraud prevention tips, and resources available to victims.	45	5/19/2023	Employees; Staff
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Covenant Living of Golden Valley Senior Center. Topics discussed include health care fraud scams, romance scams, grandparent scams, mass marketing scams, money mules, fraud indicators, fraud prevention tips, and resources available to victims.	45	5/23/2023	Faculty; Older adults
FBI Minneapolis	FBI Minneapolis provided a briefing on fraud scams and trends, including business email compromise, online/telemarketing scams, and money mules to the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. The briefing provided victimization prevention tips and resources available to victims.	50	6/12/2023	Executives; Employees; Staff

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FBI Minneapolis	Presentation at the Cross Lake Town Hall meeting. FBI Minneapolis provided an awareness brief on health care fraud, money mules, and elder fraud. The presentation highlighted health care fraud scams, romance scams, grandparent scams, mass marketing scams, and technical support scams. Other points of discussion included money mules, money mule awareness, the use of cryptocurrency, the fraud types targeting senior citizens, fraud prevention tips, and resources available to victims.	70	6/13/2023	Government officials; Public safety officials; Older adults
FBI Minneapolis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Alexandria Technical Community College, Law Enforcement Center.	60	6/23/2023	Law enforcement; Public safety officials; Faculty; Students
FBI Minneapolis	Presentation to the National Association of Insurance Professionals, Land O'Lakes Chapter, on financial crimes, money laundering, money mules, and elder fraud.	75	11/29/2023	Employees; Staff
FBI New Haven	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention tips, and victim resources presented to residents of Field Stone Village community.	20	9/28/2022	Older adults
FBI New Haven	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention tips, and victim resources presented to members of The Jaguar Club, comprised of a group of car collectors.	20	2/23/2023	Older adults
FBI New Orleans	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to East Jefferson General Hospital.	50	4/15/2023	Community members; Older adults
FBI New Orleans	FBI New Orleans hosted an online presentation about financial scams and cyber-enabled fraud, including elder fraud.	10,000	8/15/2023	Community members; Older adults
FBI New York	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the Carnegie Hills neighborhood community.	30	9/1/2022	Neighborhood residents; Older adults
FBI New York	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to employees of CommerzBank.	25	4/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI New York	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to employees of Ridgewood Bank.	35	4/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI New York	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at the SIFMA Conference.	500	5/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI New York	Provided training on common scams targeting senior citizens, prevention tips, and victim resources, during the Manhattan West Security Sub-Committee quarterly meeting.	12	5/1/2023	Chief security officers of residential/commercial properties
FBI New York	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at the NICE Actimize conference.	600	6/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI Newark	Romance and impersonation scam live stream panel with AARP New Jersey.	21,000	8/1/2022	Older adults; Viewers of YouTube.com
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Clifton Police Department.	15	9/1/2022	Investigators
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Millville Elks, conducted jointly with the County Prosecutor's Office.	200	10/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to officials and staff of Longport, NJ City Hall, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	75	11/1/2022	Older adults

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FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to officials and staff of Mays Landing, NJ City Hall, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	70	12/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to a Jewish Community Center.	125	12/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Village of St Peters, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	40	1/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Forever Young, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	75	2/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Interview on elder fraud awareness, common scams, steps to prevent victimization, and victim resources to New Jersey 101.5 radio.	1,000,000	2/1/2023	General public
FBI Newark	Interview with Univision on elder fraud awareness, common scams, steps to prevent victimization, and victim resources.	2,000,000	2/1/2023	General public
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to a senior citizens community center, conducted jointly with a county prosecutor and local law enforcement.	100	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Victoria Commons Care Facility, conducted jointly with a county prosecutor.	75	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Fort Lee Senior Center, conducted jointly with AARP.	40	3/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to officials and staff of Northfield, NJ City Hall, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	40	3/1/2023	Banking officials; Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.	500	4/1/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, conducted jointly with the County Prosecutor's Office.	30	4/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Rittenberg Manor, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	50	4/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey.	20	4/1/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Bethlehem Missionary Church, conducted jointly with New Jersey State Police.	50	5/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Fraud awareness and scams presentation to the South Jersey Chamber of Commerce w/County and local police department.	150	6/1/2023	Business owners; Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Active Day Senior Center, conducted jointly with local law enforcement.	100	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Stockton University, conducted jointly with the County Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement.	50	6/1/2023	Older adults

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FBI Newark	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of East Newark Senior Center.	30	6/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Norfolk	FBI Norfolk Interviewed by WTKR Channel 3 about elder fraud schemes targeting senior citizens, indicators, prevention tips, and victim resources.	250,000	11/7/2022	Viewers of WTKR Channel
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the Sassy Seniors Club.	32	12/13/2022	Older adults
FBI Norfolk	Briefing on national and local elder fraud trends and resources, and upcoming outreach opportunities provided to Norfolk Sheriff's Office.	3	1/11/2023	Law enforcement
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to attendees of the Norfolk Sheriff TRIAD meeting.	20	1/24/2023	Older adults
FBI Norfolk	FBI Norfolk was interviewed for a news article published by Talk of the Colony, the official magazine of the Ford's Colony Homeowners' Association. FBI Norfolk provided information regarding financial frauds targeting senior citizens, to include awareness, prevention tips, and victim resources.	1,000	2/1/2023	Community members; Older adults
FBI Norfolk	Meeting with Hampton Roads Community Foundation, Aging Adults Affinity Group, to discuss FBI involvement with elder financial exploitation investigations and available resources.	7	2/2/2023	Business leaders
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Retreat at Greenbrier.	50	2/6/2023	Older adults
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Peninsula Agency on Aging at the Forum on Aging.	400	3/1/2023	Caseworkers; Victim assistance professionals; Victim witness advocates
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Brentwood Chapter.	24	3/13/2023	Federal employees; Returned federal employees; Older adults
FBI Norfolk	FBI Norfolk conducted training at Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center to members of a working group. The presentation focused on providing a compassionate victim response for elder financial abuse crimes.	10	3/30/2023	USAO; Local first responders; APS; Agency on Aging; Commonwealth Attorney's Office; Center for Sexual Assault Survivors; Elder law attorneys; Forensic accountants
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the Niners Senior's Club.	40	3/30/2023	Older adults
FBI Norfolk	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church Women's Group. The presentation also shared information on aggravated identity theft, current trends, methods to prevent being a victim, how to report suspected frauds, and resources for continued learning.	15	5/2/2023	Older adults; Church members

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FBI Norfolk	Meeting with working group partners at the Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center. Members of the working group discussed referrals and provided investigative recommendations.	10	2023	U.S. Attorney's Office; Local first responders; APS; Area Agency on Aging; Commonwealth Attorney's Office; Center for Sexual Assault Survivors; elder law attorneys; Forensic accountants
FBI Norfolk	Meeting of the Chesapeake Elder Abuse Working Group. Members of the working group discussed referrals and provided investigative recommendations.	20	2023	FBI; U.S. Attorney's Office; Local first responders; APS; Commonwealth Attorney's Office; Victim assistance specialists; Victim witness advocates; Representative from the City Attorney's Office; Representative from Human Services City Manager's Office
FBI Oklahoma City	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources information provided during the Fraud Prevention Conference hosted jointly by FBI Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, and Oklahoma Department of Insurance.	200	7/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Oklahoma City	Briefings on elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources conducted at several locations throughout Oklahoma City, conducted jointly with Oklahoma County Sherriff's Office.	100	7/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Omaha	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Trinity Courtyard Independent Living Facility.	30	5/1/2022	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Hanover Township Community Center.	50	2/22/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Holy Trinity Catholic Church.	35	3/20/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Martin Luther King Older Adult Center.	30	5/2/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Traditions of America at Hanover.	60	5/2/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Susquehanna Senior Center.	12	5/12/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Church of the Holy Family.	45	5/16/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Yorktown Senior Center.	35	5/31/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Neshaminy Manor.	30	6/12/2023	Older adults

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FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Stewartstown Senior Center.	50	6/14/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Dillsburgh Senior Center.	20	6/15/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	FBI Philadelphia provided the keynote address to participants at the Montgomery County Elder Justice Roundtable Conference. FBI Philadelphia discussed: Financial elder abuse statistics for 2022; the FBI's role in combating financial elder abuse; current trends in elder financial exploitation; ways to identify types of elder abuse; prevention tips; and, resources available to victims.	300	6/16/2023	Community members; Community leaders; Business leaders; Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Red Land Senior Center.	10	6/20/2023	Older adults
FBI Philadelphia	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Redeemer Village.	12	6/28/2023	Older adults
FBI Phoenix	Presentation to the Phoenix Citizen's Academy on financial crimes, to include elder financial exploitation awareness, trends, and resources.	30	2/16/2023	Community leaders
FBI Phoenix	Presentation to clients of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC on elder financial exploitation awareness, trends, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources.	28	4/12/2023	Older adults
FBI Phoenix	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation at the Arizona Adult Protective Services Annual Elder Fraud Seminar.	100	6/15/2023	Caseworkers
FBI Phoenix	Local Fox 10 highlight on elder fraud, with a focus on romance scams.	500,000	6/23/2023	Viewers of Fox 10
FBI Pittsburgh	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources training to Indiana Township Police Department.	35	10/19/2022	Community members
FBI Pittsburgh	National Academy Financial Crimes 101 training; provided a briefing on elder fraud.	75	11/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI Pittsburgh	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to North Boroughs Rotary Club.	45	12/1/2022	Rotary Club members
FBI Pittsburgh	Interview on elder fraud, with a focus on identification of common scams targeting senior citizens, prevention tips, and action steps if victimized, presented to Pittsburgh NPR news channel 90.5 FM.	25,000	12/19/2022	Listeners of Channel 90.5 FM
FBI Pittsburgh	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Woodlands Retirement Community, an assisted living facility.	50	1/13/2023	Older adults; staff
FBI Pittsburgh	Presentation to residents of Sewickley Ridge neighborhood community on the FBI Elder Fraud Initiative, elder fraud awareness, victimization prevention tips, and victim resources.	75	3/6/2023	Older adults
FBI Pittsburgh	Presentation on elder financial exploitation to the Pittsburgh Citizen's Academy.	45	3/8/2023	Community leaders
FBI Pittsburgh	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of the FBI Pittsburgh Citizen's Academy Alumni Chapter.	7	3/15/2023	Financial institution employees; Alumni of Citizens Academy; Community leaders; Business leaders

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FBI Richmond	Presentation to The Kingdom Church on elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources. The presentation also discussed the importance of limiting information shared on social media by children and grandchildren to prevent threat actors from gaining personal identifiable information, which ultimately leads to identify theft.	150	12/10/2022	Members of The Kingdom Church; Older adults
FBI Richmond	A cyber-enabled fraud awareness and prevention presentation to residents of the Mosaic Community. This presentation focused on common cyber-enabled frauds and scams targeting senior citizens, awareness, and prevention tips.	60	1/25/2023	Older adults
FBI Richmond	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Cedarfield Retirement Community.	65	2/28/2023	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to The Club At West Park, a retirement community.	50	10/11/2022	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to Military Officers Association of America.	50	10/27/2022	Retired veterans
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to residents of Truewood Senior Living.	50	3/3/2023	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to residents of Pacifica Senior Living.	50	3/13/2023	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to residents of Truewood by Merrill, Fig Garden, a retirement community.	20	3/22/2023	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to the Lincoln Rotary Club.	20	3/23/2023	Rotary Club members; Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to Maravillosa at Campus Pointe Active Adult Living.	50	4/26/2023	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to Oak Creak Active, a retirement community.	70	5/2/2023	Older adults
FBI Sacramento	Interview on KCRA, a local ABC news station, on romance and confidence scams.	500,000	6/7/2023	Viewers of KCRA
FBI Sacramento	Presentation on elder fraud, awareness, and resources to attendees of the Kern County 24th Annual Elder Abuse Prevention Conference.	300	6/15/2023	AARP; APS; District Attorney's Office; Law enforcement
FBI Salt Lake City	KSL news article concerning fraud schemes involving impersonation of government officials.	500,000	7/1/2022	Readers of KSL News
FBI Salt Lake City	Information on elder financial exploitation awareness, trends, prevention tips, and FBI resources available to victims presented to Montana Adult Protective Services.	150	10/1/2022	Caseworkers
FBI Salt Lake City	Interview with ABC4 News regarding romance scams and money mules.	1,100,000	2/1/2023	Viewers of ABC4
FBI Salt Lake City	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presented to First Montana Bank.	20	4/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI San Antonio	Presentation on elder fraud to Rio Grande Valley Financial Crimes Working Group.	60	2/1/2023	Financial institution employees; Law enforcement

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FBI San Antonio	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Rio Bank.	35	10/1/2022	Senior managers of financial institution
FBI San Antonio	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Frost Bank.	30	10/1/2022	Senior managers of financial institution
FBI San Antonio	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Alamo Country Club.	130	11/1/2022	Older adults
FBI San Antonio	Interview on San Antonio Fox 29 and News 4 on elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources.	43,742	6/1/2023	Viewers of Fox 29 and NBC 4
FBI San Diego	Presentation to One Safe Place-North County Justice Center covering emerging fraud schemes targeting senior citizens.	50	8/1/2022	Community members
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories to Chula Vista Police Department.	3	8/22/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories presented to the San Diego Police Department.	3	8/23/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories presented to the Carlsbad Police Department.	3	8/29/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, statistics, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, success stories, and staffing shortfalls presented to the San Diego District Attorney's Office.	2	8/31/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories presented to the Escondido Police Department.	3	9/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories presented to the Oceanside Police Department.	4	9/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories presented to the San Diego Sheriff's Office.	3	9/6/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Elder fraud awareness, trends, resources, collaboration opportunities, and success stories presented to the National City Police Department.	4	9/13/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Presentation during Elder Justice Task Force meeting on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens.	50	9/22/2022	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to Shepherd Peninsula Center.	30	10/20/2022	Older adults
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to the Center for Task Force Training.	50	10/27/2022	Older adults
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to Women's Guild.	50	11/1/2022	Community members
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to call center supervisors of adult protective services (APS).	3	12/21/2022	APS call center supervisors
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to the management team of adult protective services (APS).	3	1/9/2023	APS management
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to San Diego Senior Center.	60	1/18/2023	Older adults

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FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to San Diego Elder Law Advocacy.	3	1/30/2023	Advocacy group members
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to adult protective services (APS).	70	2/9/2023	APS call center supervisors; APS caseworkers
FBI San Diego	Financial Fraud Kill Chain training provided to San Diego Police Department.	10	2/15/2023	Law enforcement
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to San Diego County Caregiver Coalition.	25	2/24/2023	Caregivers
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to Grandparent's Council.	80	3/23/2023	Older adults
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to Aging Life Care Association.	150	4/22/2023	Private home health care providers
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to National Fusion Center Association.	50	4/25/2023	Fusion Center analysts; Staff
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to California State Financial Crimes Investigators.	80	5/1/2023	Law enforcement; Bank investigators
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to San Diego Senior Center Coalition.	30	5/23/2023	Program managers for older adults
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to the Senior Division at Devore Realty Group.	30	5/26/2023	Realtors who work with older adults
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to residents of Ocean Hills Senior Living Center.	45	6/13/2023	Staff; Older adults
FBI San Diego	Presentation on fraud schemes targeting senior citizens provided to The Oasis Center.	25	6/16/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Sequoia Living, a senior living facility.	35	7/7/2022	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to clients of Quorum Private Wealth.	37	11/3/2022	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Solano Community College.	20	11/7/2022	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Oakland Chamber of Commerce.	35	1/18/2023	Community leaders
FBI San Francisco	FBI San Francisco attended training on romance-cryptocurrency scam, with an emphasis on elder fraud, conducted by the Regional Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT) Task Force. Training was also provided by Chainalysis and TRM Labs.	300	1/24/2023	Investigators
FBI San Francisco	Interview with World Journal, a Chinese publication, on financial fraud targeting senior citizens, specifically Chinese Americans.	50,000	2/14/2023	Readers of World Journal
FBI San Francisco	FBI San Francisco, in collaboration with the U.S. Secret Service and Chainalysis, delivered cryptocurrency training to FBI agents and analysts, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. The training focused on elder fraud and confidence-cryptocurrency schemes.	30	2/16/2023	FBI agents; FBI analysts; U.S. Attorney's Office

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FBI San Francisco	A presentation on romance scams targeting senior citizens provided at an Association of Certified Financial Crime Specialists event hosted by FTI Consulting.	20	3/9/2023	Investigators at financial institutions; Employees of a cryptocurrency exchange; Cryptocurrency company
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the City of Mountain View Senior Center.	80	4/6/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Collaboration with LinkedIn to disrupt confidence-cryptocurrency scam and romance scam threat actors targeting senior citizens on the LinkedIn platform.	5	4/19/2023	Security professionals
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Solano Community College.	40	4/24/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to residents of Baywood Court, an assisted living facility. The presentation was conducted jointly with Alameda County Sherriff's Office.	75	5/10/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to employees of Paxos.	20	5/13/2023	Cryptocurrency/Blockchain professionals
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to members of Kimochi Senior Center. The presentation also provided information on elder fraud schemes targeting Asian Americans.	20	5/25/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation, conducted in Spanish, to On Lok PACE Gee Center.	60	6/29/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation, conducted in Cantonese, to Self-Help for the Elderly. Emphasis was placed on financial scams targeting Asian Americans.	100	6/30/2023	Older adults
FBI San Francisco	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Telemundo.	1,000,000	12/9/2023	Viewers of Telemundo
FBI San Francisco	Meeting of the Charles Schwab Working Group, focused on preventing elder fraud and discussing case referrals.	15	2023	Financial advisors; Investigators
FBI San Francisco	Meeting with the Romance Scams Working Group with Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC).	50	2023	CFTC; Investigators; Analysts
FBI San Francisco	Collaboration with Uber to disrupt threat actors targeting senior citizens.	10	2023	Ridesharing professionals
FBI San Francisco	FBI San Francisco emailed leaders of approximately 100 senior living facilities in the San Francisco area of responsibility, providing information on elder financial exploitation awareness, prevention tips, and victim resources.	100	2023	Employees of assisted living facilities; Older adults
FBI San Juan	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources information provided at the Baby Boomers Exposition.	325	11/1/2022	Community members; Community leaders; Business leaders; Older adults
FBI San Juan	Public Service Announcement on elder fraud awareness and prevention tips featuring FBI San Juan SAC Joseph Gonzalez.	500,000	12/1/2022	Listeners of regional radio stations
FBI San Juan	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to AARP San Juan.	53	2/1/2023	Older adults

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FBI San Juan	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to AARP Puerto Rico.	80	3/11/2023	Older adults
FBI San Juan	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Buena Coop Credit Union.	35	3/22/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI San Juan	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to AARP Puerto Rico.	13	5/4/2023	Older adults
FBI San Juan	FBI San Juan participated in a radio interview on the "Cita Medica on Zoraida Nelly Torres" program, on 630 AM channel.	1,000	6/24/2023	Listeners of Channel 630AM
FBI San Juan	Interview on WIPR Channel 6 on elder fraud awareness and prevention.	2,000	3/23/2023	Viewers of WIPR Channel 6
FBI San Juan	FBI San Juan provided an interview on Radio Isla, alongside representatives from AARP San Juan, on elder fraud awareness and prevention.	147,000	4/13/2023	Older adults
FBI Seattle	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Boeing Employee Credit Union.	61	10/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Seattle	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Weyerhaeuser's Accounting division.	60	12/1/2022	Private sector
FBI Seattle	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Retired Agents Association.	20	5/1/2023	Retired agents
FBI St. Louis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to St. Louis Area Agency on Aging.	50	11/1/2022	Older adults
FBI St. Louis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA) Enforcement Training conference.	500	3/23/2023	Members of NASAA
FBI St. Louis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Greater St. Louis Area Chapter.	40	5/1/2023	Investigators
FBI St. Louis	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Edward Jones.	45	5/1/2023	Financial advisors; KYC/AML Specialists
FBI Tampa	Elder Fraud Awareness Forum	25	7/1/2022	Community members; Community leaders; Business leaders; Older adults
FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder fraud trends affecting financial institutions to Amscot.	25	7/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Tampa	Conducted a presentation on cyber-enabled fraud at the Florida FBI National Academy Association conference.	162	7/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI Tampa	Conducted a presentation on cyber-enabled fraud to the L3Harris audit team.	40	7/1/2022	Private sector
FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder fraud trends affecting financial institutions to Wells Fargo.	46	7/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Tampa	Meeting with Lee County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Unit to discuss trends in elder financial exploitation.	20	8/1/2022	Law enforcement
FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder fraud trends affecting financial institutions to CitiBank.	254	8/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder fraud trends affecting financial institutions to Marine Bank & Trust.	75	8/1/2022	Financial institution employees

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FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder financial exploitation to the Cape Coral Rotary Club.	50	8/1/2022	Older adults; Rotary Club members
FBI Tampa	Presentation on cyber-enabled fraud to Bay First Financial.	30	9/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Tampa	Presentation on cyber-enabled fraud to Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee.	25	9/1/2022	Community members; Community leaders; Business leaders
FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder financial exploitation to Zelis.	20	10/1/2022	Private sector
FBI Tampa	Presentation on elder financial exploitation to Aero Simulation.	50	10/1/2022	Private sector
FBI Tampa	Presentation on cyber-enabled fraud to Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants.	50	11/1/2022	Members of Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants
FBI Tampa	Presentation on cyber-enabled fraud to Resident Interface.	10	11/1/2022	Private sector
FBI Tampa	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Sunrise Bank.	20	11/1/2022	Financial institution employees
FBI Tampa	Presentation on trends in elder financial exploitation to Suncoast Bankers Compliance Association.	68	1/1/2023	Members of Suncoast Bankers Compliance Association
FBI Tampa	Interviewed by News Channel 8 WFLA regarding romance scams, including identification, prevention, and action steps to take if victimized.	500,000	2/1/2023	Viewers of News Channel 8 WFLA
FBI Tampa	Presentation to Lockheed Martin regarding romance scams.	62	2/1/2023	Private sector
FBI Tampa	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources presentation to Sunrise Bank.	20	2/1/2023	Financial institution employees
FBI Tampa	Meeting with Ameriprise Financial to discuss trends in elder financial exploitation.	1	3/1/2023	Executive
FBI Tampa	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Senior Adventures in Learning (SAIL).	75	4/1/2023	Older adults
FBI Tampa	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Ameriprise Financial Investors.	30	4/1/2023	Financial advisors
FBI Tampa	Elder fraud awareness, trends, prevention, and resources briefing to Eau Gallie Rotary Club.	30	6/1/2023	Older adults; Rotary Club members
FBI Washington Field	Presentation titled "How to Avoid Falling Victim to Fraud" to members of IDB Global Federal Credit Union.	42	10/18/2022	Older adults; Financial institution employees
FBI Washington Field	Presentation titled "Fraud Protection Around the Holidays" to members of IDB Global Federal Credit Union.	60	12/14/2022	Older adults; Financial institution employees
FBI Washington Field	Participated in a fraud prevention expo at a senior living community, disseminating flyers and brochures to residents of the community, and answering questions. Conducted a presentation on fraud awareness and prevention.	125	3/10/2023	Older adults
FBI Washington Field	Conducted a fraud awareness presentation to clients of a wealth management firm as requested from the owner of the firm.	30	4/19/2023	Clients of the firm; Older adults
FBI Washington Field	Attended AARP's Annual Scam Jam event, disseminating flyers and brochures, and answering questions. Participated in a panel presentation with other law enforcement agencies and spoke about fraud awareness and prevention.	50	4/29/2023	Older adults

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FBI Washington Field	Conducted a virtual presentation titled "Protecting Seniors from Financial Exploitation" to members of IDB Global Federal Credit Union.	25	6/15/2023	Older adults; Financial institution employees
FBI Washington Field	Provided a virtual presentation titled "Combatting Check and Electronic Banking Fraud" on a webinar hosted by Founders Bank.	42	6/27/2023	Older adults; Financial institution employees
FBIHQ/CID/FCS/ECU	Presentation at the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) 21st Annual AML & Anti-Financial Crimes Conference titled "Protect Your Elders: Fighting Financial Abuse of Seniors and Vulnerable Populations," on elder fraud trends, statistics, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3.gov), behavioral and financial red flags of potential elder financial exploitation, offered tips for writing effective SARs, and how to collaborate with federal law enforcement.	5,000	10/11/2022	Financial institution employees; Investigators; AML professionals; Compliance professionals; Executives
FBIHQ/CID/FCS/ECU	Elder fraud awareness, trends, statistics, prevention, and resources presentation to the Society of Former Special Agents at its annual conference.	350	10/15/2022	Retired FBI Special Agents; Community members; Older adults
FBIHQ/CID/FCS/ECU	Presentation for an ACAMS webinar titled "Battling Fraudulent Activity Connected to Elder Financial Exploitation" on elder fraud awareness, trends, statistics, behavioral and financial red flags of potential elder financial exploitation, and writing effective SARs. The presentation was conducted jointly with DOJ-Consumer Protection Branch.	3,000	12/15/2022	Financial institution employees; Investigators; AML professionals; Compliance professionals; Executives
FBIHQ/CID/FCS/ECU	Presented on the topic of elder financial exploitation during the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Quarterly Scams Roundtable, hosted virtually by PwC's Financial Crimes Unit, Fraud Services Team. During the webinar, FBI CID/FCS/ECU provided an overview of: The 2017 Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act of 2017 (EAPPA); statistics and trends from IC3.gov; a summary of the vulnerability of older adults to frauds and swindles; the FBI and DOJ role in the EAPPA; how financial institutions can collaborate with law enforcement; the FinCEN advisory on Elder Financial Exploitation; and SAR filing best practices.	40	3/14/2023	Clients of PricewaterhouseCoopers from the financial services industry
FBIHQ/CID/FCS/ECU	Presented on the topic of elder financial abuse during a live televised event hosted by the AARP Fraud Watch Network. The hour-long event was televised by the Rural Media Group, Inc., on RFD-TV, targeting an audience of rural Americans. AARP reported viewership of 425,000 of the program. During the episode, AARP/RFD-TV received 130 telephone calls from viewers asking questions directed to the FBI. According to AARP, a determining factor of a high Nielson rating for television networks is the number of calls received; 130 calls received is considered an extraordinarily high number, indicative of a potential high rating for AARP/RFD-TV.	425,000	3/16/2023	Older adults; Community members
FBIHQ/CID/FCS/ECU	Presented on the topic of elder financial exploitation at the 2023 FINRA Senior Investor Protection Conference on the Roundtable on Senior Issues and Collaborating with Other Agencies, hosted by FINRA's Vulnerable and Seniors Team. The presentation was conducted in collaboration with the Federal Trade Commission and the New Jersey Bureau of Securities.	1,200	3/27/2023	Broker-dealer firms

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FBIHQ/CID/ FCS/ECU	FBI Deputy Director (DD) Paul Abbate presented at the 2023 FINRA Annual Conference session titled "Current Trends and Threats in Financial Crimes" alongside U.S. Department of Treasury Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson. DD Abbate and Under Secretary Nelson discussed the latest developments in financial crimes and illicit finance risk including new and emerging threats related to money laundering, fraud, securities fraud, cyber-enabled crime, digital assets, and sanctions. DD Abbate discussed trends in elder fraud.	25,000	5/16/2023	Broker-dealer firms
FBIHQ/CID/ FCS/ECU	In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, created a guide for banks to prevent elder financial exploitation, in collaboration with the American Bankers Association Foundation. The guide contained three infographics: "Elder Financial Exploitation;" "Spot the Red Flags of Elder Financial Exploitation;" and, "Combat Elder Financial Exploitation with the Three Rs (Recognize, Respond, Report)."	500,000	6/15/2023	Financial institution employees and customers; Older adults
FBIHQ/CID/ FCS/ECU	Infographic published, in collaboration with the American Bankers Association Foundation, on scams targeting older adults during the winter holiday season.	500,000	12/16/2023	Financial institution employees and customers; Older adults
IC3	IC3 and EF presentation to North Dakota victim services and adult protective services.	50	7/22/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Victim services
IC3	Participated in WFO romance scam webinar.	175	9/23/2022	Older Adults
IC3	Participated in an NW3C cybersecurity awareness webinar titled "Responding to Transnational Fraud Schemes that Target Older Adults."	100	10/25/2022	State and local law enforcement
IC3	Presentation to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees	25	4/25/2023	Retired federal employees
IC3	Presentation to the WV Women's Club.	30	5/22/2023	Older adults; Consumers/Consumer groups
IC3	Participated in an Administration for Community Living/DOJ webinar titled "Frauds and Scams, Reporting and Recovering Funds."	195	6/20/2023	Other state/local government, e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen
OVC	The Prosecutors Alliance requested one consultant to deliver a webinar titled "Understanding and Responding to Victims of Elder Abuse" on June 5, 2023. The webinar taught prosecutors and community- and system-based victim advocates how to provide services to this special victim population.	181	6/5/2023	Prosecutors; Victim advocates
OVC	Apache Behavioral Health Services requested one consultant to deliver virtual and in-person customized training and technical assistance on elder abuse from May–September 2023 in Whiteriver, Arizona. This technical assistance is helping the agency in implementing and sustaining a multidisciplinary team approach to serving victims of elder abuse.	50	5/15/23- 9/15/23	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); State/local law enforcement
OVC	Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online: Crimes - Elder Abuse. The Elder Abuse module is part of the VAT Online training. This module takes 45 minutes to complete and provides information about what elder abuse is, and how victims are affected by this crime. It includes issues related to the crime, such as prevalence, victim impact, and tips and strategies to help victims.	6,051	On demand	Victim advocates

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OVC	Victim Assistance Training (VAT) Online: Specific Considerations for Providing Victim Services - Older Adults. The Older Adults module is part of the VAT Online training. The module takes 45 minutes to complete and provides information on older adult victims of crime. It includes issues that victims may face, and tips and strategies to help victims.	5,726	On demand	Victim advocates
OVC	Online Elder Abuse Training for Legal Service Providers: OVC TTAC offers an interactive Web-based training program for legal aid and civil attorneys, which has four modules that offer a variety of information, tools, and resources to identify and respond to elder abuse, including "Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault," "Financial Fraud and Exploitation," "Practical and Ethical Strategies," and "What Lawyers Need to Know."	1,767	On demand	Victim advocates
OVC	Polyvictimization in Later Life. OVC TTAC offers an interactive Web-based training program, Polyvictimization in Later Life, which is a 6-hour training presented in five modules. The training is intended to strengthen awareness of polyvictimization in later life and to provide knowledge and skills for professionals to address older victims' needs. The training addresses the context of polyvictimization; victims and perpetrators of polyvictimization; best practices to work with older adults affected by polyvictimization using trauma-informed, ethical, and culturally appropriate practices; and the latest research and best practices to serve this population.	2,340	On demand	Victim advocates
OVC	Webinar presentation titled "Assisting Older Adult Victims of Financial Fraud and Exploitation" co-presented by the National Elder Fraud Hotline and National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), to the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Investigators' Working Group.	73	8/3/2022	Federal/state/local law enforcement; Investigators; Attorneys
OVC	Webinar presentation titled "The U.S. Department of Justice National Elder Fraud Hotline" presented to the Montana Department of Health and Human Services, Aging Services Bureau as a part of their Legal Services Developer Training Series.	44	3/23/2023	State/local professionals; Adult protective services; Victim advocates; Elder law practitioners
OVC	Presenters at the NCJFCJ Annual Conference Workshop on First Court Appearance discussed how assumptions about age and dangerousness can impact survivors and users of violence in elder abuse cases using a case scenario that covers a first court appearance in a criminal matter. As a result of this presentation, attendees are better able to: (1) Consider how ageism manifests in the justice system and chills the ability of older adult victims of abuse to access justice; (2) Identify red flags and indicators that an older adult perpetrator of violence may be capable of inflicting serious and lethal harm on another individual; and (3) Mitigate ageist assumptions that may lead to unsafe and ineffective decisions in cases that involve abuse against older adults.	15	7/18/2022	Judges and judicial officers

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OVW	Interactive presentation titled "Strategies for Supporting the Safety of Survivors of Sexual Abuse in Later Life," presented at National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Annual Conference, discussed perpetrator dynamics and motivations, and offered professional responses building on victim strengths and resilience. As a result of attending this session, participants are better able to: Describe perpetrator motivations in cases of sexual abuse in later life; identify approaches to assist a victim of sexual abuse in later life that enhances safety, promotes healing, and supports the victim's needs and experience; recognize barriers faced by older victims of sexual abuse and learn strategies to address them; identify obstacles to response and intervention when the older victim of sexual abuse has dementia and lives in a long-term care setting and ways to address these obstacles.	21	8/29/2022	APS staff; Aging organization staff; Attorneys
OVW	"Caring for Older Adults" panel discussion on how to better advocate and care for older sexual assault patients. End Violence Against Women's free Community Conversation Series goes beyond the basics, delving deep into topics covered in the Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam (SAMFE) Virtual Practicum. Live webinars bring together expert practitioners to give insights, share ideas, and offer examples of successful ways to improve care for survivors.	174	10/12/2022	Multidisciplinary group (aging services, victim services, justice system, health care, and other professionals)
OVW	At the Dane County, WI, Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference, provided an overview of NCALL and resources available for supporting older survivors of abuse.	175	10/13/2022	Multidisciplinary group (aging services, victim services, justice system, health care, and other professionals)
OVW	"Elder Justice: Dynamics of Abuse in Later Life" presented at the CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference, providing an overview of abuse in later life. As a result of this webinar, participants are better able to: define elder abuse and list common forms of abuse; describe elder abuse dynamics; address common challenges faced by older victims of abuse; and identify best practices for working with older survivors.	85	10/13/2022	Multidisciplinary group (aging services, victim services, justice system, health care, and other professionals)
OVW	As part of the NV Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Webinar Series, addressed sexual abuse in later life and opportunities for collaboration for the Coalition. The objectives of this webinar were to: Identify approaches to assist a victim of sexual abuse in later life that enhance safety, promote healing, and support the victim's needs and experience; recognize barriers faced by older victims of sexual abuse and learn strategies to address them; describe the importance of collaboration in response to sexual abuse in later life; and learn about available NCALL resources on abuse in later life and agency self-assessment.	17	10/20/2022	Attorneys; Victim services
OVW	Conducted a webinar for Victim Rights Law Center (VRLC) titled "Sexual Abuse in Later Life." Session objectives were to describe offender motivations in cases of elder sexual abuse; identify approaches to representing a victim of elder sexual abuse that enhance safety, promote healing, and support the victim's needs and experience; and identify obstacles to effective representation when the victim of elder sexual assault has dementia and lives in a long-term care setting.	74	10/20/2022	Attorneys; Law students

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OVW	Presentation at the Colorado Organization for Victim Assistance (COVA) Conference titled "A Victim Centered Approach to Elder Abuse Investigations." This session highlighted the collaborative, inclusive, victim-centered practices at all stages of an elder abuse investigation. As a result of attending this session, participants are able to: Identify forms and dynamics of elder abuse; describe fundamental principles of a victim centered elder abuse investigation; identify and work collaboratively with key partners to support older victims and determine if a crime has occurred; and address victim safety and support regardless of whether the case is prosecuted.	65	10/24/2022	Multidisciplinary group (APS, victim services, justice system, culturally-specific organizations, and other professionals)
OVW	One-day virtual conference titled "Virtual Conference: Post Pandemic Black Box on Abuse In Later Life and the Courts," hosted by Futures Without Violence and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. The COVID-19 pandemic caused older adults to experience disproportionate economic harm and isolation, as well as an increase in exploitation and abuse. This workshop: 1. Explored the state of elder abuse since the pandemic; 2. Highlighted areas of critical import to the courts serving older adults; and 3. Discussed promising practices that increase court efficiency and effectiveness while serving older adult survivors of abuse in later life.	81	12/12/2022	Judges; Other state professionals; Advocates; Law enforcement; Prosecutors
OVW	Presentation titled "Abuse in Later Life: Collaborating to Support Survivors," to the Academy of Forensic Nursing, providing an overview of abuse in later life and strategies to support older survivors. As a result of this webinar, participants are better able to: Describe abuse in later life; recognize common challenges faced by older victims of abuse; outline strategies for working with older survivors; articulate the importance of inter-agency collaboration in response to abuse in later life; and identify available NCALL resources.	46	12/14/2022	Sexual assault forensic examiners; Aging organization staff; Domestic violence program staff; Child advocates
OVW	This webinar titled "Stalking and Older Adults: An Overview," examined stalking in the context of elder abuse – its prevalence, dynamics, implications, and resources available for survivors. As a result of attending this session, participants are better able to: Recognize stalking behavior, understand how stalking impacts older adults, and identify resources to improve their response to stalking.	184	1/12/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS, LTC Ombudsmen); Domestic violence and sexual assault programs and coalitions; Aging organizations
OVW	Presentation titled "Abuse in Later Life: Collaborating to Support Survivors," to JWI National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse, providing an overview of abuse in later life and strategies to support older survivors. As a result of this webinar, participants are better able to: Define abuse in later life and list common forms of abuse; describe abuse in later life dynamics, address common barriers faced by older adults, and identify best practices for working with older victims.	40	1/31/2023	Domestic violence program staff
OVW	This webinar titled "Engaging Forensic Nurses" examined the role of forensic nurses in the response to violence across the lifespan, and was created for multidisciplinary professionals that serve older adults. Attendees of this webinar are able to explain the role of forensic nurses in the response to violence across the life span, and how to engage forensic nurses in an inter-agency coordinated response to abuse in later life.	75	2/2/2023	Multidisciplinary group (aging services, victim services, justice system, health care, and other professionals)

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OVW	Webinar titled "Reaching and Serving Older LGBTQ+ Adults Impacted by Abuse in Later Life," providing an overview of abuse in later life in the LGBTQ+ community. As a result of this training, participants are able to: Describe how LGBTQ+ identity impacts an older adult's experience of abuse; discuss strategies for effectively reaching and serving older LGBTQ+ adults who experience abuse; and implement strategies for collaborating with community partners to better serve older LGBTQ+ adults.	25	3/22/2023	Multidisciplinary group
OVW	Workshop titled "When it Comes to Addressing Abuse in Later Life, Intersectionality Matters," presented at the ASA On Aging 2024 Conference. This session highlighted the connection between abuse in later life and ageism, specifically in the context of a victim's intersecting identities (race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, etc.). Each person's background, culture, and identity are the context in which their life occurs; for those experiencing abuse in later life, including domestic and sexual violence, it's also the context of their abuse and their safety and healing. This session addressed barriers for older victims resulting from ageism at the intersection of racism, ableism, sexism, and other discrimination. For those working with older victims, understanding intersectionality and further, operationalizing it, is urgent; responses are only effective if they account for a victim's lived experience. This session equipped participants with strategies for an intersectional approach to reach and effectively serve survivors of abuse in later life.	25	3/30/2023	Multidisciplinary group (aging services, victim services, justice system, health care, and other professionals)
OVW	Presentation titled "Abuse in Later Life: Advocacy for Older Survivors," to UNIDOS Wisconsin, providing an overview of abuse in later life and strategies and resources to support older survivors. As a result of this webinar, participants are better able to: Define abuse in later life and list common forms of abuse; describe abuse in later life dynamics, address common barriers faced by older adults; and identify best practices and resources in Wisconsin for working with older victims.	12	4/10/2023	Staff of culturally-specific programs
OVW	Presentation titled "Using Victim-Centered and Collaborative Approaches to Address the Intersections of Abuse in Later Life," at the Conference on Crimes Against Women. This session explored the unique challenges survivors face and opportunities for collaboration in responding to cases of abuse in later life. As a result of this presentation, participants are able to: Identify forms and dynamics of abuse in later life; recognize common challenges faced by older victims of abuse; understand how to adapt services for older victims that promote safety and healing, while addressing how a victim's background, culture, and identity may impact their experience with this abuse; and describe the importance of collaboration in enhancing the response to abuse in later life.	67	5/24/2023	Multidisciplinary group (aging services, victim services, justice system, health care, and other professionals)
OVW	At the Oklahoma Legal Aid Symposium, moderated a panel on Financial and Domestic Elder Abuse in the 2SLGBTQ+ Community.	97	6/8/2023	Attorneys; Law students
OVW	Webinar titled "Vulnerable Adult Statutes and Abuse in Later Life" for UW-Milwaukee. As a result of participation, participants are able to: Describe the purpose and history of vulnerable adult statutes; and identify ways in which vulnerable adult statutes may help or hinder a community's response to elder abuse.	61	6/8/2023	Multidisciplinary group

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OVW	Moderated a panel titled "Conversations with Elders: Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse" for the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health (NCDVTMH) on supporting older adults who experienced abuse in later life. The conversation in this webinar session focused on domestic violence and elder abuse and how human service organizations can be more responsive to the presence, voices, and support of elders who have experienced abuse later in life. The session also looked at NCDVTMH's ACRTI (accessible, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed) framework and what ACRTI practices mean for older adults who are accessing services and leading efforts to combat elder abuse.	96	6/20/2023	Multidisciplinary group
OVW	Webinar titled "Abuse in Later Life on the Radar: Funding a Collaborative Approach for the Support of Older Survivors." This foundational training provided a deeper understanding abuse in later life and an in-depth look at the OVW Abuse in Later Life Grant Program. As a result of this training, participants are able to: Define abuse in later life and understand the extent of the issue; understand potential value and benefits of having an OVW Abuse in Later Life (ALL) project in your community; locate resources available for addressing abuse in later life in your community; and understand the various components of the ALL Program, and how to apply for ALL Program Funding. https://www.ncall.us/2023/06/21/funding-a-collaborative-approach-for-the-support-of-older-survivors/	167	6/20/2023	Multidisciplinary group
OVW	Webinar titled "Family Violence and Abuse in Later Life" for the National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER), intended for a civil attorney/legal services and other victim services provider audience. Family violence and abuse in later life is a pervasive and challenging issue affecting millions of older adults throughout the country each year. Because such abuse often goes unreported, it is important for legal service providers, and other professionals working with older survivors of abuse, to understand and recognize the types of abuse and common tactics used by perpetrators to assert power and control over older adults. This session explored ways that such professionals can work with older survivors of abuse in later life, which includes using a victim-centered approach, implementing trauma-informed practices, and strategies for preventing further harm from occurring.	1,338	6/28/2023	Multidisciplinary group
OVW	Webinar titled "Risk Factors & Safety Strategies for Abuse in Later Life at the Intersection of Aging and Disabilities," providing an overview of abuse in later life at the intersection of aging and disability. As a result of this webinar, participants are better able to: Explain the term "disability" and its various distinctions and impact; describe issues related to the abuse of older adults with disabilities; identify risk factors for abuse and tactics utilized by abusers; and determine strategies to address common barriers for older adults with disabilities.	19	6/28/2023	Multidisciplinary group
OVW	5-part Abuse in Later Life webinar series covering a range of topics related to civil remedies for abuse in later life. Topics covered include best practices for working with older clients, screening clients for abuse and neglect, non-litigation tools to respond to (or avoid) potential abuse, litigation strategies, and much more.	730	July 11; July 25; August 1; August 8; August 15, 2022	Legal aid attorneys

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OVW	The Elder Abuse Investigations for Law Enforcement (23) training modules provide law enforcement with investigative tools and strategies to enhance victim safety, promote offender accountability, and help build an effective case for charging in elder abuse cases. https://elderabuseforlawenforcement.com/	948	On demand	Law enforcement
USAO Alaska	One hour presentation to HUD Office of Inspector General grantees in Alaska regarding Coronavirus fraud facts and describing elder fraud cases.	30	7/14/2022	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
USAO Arizona	AUSA Feldmeier and FBI SSA Hellmer gave a one-hour presentation to the Veterans Affairs Social Worker Call-In regarding online scams.	50	9/6/2022	Veterans Affairs social workers
USAO Arizona	Attended Arizona adult protective services (APS) monthly meeting to confer and consult on elder abuse topics with APS investigators and state and local law enforcement.	40	9/7/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
USAO Arizona	Attended monthly SAFEE Meeting, hosted by the AZ Attorney General to discuss elder justice issues.	5	11/9/2022	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
USAO Arizona	Presentation at the Saguaro Bloom Community Center on scams, including money mules and fraud impacting older adults.	8	2/7/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Presentation at Desert Pueblo Mobile Home Park on frauds, money mules, and scams impacting older adults.	58	2/7/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Presentation at Saddlebrooke 2 on frauds, money mules, and scams impacting older adults.	103	2/8/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Elder Justice Outreach presentation by the U.S. Attorney's Office and U.S. Postal Inspection Service to Mountain View Gardens Senior Living Community in Sierra Vista, Arizona, discussing fraud, including money mules and fraud impacting older adults.	23	3/30/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Elder Justice Outreach presentation titled "Common Scams and How to Avoid Falling for Them," given by the U.S. Attorney's Office and the US Secret Service on fraud, including money mules and various scams impacting older adults.	126	4/4/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Participated with the US Secret Service in an outreach event at the Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility and their staff on the Tohono O'odham Nation, giving a presentation titled "Common Scams and How to Avoid Them," including an overview of money mules.	34	4/19/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	Participated with the US Secret Service in an outreach event at the Trails West Active Adult Community in Tucson, Arizona, giving a presentation titled "Common Scams and How to Avoid Them," including an overview of money mules.	46	4/20/2023	Older adults
USAO Arizona	At an AARP Fraud Forum, gave presentations on common scams, identifying money mules, and understanding victims of elder abuse.	250	5/6/2023	Older adults
USAO California, Northern	Spoke with the Multidisciplinary Team about the Elder Justice Initiative, a nursing home case the USAO NDCA settled regarding grossly substandard care, and cases regarding financial fraud against older adults.	20	1/19/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)

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USAO California, Northern	Adult protective services with the Forensic Center asked the Elder Justice Coordinators (AUSA Gioconda Molinari and Robert Rees) to give a presentation on financial abuse of a 90-year-old woman by a 33-year-old man and his sister.	10	5/25/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
USAO California, Southern	Elder Justice Coordinator AUSA Oleksandra Johnson spoke at a Senior Wellness Community event held at The North County Family Justice Center, aimed at educating older adults about how to recognize scams and protect yourself.	30	8/20/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults
USAO California, Southern	Meeting with management and investigators from California Coast Credit Union to present on the FinCEN elder financial exploitation advisory and elder fraud prevention and prosecution issues.	20	10/13/2022	Industry/Private sector
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at the Petworth Library.	10	1/10/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at Forest Hills.	10	3/6/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center.	10	3/12/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at the Seabury at Friendship Terrace.	10	3/17/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at Iona.	10	3/27/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Participated in a Crime Victims' Rights Week Roundtable discussing elder fraud and abuse.	10	4/10/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at the Washington Retired Teachers Lillian Huff Library.	10	4/12/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO District of Columbia	Presentation titled "Scams/Fraud Targeting Seniors" given at the Juneteenth Baptist Church.	10	5/3/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Florida, Middle	Participated in an elder fraud event for older adults with FBI, State Attorney's Office, and local law enforcement to educate older adults about all types of fraud.	150	4/20/2023	Older adults
USAO Florida, Northern	Presentation to the FSU Law School's Elder Justice Law Clinic about prosecuting federal and state (FL) crimes against older adults, including financial exploitation, using a case study of a recent wire fraud and aggravated identity theft prosecution involving older victims who resided in assisted living facilities.	15	3/23/2023	Students; Faculty
USAO Florida, Northern	At the NDFL Financial Crimes Conference titled "Taking the BYTE Out of Crime: Tools and Techniques for Fighting Internet Crimes Targeting Businesses and Individuals," gave a presentation about common federal and state fraud statutes used to prosecute financial crimes against older adults, including Florida's elder exploitation statutes.	130	3/28/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Florida, Northern	At the NDFL Financial Crimes Conference titled "Taking the BYTE Out of Crime: Tools and Techniques for Fighting Internet Crimes Targeting Businesses and Individuals," gave a presentation about common federal and state fraud statutes used to prosecute financial crimes against older adults, including Florida's elder exploitation statutes.	180	3/29/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, City of Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation, and Riviera Beach Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at the Wells Recreation Center in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	7/5/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Older adults; Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Miami Dade Parks and Recreation, and the Miami Dade Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Demps Park in Miami, Florida, where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	7/12/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, the Riviera Police Department, and the Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at the Wells Recreation Center in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	350	8/2/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	At a FISA meeting, gave a presentation on federal prosecutions of elder fraud cases, and was joined by the FBI elder justice liaison and Susan Holtzman from the Miami-Dade Mayor's Office.	70	8/18/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Miami Dade Parks and Recreation, and Miami-Dade Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	8/18/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, the Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	8/23/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, the Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	8/23/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Demps Park in Miami, Florida, where free food and flyers on elder abuse and fraud were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	9/13/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Miami-Dade Police Department-South District, and Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Demps Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	9/13/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation, and Miami-Dade Police Department-North District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at the Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	9/20/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Rivera Beach Parks and Recreation, and Rivera Beach Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to community members who participated in the food drive.	325	10/4/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Wilbur B. Bell Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	10/11/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation, and Miami-Dade Police Department-North District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	10/18/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	10/25/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Riviera Beach Police Department, and Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Wells Recreational Center in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	12/6/2022	Community members

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USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Wilbur B. Bell Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	12/13/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Miami-Dade Police Department-North District, and Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	500	12/20/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Broward County Sheriff's Office, and Broward County Parks and Recreation hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	12/27/2022	Community members
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation, and Riviera Beach Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at the Wells Recreational Center in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	300	1/3/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Demps Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	350	1/10/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-Northside District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	500	1/17/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	350	1/24/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation, and Riviera Beach Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Wells Recreation Center in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	2/7/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups

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USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Wilbur B. Bell Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	2/14/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-Northside District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	2/21/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	2/28/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation, and Riviera Beach Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Wells Recreational Center in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	350	3/7/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Demps Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	3/14/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-Northside District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	500	3/21/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, the United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	3/28/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Riviera Beach Parks and Recreation, and Riviera Beach Police Department hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution in Riviera Beach, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	400	4/4/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups

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USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-South District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at the Wilbur B. Bell Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	375	4/11/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, and Miami-Dade Police Department-Northside District hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Gwen Cherry Park in Miami, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	350	4/18/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Older adults
USAO Florida, Southern	The Violence Reduction Partnership, United States Attorney's Office-Southern District of Florida, Broward County Parks and Recreation, and Broward County Sheriff's Office hosted a Farm Share Free Food Drive-Thru Distribution at Franklin Park in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where free food, elder abuse and fraud flyers, and USPIIS money mule flyers were distributed to members of the community who participated in the food drive.	450	4/25/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Older adults
USAO Georgia, Northern	Project Placemat: In collaboration with the local office of the FBI, developed a two-sided paper placemat that on the front side provides information about elder abuse and neglect, and current fraud schemes targeting older adults and vulnerable populations. On the back side of the placemat are names and contact information of agencies that can provide potential victims of these schemes with assistance in filing a complaint or obtaining advocacy. This is an updateable format to keep the information fresh and relevant. The placemat has been distributed at the FBI Citizens Academy and to a S.A.L.T. working group. Plans are underway to collaborate with the Meals On Wheels Program in Atlanta, GA, to include the placemat with their meals delivered to shut-ins and other vulnerable individuals, and with the largest Senior Citizens Center in the NDGA to distribute the placemat and accompanying materials to their members.	125	5/31/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/ Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Georgia, Northern	In honor of Elder Abuse Awareness Month, the NDGA Elder Justice Coordinator, along with another AUSA and federal task force officer, conducted a training for local law enforcement in Northern Georgia on how to investigate elder fraud cases.	15	6/14/2023	State/local law enforcement
USAO Georgia, Northern	In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the U.S. Attorney's Office hosted a community outreach event at a church in the Atlanta area to educate the public on how to detect, avoid, and report, financial scams targeting older adults in the community. The event also brought together local, state, and federal law enforcement who assisted with the event.	20	6/15/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults
USAO Idaho	At the Idaho Guardians and Fiduciaries Association Fall 2022 Event, the Elder Justice Coordinator and the Deputy Criminal Chief gave a one hour presentation to attorneys, accounts, fiduciaries, and caregivers on elder fraud, abuse, and prevention.	25	11/16/2022	Industry/Private sector
USAO Illinois, Southern	Recorded Interview with AARP to advise elders on how not to be defrauded. Interview was uploaded to their website.		8/24/2022	Older adults

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USAO Illinois, Southern	Presentation to Senior Services Plus group in Alton, Illinois, on how to protect yourself from Fraud.	50	10/26/2022	Older adults
USAO Illinois, Southern	Presentation to a seniors group in Centralia, Illinois, on how to protect yourself from fraud.	15	3/10/2023	Older adults
USAO Indiana, Southern	Presentation titled "Elder Justice: Avoiding Scams and Swindles" given to residents of a senior living facility about scams that target older adults and how to avoid becoming a victim.	25	5/31/2023	Older adults
USAO Indiana, Southern	Presentation titled "Elder Justice: Avoiding Scams and Swindles" given to residents of a senior living facility about scams that target older adults and how to avoid becoming a victim.	15	6/2/2023	Older adults
USAO Indiana, Southern	Presentation titled "Elder Justice: Avoiding Scams and Swindles" given to residents of a senior living facility about scams that target older adults and how to avoid becoming a victim.	12	6/9/2023	Older adults
USAO Iowa, Southern	Presentation to the Central State Bank in State Center, Ames, and Des Moines, Iowa, regarding identifying fraud scams and money mules.	50	2/9/2023	Industry/Private sector
USAO Iowa, Southern	Presentation titled "How to Protect Yourself from Fraud" given at the Evelyn K. Davis Community Center in Des Moines, Iowa, to assist individuals in identifying fraud scams and elder financial exploitation.	50	5/6/2023	Older adults
USAO Iowa, Southern	Class instructor at the Iowa Bankers Association Compliance Bootcamp about identifying and preventing elder financial exploitation in the banking industry.	150	6/28/2023	Industry/Private sector
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	Members of the USAO-EDKY visited Legacy Nursing Home and gave a presentation about elder financial exploitation in honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.	50	6/15/2023	Older adults
USAO Kentucky, Eastern	U.S. Attorney Carlton Shier and Elder Justice Coordinator Kate Dieruf met with reporters from the <i>Lexington Herald Leader</i> in advance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to discuss the problems with elder financial exploitation and elder abuse, which resulted in a lengthy article.	Unknown	6/15/2023	Lexington Herald Leader readers
USAO Kentucky, Western	Attended AARP Scam Jam, a half-day event to educate older adults about how to protect themselves from scams and what to do if they have been victimized. KY Attorney General's Office of Senior Protection and USAO WDKY made presentations on several topics and law enforcement officers/agents spoke about their first-hand experience.	237	6/15/2023	Older adults
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	EDLA's Elder Justice Coordinator, AUSA Edward Rivera, spoke at the Poydras Home Senior Living Center in New Orleans about scams that target older adults. Using Elder Justice resources, he gave advice on how to spot scams and counsel others who may be victims.	30	8/18/2022	Older adults
USAO Louisiana, Eastern	The USAO for EDLA attended a citizen awareness event sponsored by the New Orleans Police Department. The Elder Justice Coordinator and the victim/witness team participated in the event and spoke to citizens about elder fraud and money mules.	50	4/27/2023	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults

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USAO Louisiana, Middle	Presentation on the Elder Justice Initiative and elder fraud, including a question and answer period, followed by handing out DOJ flyers on financial fraud, elder fraud, and veteran fraud.	50	10/19/2022	Federal law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
USAO Louisiana, Middle	Presentation to the Grandparents Group of Baton Rouge that meet monthly at the Delmont library, including a discussion of fraud impacting older adults and money mules.	15	4/21/2023	Older adults
USAO Louisiana, Middle	At the Crime Victim Picnic, manned a table and provided information and flyers related to preventing elder fraud and abuse.	100	4/29/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Louisiana, Middle	Filmed Public Service Announcement about preventing elder fraud.	5	5/16/2023	Older adults
USAO Louisiana, Middle	Elder fraud presentation to the Williamsburg Senior Living Center Community, including information on money mules and fraud impacting older adults.	50	6/9/2023	Older adults
USAO Maine	Meeting with AARP to discuss joint fraud protection program.	3	4/19/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maine	Virtual Elder Abuse Summit, held by Maine Council of Elder Abuse Prevention, including dozens of attendees from various state and local agencies.	80	5/16/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maryland	Delmarva Shorebirds Silver Sluggers Event Booth, distributing information concerning financial fraud to older adults.	56	7/22/2022	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Bowie Baysox Seniors Day Event Booth, distributing information on financial frauds to older adults.	175	7/28/2022	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Howard County Fair Seniors Day Booth, distributing information concerning financial fraud to older adults.	47	8/9/2022	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Montgomery County Fair Seniors Day Booth, distributing information on financial fraud to older adults.	84	8/16/2022	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Attended the Elder Fraud Picnic in Prince George's County with approximately 1,000 attendees, distributing materials on fraud and identity theft, and speaking with and answering questions of attendees.	800	9/16/2022	Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maryland	AARP Facebook Live interview with U.S. Attorney Erik Barron, hosted by AARP volunteer Ted Meyerson, on how to spot and prevent elder fraud scams.	Unknown	10/12/2022	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Participated in a panel discussion titled "Elder Abuse and Fraud Prevention" at the Brandywine Community Center on recent trends and tips to avoid scams.	25	10/18/2022	Older adults
USAO Maryland	Meeting of the Elder Justice Task Force, with guest speaker Sara Meyers presenting on wire scams and scams associated with the sale and purchase of property.	30	10/27/2022	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups

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USAO Maryland	USAO Maryland joined the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force Kick-off meeting with federal law enforcement, state law enforcement, community groups, and banks to discuss district priorities for prosecuting elder fraud.	40	12/12/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Maryland	USAO Maryland hosted the SAFE 2-day Training for professionals on forensic interviewing techniques of older adults, including professionals from the Attorney General's Office, adult protective services, local prosecutors, federal law enforcement, and local police.	60	3/30/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
USAO Maryland	U.S. Attorney Ereik Barron participated in the PROTECT Week Press Conference hosted by AARP Maryland to raise awareness regarding elder fraud, stressing the importance of reporting fraud and not feeling ashamed.	25	6/12/2023	Older adults
USAO Maryland	U.S. Attorney Ereik Barron participated in a Tele-Town Hall event sponsored by AARP with the Maryland Comptroller and Attorney General's Office discussing the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force and recent elder fraud prosecutions. https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/pr/maryland-us-attorneys-office-joins-state-agencies-and-non-profits-combat-financial	1,861	6/15/2023	Older adults
USAO Mississippi, Northern	Fraud prevention presentation given to a group of older adults at the Christ Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Mississippi, providing them with information on common fraud schemes and our contact information if they ever find themselves a victim of fraud or are unsure whether a solicitation is valid.	40	9/15/2022	Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Quarterly meeting of the Consumer Fraud Task Force, consisting of state, local, and federal law enforcement, prosecutors, attorneys general, as well as consumer protection organizations.	15	7/14/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Quarterly Meeting of the St. Louis Elder Financial Fraud Coalition, a coalition comprised of advocates, APS, and federal and local law enforcement officials.	30	7/27/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Television interview titled "Warning to Fraud Victims," describing how fraud victims become victimizers. https://fox2now.com/news/contact-2/victim-of-st-louis-romance-scam-speaks-out-over-incident/	500	8/18/2022	General public
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Hosted "At Your Peril" game training session for federal law enforcement and USAO personnel to learn how to play a fraud game that can be used during outreach.	6	9/6/2022	Federal law enforcement; Federal prosecutors
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Participated in the Cape Girardeau County Senior Information Day outreach event, connecting older adults and law enforcement personnel.	232	9/8/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults

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USAO Missouri, Eastern	A virtual panel discussion titled "Elder Fraud: Why Seniors are Targeted and How You Can Protect Your Loved Ones," sponsored by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in honor of Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The panelist featured an AUSA, a federal victim witness specialist, and two federal law enforcement agents.	180	10/5/2022	Federal government agency staff
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Slam the Scam Social Media Outreach released by the EDMO.	100	3/6/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Slam the Scam Day webinar with the Social Security Administration-Office of Inspector General, discussing Social Security Administration scams.	30	3/9/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Podcast interview with Pink Lady Against Scammers regarding money mules. https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/interview-with-tracy-berry-prosecuting-attorney-for/id1561690738?i=1000604718256	Unknown	3/9/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Co-presentation titled "Identification and Prosecution of Money Mules" by the USAO-EDMO, a U.S. Postal Inspector, and a U.S. Secret Service agent, as part of CLE for federal prosecutors.	15	4/13/2023	Federal prosecutors
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Presentation of the Linda Matson prosecution during the quarterly meeting of the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Task Force.	20	4/20/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Authored an article titled "Slow Down, Don't Let Social Security Impersonators Take Advantage of You," for a non-profit serving older adults living in four counties in the Eastern District of Missouri. Distributed to thousands of older adults and advocates through both their regular newsletter and a newsletter that goes to 518 residents living in six affordable housing apartment complexes.	2,000	5/1/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults
USAO Missouri, Eastern	Presentation titled "The Foreseeable Consequences of Romance Fraud: From Victim to Victimizer" at a Lunch and Learn Webinar Series in support of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, sponsored by the St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Coalition and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.	60	6/8/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Missouri, Western	Presentation on bankruptcy elder fraud, discussing issue with bankruptcy trustees and court personnel.	50	3/22/2023	Federal law enforcement; Federal court personnel
USAO Montana	Local radio station interview discussing priority of elder justice cases, district-wide efforts to combat the crimes, and guidance on how to avoid and report potential offenses. Article posted online included quotes and highlights of the interview.	25,000	10/7/2022	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults; Local radio listeners

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USAO Montana	Presentation at Polson Senior Citizen Center discussing ways financial exploitation is perpetrated against older adults, how to recognize it, and how to report it.	20	6/15/2023	State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults
USAO Nebraska	Released social media posts promoting the National Elder Fraud Hotline and Money Mule awareness.	Unknown	6/15/2023	General public
USAO New Hampshire	On-camera media interview with U.S. Attorney Jane E. Young to raise awareness about Medicare fraud via unsolicited COVID-19 test kits. https://www.wmur.com/article/covid-19-tests-medicare-fraud-62223/44308384	Unknown	6/21/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen)
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to SNAP (Services Now for Adult Persons, Inc.).	25	7/13/2022	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Stapleton Senior Center.	20	7/26/2022	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Kew Gardens Community Centers.	25	8/3/2022	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Queens Center for Gay Seniors.	10	8/9/2022	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Wyckoff Gardens Senior Center.	14	11/4/2022	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Sunset Park Neighborhood Senior Center.	40	11/10/2022	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Red Hook Neighborhood Senior Center.	6	1/23/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Queens Center for Gay Seniors.	15	1/27/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Glen Cove Senior Center.	47	2/24/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Marcus Garvey Supportive Housing.	6	3/7/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Park Slope Center.	67	3/15/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to New Lane Neighborhood Senior Center.	31	3/31/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to West Brighton Senior Center.	25	4/25/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Scheuer House of Coney Island Older Adult Center.	18	5/16/2023	Older adults
USAO New York, Eastern	Presentation to Hope Gardens Multi-service Senior Center.	30	5/26/2023	Older adults

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USAO New York, Northern	Participated in the "Improving Your Quality of Life" event at a senior apartment complex, South Mall Towers, in Albany, NY, sponsored by the Albany Law Enforcement Resolution Team. Along with other law enforcement organizations, the USAO set up a table and visited with older adults, while handing out informational brochures on how to avoid being a victim of financial fraud schemes.	50	4/18/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Older adults
USAO New York, Northern	Presentation at the 26th Annual Vera House Elder Abuse and Justice Conference in Syracuse, New York, titled "Scams that Target Seniors in the Community," provided by AUSA Chris Moran using FBI-produced videos featuring former FBI/CIA director William Webster (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqsgKsO6H_c), and a description of scams that target older adults along with real world examples.	125	6/13/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Consumers/Consumer groups
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	Lunch and Learn presentation titled "Building Strong Support for Older Americans by Learning More about Elder Abuse," provided at the Garner Senior Center by FBI and USPIS (and attended by AARP representatives), describing the DOJ Elder Justice Program and a federal case study involving investment advisor fraud. https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/media-advisory-us-attorneys-office-host-elder-justice-initiative-friday-garner	60	5/19/2023	Older adults
USAO North Carolina, Eastern	EDNC U.S. Attorney Michael Easley recorded a public awareness video on behalf of AARP North Carolina discussing elder financial abuse. The video was posted to AARP North Carolina - Fraud Watch Minute (YouTube).	Unknown	6/23/2023	Older adults
USAO North Carolina, Western	The USAO partnered with AARP to host a <i>Walk for Awareness</i> for 2023 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdnc/pr/us-attorneys-office-observes-world-elder-abuse-awareness-day	50	6/15/2023	Federal law enforcement; Industry/Private sector; Older adults
USAO North Dakota	AARP Lunch and Learn presentation by AUSA Matthew Greenley titled "Fighting Fraud" in Fargo, North Dakota, describing federal fraud that targets older adults, including the impact of money mules on older victims. https://states.aarp.org/north-dakota/scram-scam-spring#:~:text=Fighting%20Fraud%20Lunch%20and%20Learns%20in%20Fargo%20and%20Bismarck&text=Get%20the%20facts%20and%20know,call%20877%2D926%2D8300 .	400	5/3/2023	Older adults
USAO North Dakota	Participated in an AARP members lunch titled "Fighting Fraud" in Bismarck, North Dakota, describing federal fraud that targets older adults, including money mules. https://events.aarp.org/event/413256b9-7d1e-48d5-a85e-b9b4dc520c03/summary	260	5/18/2023	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation titled "Financial Fraud and Exploitation Prevention," given at a community center for low-income older adults.	20	8/11/2022	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation titled "Financial Fraud and Exploitation Prevention," given at a community center for low-income older adults.	20	8/17/2022	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation titled "Financial Fraud and Exploitation Prevention," given at a community center for low-income older adults in Cidra, Puerto Rico.	20	8/19/2022	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation titled "Financial Fraud and Exploitation Prevention," given at a community center for low-income older adults in Lares, Puerto Rico.	20	8/23/2022	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation titled "Financial Fraud and Exploitation Prevention," given at a community center for low-income older adults in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico.	15	8/25/2022	Older adults

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USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation titled "Financial Fraud and Exploitation Prevention," given at a community center for low-income older adults in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.	30	8/30/2022	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Presentation given to older adults at a community home in Bayamón, Puerto Rico, to educate them about fraud schemes and how to prevent loss.	25	5/8/2023	Older adults
USAO Puerto Rico	Pausa Piensa Protegete Media Outreach Campaign with Bank Association, AARP, FBI, and USAO-PR, with presentations in multiple public media outlets and through publication of video clips regarding ways to protect against fraud schemes targeting older adults.	Unknown	5/15/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults; General public
USAO Texas, Eastern	Presentation titled "Protecting Yourself from Fraud," provided to an older men's group at Wesley United Methodist Church in Beaumont, Texas.	20	8/1/2022	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	Live presentation titled "Protecting Yourself From Fraud," provided to older adults in McKinney, Texas.	15	8/2/2022	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	One hour presentation titled "Elder Fraud Awareness," provided by the AUSA and USSS to elder justice professionals. Sponsored by the Smith County Bar Association. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/elder-fraud-disproportionally-affects-seniorsbut-can-affect-you-too-tickets-401517007177	40	9/9/2022	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	Joint presentation titled "Financial Investigations and the Banks," provided jointly by the FBI and USAO to a group of Dallas area bankers attending a virtual seminar on financial crimes investigations and the FinCEN Advisory on Elder Financial Exploitation.	40	9/15/2022	Industry/Private sector
USAO Texas, Eastern	Joint presentation titled "Protecting Yourself From Fraud," provided by the USAO and the FBI to older adults in Lake Kiowa, Texas.	35	11/7/2022	Older adults
USAO Texas, Eastern	Presentation titled "Protecting Yourself From Fraud," given to an audience of older adults about common scams and what to watch out for.	40	3/6/2023	Older adults
USAO Vermont	Presentation to the National Life Group on how to identify victims of elder fraud scams.	15	9/7/2022	Industry/Private sector
USAO Vermont	Presentation to the Vermont Financial Investigators Network about the Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) process.	20	4/12/2023	State/local law enforcement
USAO Vermont	Presentation to the Vermont Bankers Association about the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) process.	30	5/15/2023	Industry/Private sector
USAO Virgin Islands	Speakers from the USAO, adult protective services, FBI, and AARP each spoke at the AARP Elder Justice Workshop regarding elder abuse.	55	6/22/2023	Other state/local professionals (e.g., APS or LTC Ombudsmen); Industry/Private sector; Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults
USAO Virginia, Western	Presentation on human trafficking and ways older adults can prevent human trafficking of their grandchildren.	Unknown	2/1/2023	Consumers/Consumer groups; Older adults; Attendees at community outreach gathering
USAO Virginia, Western	Brochure distribution to older adults residing in assisted-living communities regarding COVID scams and scams targeting older adults.	Unknown	3/1/2023	Older adults

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USAO Wisconsin, Eastern	Presentation titled "Suspicious Activity Reports from a Law Enforcement Perspective," given by IRS-CI at the request of the USAO to the Fox Valley Financial Crime Investigators group, with a focus on money mules and ways financial institutions and law enforcement in the district can deter money mule activity.	50	3/14/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector
USAO Wisconsin, Eastern	Joint presentation titled "Suspicious Activity Reports from a Law Enforcement Perspective," provided by the IRS-CI and USAO SAR Review Team Coordinators, given to the Wisconsin Association of Fraud Investigators with a focus on money mules and ways financial institutions and law enforcement in the district can deter money mule activity through SARs, customer outreach, education, and enforcement.	30	3/16/2023	Federal law enforcement; State/local law enforcement; Industry/Private sector

APPENDIX C

Appendix C: Elder Justice Grants

Component	Project Title	Award Number	Grantee	Project Description	Award Amount
COPS Office	Douglas County Sheriff's Good Neighbor Program	2020-CK-WX-0016	Douglas County (Nevada) Sheriff's Office	<p>The Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Good Neighbor program has continued to grow in 2022 and 2023, despite the worldwide pandemic.</p> <p>The DCSO Good Neighbor Program has processed a total of 298 client applications. It began with one volunteer and one client. To date it has 35 volunteers.</p> <p>The High Sierra Fellowship expanded our program with signing up and interviewing new clients. During this reporting period, we interviewed and completed applications for 26 new clients. These clients were referrals of potential crime victims, the subject of a welfare check, or a community referral of a senior who may have needed some type of assistance. An intensive one-hour meeting with the client was completed, needs were assessed, and pertinent information was entered into the computer database.</p> <p>During this period, the peace officer supervising the program generated 6 reports that needed extensive attention to attempt to resolve. For example, an older woman was repeatedly a victim of financial exploitation in sweetheart scams and needed guardianship to further protect her assets, but she declined seeing a physician and continues to be scammed; to date the amount is \$750,000.00. In another case, a 63-year-old woman was financially scammed because of dementia and her property ownership was jeopardized. A criminal report was completed and forwarded to the State of Nevada Attorney General's Office. Guardianship is in the near future for further protection.</p> <p>The peace officer supervising the program attended virtual multidisciplinary meetings with involved senior citizen stakeholders, namely Suicide Prevention, Adult Protective Services, and Douglas County Mental Health and Social Services. The purpose of the meeting was to strategize how to better serve common clients.</p> <p>During the update period, there were two local community presentations where the peace officer was the keynote speaker. Some members of the Good Neighbor Program traveled to a community three hours away to present to the Elko Sheriff's Office, their fire department, and the Elko Public Guardian to educate them on how to start a Good Neighbor Program in their community.</p> <p>The volunteers continue to receive training on a quarterly basis on material involving elder neglect, abuse, and exploitation. Guardianship was also the topic of one training. The trainings in this reporting period were a presentation by a local attorney who instructed the volunteers on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation and end-of-life decision-making. These two education meetings were paid engagements for the attorney, George McNally of Carson City, NV.</p>	\$55,062
COPS Office	National Sheriffs' Association to re-establish the National Association of Triads	2020-CK-WX-0039	National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)	<p>The goals of the National Association of Triads are threefold: (1) Enhance community policing by partnering law enforcement agencies with Triad groups, (2) help law enforcement educate older adults on crime and fraud, and (3) close the existing knowledge gap between law enforcement practitioners and the investigation of crimes involving elder fraud.</p> <p>Accordingly, the primary objectives of NSA's proposed National Association of Triads are (1) establish a clearinghouse of information, best practices, and trends in crimes targeting older adults; (2) train law enforcement practitioners to effectively investigate elder fraud crimes; (3) launch a widespread marketing plan to raise awareness of the re-establishment of the National Association of Triads to law enforcement, Triad groups, and relevant community stakeholders throughout our nation; and (4) collect data to measure the program's reach and effectiveness.</p> <p>The NSA will achieve its goals by implementing the proposed deliverables within each objective. The following have been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously update website (had more than 1,900 visits during this reporting period) • Continuously collect and record data on website and e-newsletter reach • Continuously provide assistance to law enforcement and Triad groups upon request • Send out eight quarterly newsletters (three in this reporting period, sent to more than 750 subscribers each time) • Sent out Triad Community Engagement and Resources Questionnaire in December; received 11 responses; re-sent the survey, and submitted the result to the COPS Office • Submitted updated manual to COPS Office for review/approval, responded to requests for updates based on the survey results • Submitted the Triad Fact Sheet to COPS Office for review/approval 	\$80,000

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OVC	Philadelphia Elder Abuse Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team	15POVC-21-GG-01085-NONF	City of Philadelphia	The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (DAO), in collaboration with Penn Memory Center, Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE), SeniorLAW Center, and Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA), are requesting \$375,000 over three years to develop a new Philadelphia Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (PEAMDT). The PEAMDT will improve coordination between medical professionals, advocacy organizations, legal services organizations, and prosecutors to better serve older victims of crime and improve the participants' ability to investigate and prosecute cases of senior financial exploitation. Additionally, the PEAMDT will improve the ability of the participants to contact and serve exploited seniors who cannot easily access the legal system. The increased coordination and additional resources will strengthen the ability of the stakeholders to successfully litigate cases of elder financial exploitation which often present complex and interrelated criminal, civil, financial, and medical issues. Thus, the MDT will benefit Philadelphia's senior citizens by improving their access to justice and the remedies necessary to recover from cases of financial exploitation.	\$375,000
OVC	Transforming Lummi Nation's Response to Elder Abuse	2019-VO-GX-0018	Lummi Indian Business Council	The Lummi Nation Transforming Elder Abuse Service 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 ages 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% of Tribal elders. Lummi Nation will develop specific Elder Abuse Prevention and Elimination Services to support our 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/address financial exploitation and identify housing issues that need to be addressed, such as repairs or lack of electricity.	\$374,994
OVC	Enhancing Trauma Informed Responses to Older Adult Victims of Financial Exploitation	15POVC-21-GG-01082-NONF	Center for Excellence in Aging & Geriatric Health	Peninsula Elder Abuse Forensic Center (PEAFC) was formed to find collaborative solutions to alleviate abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of older adults. It is an enhanced multi-disciplinary team that hears complex cases of elder abuse, convening local resources to provide a 360 degree view of elder abuse cases. The goal of the proposed project is to enhance trauma-informed services for older victims of abuse and financial exploitation. The proposed PEAFC project addresses an identified gap in services in complex financial exploitation cases of abuse. There are four objectives of the proposed project. First, PEAFC will provide direct services to 25 older adult victims of financial exploitation using trauma-informed approaches that empower older adult victims of financial exploitation. This service allows them to move past the victimization and stop or alleviate the financial exploitation that has occurred by providing private counseling sessions to them at no cost. Second, the Forensic Accountant, in conjunction with the PEAFC multidisciplinary team members will develop and disseminate proactive education materials to assist high-risk potential older victims of abuse (before overt elder abuse develops or occurs). Third, the Forensic Accountant, a forensic document examiner (for potential forgeries) and a neuropsychologist will aid in the prosecution of financial exploitation cases and ultimately result in restorative justice. Fourth, professional education and training will be provided each year to the PEAFC multidisciplinary team (MDT) members and other aging service professionals on various topics related to assisting victims of financial exploitation. By utilizing this four-pronged approach, the desired outcome is for older adult victims of financial exploitation to be restored emotionally and monetarily to the greatest extent possible and to have an MDT well-versed in all aspects of financial exploitation and victim response.	\$299,710
OVC	Training for Law Enforcement to Improve Identification of and Response to Elder Fraud Victims	2020-V3-GX-K006	National White Collar Crime Center, Inc.	This award, made to National White Collar Crime Center, Inc. (NW3C), funded under OVC FY 2020 Training for Law Enforcement to Improve Identification of and Response to Elder Fraud Victims Program, is designed to focus on developing and implementing a TTA program for federal, state, and local law enforcement to better identify elder fraud victims and detect the schemes perpetrated against those victims to address potential further victimization, and to provide an improved law enforcement response when a victim is identified. The grantee will identify current training, tools, practices, resources available and the responses to elder fraud in rural and urban jurisdictions in two of the Transnational Elder Fraud Strike Force districts (selected by OVC). NW3C will develop, deliver and evaluate trainings designed for law enforcement in the two types of jurisdictions and then will make these available for other jurisdictions nationwide. NW3C will partner with the International Association of Chiefs of Police on many of the deliverables during the project period.	\$1,940,738

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OVC	Enhancing the Cobb County Justice for Elderly and Disabled Individuals (JEDI) Multidisciplinary Team	2019-V3-GX-0011	LiveSAFE Resources, Inc.	LiveSAFE Resources, in collaboration with the Cobb County District Attorney and with the 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. Under the project, the JEDI MDT will contract with 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 fulltime E-MDT Coordinator position to investigate ANE cases, organize the JEDI MDT and bring cases to them, coordinate contracted 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.	\$375,000
OVC	Using Technology & Analytics to Protect Assets and Modernize Court Processes	2018-V3-GX-K023	National Center for State Courts	With this award, the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) will implement an innovative, technology-based project with the potential to change how courts receive and monitor financial accountings from conservators throughout the nation. The Rapid Response Project will leverage technology, newly created Rapid Response teams, and judicial and response protocols to launch a targeted and appropriately tailored court response to these abuses. The project objectives are: 1) Partner with a financial monitoring service that will analyze, identify, and report suspicious transactions in conservatorship accounts; 2) Create an interdisciplinary Rapid Response Team in courts to research, investigate and respond to monitoring service alerts; 3) Create data elements and software requirements that promote uniformity in exchange between the court and the financial monitoring service; 4) Implement the judicial response protocol that drives actions to protect and recuperate asset; 5) Evaluate the Rapid Response System; 6) Develop and disseminate a replication guide with resources and tools; and 7) Encourage the development of Rapid Response Systems nationwide.	\$499,828
OVC	Multidisciplinary Approach to Elder Abuse	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 neuropsychology, long-term care, 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, 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.	\$374,891

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OVC	End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin/Asha/NCALL: Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation Project	2020-V3-GX-0052	End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.	This award, made to End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin (WI), the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, has determined two geographic areas of focus - the city of Milwaukee, WI for direct services and advocacy, assistance, and safety planning to victims, and nationwide for resources for service providers and justice system stakeholders in the field. The End Abuse WI/Asha/NCALL Enhancing Services to Older African American Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation project is designed to meet the need of older victims in Milwaukee and service providers and criminal justice stakeholders in the field by 1) increasing access for older African American victims in Milwaukee to culturally-specific/responsive, age-relevant, and trauma-informed direct services and advocacy within the justice system, social services agencies, and community organizations, and, 2) filling gaps in resources within the field around how to remove barriers that are preventing older African American victims from accessing culturally-specific service providers and improve older victims' access to these vital victims supports. This project sets out several goals and objectives related to these activities and focus areas. Two of the initiatives, the Asha Project and the National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, will be responsible for oversight and completion of the project's aims. In addition to increasing direct services and systems advocacy for older African American victims, this project will conclude with the creation of two final written products, a strategic roadmap report for enhancing services in the field, and a final project report.	\$500,000
OVC	National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center	2019-MU-GX-K037	Weill Medical College of Cornell University	The grantee, Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University, Weill Cornell Medicine/New York City Elder Abuse Center, with four core organization partners (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), will establish the National Elder Abuse MDT Training and Technical Assistance Center ("the Center") to provide case consultations, training and technical assistance to OVC-funded tribal and non-tribal multidisciplinary teams throughout the country. Elder abuse cases are complex, often requiring multiple systems to respond to them. Developing a multidisciplinary team (MDT) is recognized as a potentially powerful solution that communities can initiate in response to elder abuse. The teams reduce service duplication and effectively respond to victims' myriad needs, improving the care provided when organizations and systems act in isolation. The Center will provide 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 training and TA assistance provided and share with professionals across the country.	\$2,200,000
OVC	Local Elder Abuse Prevention E-MDT (LEAP E-MDT)	2019-V3-GX-0009	Northridge Hospital Foundation	The Northridge Hospital Foundation's Center for Healthier Communities (CHC) 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 Local Elder Abuse Prevention Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (LEAP E-MDT), will be led by Northridge Hospital Foundation and 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.	\$375,000

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OVC	Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse	15POVC-21-GG-01080-NONF	Metropolitan Family Services	The Legal Aid Society (LAS) of Metropolitan Family Services is seeking \$375,000 over 36 months to support the enhancement of its multi-disciplinary Financial Exploitation Intervention Team (FEIT) to better identify and respond to cases of elder abuse and more comprehensively service and support victims of financial exploitation in Cook County, Illinois. The FEIT will identify gaps in services for elders experiencing financial exploitation, seek and screen cases with the multidisciplinary group, review and resolve issues, coordinate direct service efforts and comprehensive response to victims' needs. The FEIT will develop best practices, policies, procedures and training tools, and provide a forum for learning about the strategies, resources and approaches used by other successful E-MDTs. This project will build the interdisciplinary team to increase referrals for legal interventions and improve the effectiveness of those interventions. Victim advocacy must be about victim empowerment through choice and active participation in outcomes. Expected deliverables include training, technical assistance and referral procedures. The proposed project will benefit services providers participating in the FEIT and the elder populations served by these agencies. LAS will fund two staff attorneys to complete the activities in this project proposal.	\$375,000
OVC	Empowered Aging's Expanded Solano County Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) - Strengthening Elder Justice throughout the County	15POVC-21-GG-01081-NONF	Empowered Aging	Empowered Aging (EA), a leading California-based Elder Justice organization with five decades of experience protecting seniors from abuse, seeks to transform Solano County's response to elder abuse. To do so, EA will strengthen its existing victim-focused Solano County Elder Abuse MDT to address systemic barriers limiting identification and response to older adults who experience financial exploitation and other forms of abuse. Solano is home to approximately 73,000 seniors, the largest percentage of African-American and multi-racial people of all Bay Area counties, and 18% poverty in Vallejo, home to the majority of MDT cases. EA plans to expand the MDT's membership to include diverse financial expertise to enhance the MDT's ability to support victims in navigating and/or prosecuting financial abuse including Neuropsychology assessment, Forensic Accounting, Fiduciary Management, Real Estate and Cybercrime experts. EA will also increase MDT capacity by making the Program Coordinator (who supports the MDT's existing Program Manager) into a full-time position and engaging two social worker interns. The MDT meets monthly for two-hour meetings with follow-up case meetings as needed and has a comprehensive referral, accountability and data tracking system for the 20-24 cases handled annually. To more effectively address financial elder abuse too often dismissed as a "family" or "civil" matter by police, EA will partner broadly to change the law enforcement and justice system landscape. The MDT will form a Law Enforcement subcommittee to conduct a needs assessment for systemic change, plan for educational presentations to each police precinct throughout the county with supportive collateral materials, and drive a plan for a pilot Elder Court as well as the development of an Elder Justice Bill of Rights. To support these efforts, the MDT will create a short video depicting from a first-person perspective the experience of a physically and cognitively impaired senior attempting to hold an abuser accountable in the legal system in order to increase awareness of shortcomings of the current systems. The MDT will hold semiannual half-day workshops to receive training and evaluate progress toward collaboratively established goals. Finally, the MDT will increase awareness of the need for elder justice by continuing its annual Elder Justice Forum event, presenting key issues to the Elder Justice League, 100 volunteers supporting seniors to identify and address abuse, and by creating a State of Elder Justice in Solano Annual Report documenting successes, challenges, lessons learned and best practices to be shared broadly with stakeholders.	\$375,000
OVC	Enhancing Services for Elder Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation	2020-VO-GX-0236	Apache Behavioral Health Services, Inc.	This award, made to Apache Behavioral Health Services (ABHS), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. To build effective partnerships for integrating behavioral health services for elderly victims within Fort Apache Indian Reservation, ABHS will leverage mental health professional staff, meeting space and materials to provide evidence-based, evidence informed, trauma and resilience informed mental health treatment services to elders and their caregivers. ABHS will enhance the current wrap-around service delivery model to ensure continuous delivery of direct services from assessment to discharge, by establishing and developing partnerships with both the White Mountain Apache Tribal Court and Social Services, Indian Health Services Whiteriver Service Unit, and WMAT Elder Services Program. ABHS will develop psychoeducational trainings/handouts to engage and raise community awareness about abuse of older victims and the impact to their mental health. ABHS will develop and implement strategic planning to sustain victim service integration efforts post-grant award, improve victim outcomes, maintain data, and share best practices and lessons learned.	\$499,252

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OVC	Successful Aging after Financial Exploitation (SAFE): Financial Coaching Services for Urban and Rural Older Adults	2020-V3-GX-0060	Wayne State University	This award, made to Wayne State University, funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. Wayne State University, and with its partner Hillsdale County Senior Services, intends to close service gaps in three areas by (1) enhancing the service delivery program titled 'Successful Aging after Financial Exploitation' (SAFE), using the financial decision-making conceptual framework and assessment - helping older victims learn how to recover their financial footing and meet their broad financial, emotional, and cognitive health needs while protecting their safety and confidentiality. One goal is to enable SAFE to become a maturing program at Wayne State University, and thereby meet the needs of urban African American older adults in high-poverty areas; (2) In partnership with Hillsdale County Senior Services, Wayne State University will create a model of virtual financial coaching services. A second goal is to partner with a social service agency in a rural part of the state to bring SAFE services to their clients; and (3) Using implementation science theory and methods, Wayne State University will create an organizational readiness guide so that the collaborative efforts conducted with Hillsdale County Senior Services can be generalized to other social service agencies. Across the 3 year grant Wayne State University aims to assist 425 unique older adults in both a high poverty urban area and a rural one.	\$499,368
OVC	Minnesota Elder Justice Center Enhancement of Services: Legal Representation for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation	2020-V3-GX-0030	Minnesota Elder Justice Center	This award, made to the Minnesota Elder Justice Center (MEJC), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. MEJC proposes to support older victims of abuse and exploitation by providing one full-time and one half-time staff attorney to directly represent victims of elder abuse in need of legal services. Their service area includes the state of Minnesota, and the legal services they propose would be available at no cost (pro bono) to victims statewide. In particular, they will direct their services to older victims of elder abuse, which can include a wide variety of victimizations, including but not limited to physical abuse, sexual assault, neglect, maltreatment, harassment and financial exploitation. MEJC will expand services to victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation by offering legal representation to victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation. Representation to victims of elder abuse will be provided in a range of legal matters including secure housing, benefits eligibility, access to protective orders, and fiduciary restructuring (revocation); as well as non-legal advocacy including issue spotting, system navigation, safety planning, court accompaniment, empathetic listening, and triaged referral.	\$499,981
OVC	Oklahoma E-MDT for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse	15POVC-21-GG-01079-NONF	Oklahoma Attorney General	The Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (DAC) proposes to improve case outcomes for older and vulnerable adults by minimizing additional trauma, restoring safety and security to victims, and holding more offenders accountable for crimes of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Understaffing at District Attorneys' offices in Tulsa County and Oklahoma County and a lack of formalized communication pathways between justice partners, community organizations, and service providers has reduced the number of offenders held accountable for these crimes and increased the number of victims who need assistance. The DAC will administer a grant for the two county DA offices to coordinate a case review Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team (E-MDT) and prosecute cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older and vulnerable adults. The team will formalize participation in the E-MDT to establish a sustainable statewide model.	\$375,000
OVC	Minnesota Elder Justice Center Development and Coordination of Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams in four Minnesota Communities: Clay County, Olmsted County; Tri-County Tribal (White Earth Nation, Becker County, Clearwater County and Mahnomon County); and St. Louis County	2019-V3-GX-0018	Minnesota Elder Justice Center	The Minnesota Elder Justice Center (MEJC) proposes to begin this work collaboratively with four different communities in greater Minnesota - each of whose MDT is at a different stage of development: Tri-County Tribal MDT, a joint effort between Clearwater County, Mahnomon County, Becker County, and White Earth Nation; St. Louis County, who will solidify their practices and work by having a coordinator assist them in advancing to be a well-resourced and functioning MDT; Olmsted County, who will continue building a well-resourced MDT into an E-MDT with additional stakeholder involvement and more formalized processes; and Cass/Clay Counties, who will offer an opportunity to demonstrate the positive outcomes of enhanced data gathering, analysis, and evaluation in a transborder program (Minnesota and North Dakota). These communities represent and contain a diverse range of locales from rural to urban, and offer an opportunity to explore these questions outside the comparatively well-resourced Twin Cities metropolitan area. 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.	\$374,398

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OVC	MIT Elder's Supporting Elders	2020-VO-GX-0258	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	This award, made to Muckleshoot Indian Tribe (MIT), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. MIT will implement a project to empower/train elders to support elders to enhance the services for the Tribal Community's Elders. This Project will enhance elder services in the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe's Service Delivery Area to minimize trauma and restore safety and security for Elders. Project objectives include: creating a team to provide support and guidance to elder victims of abuse and financial exploitation; providing phone and in-person support services for at least 40 elder victims per year; enhancing the tribe's efforts to provide follow-up/long term support to elder victims with a total of at least 1,200 contacts per year.	\$499,848
OVC	Breaking Down Barriers: A Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Strengthening California's Elder Justice System	15POVC-21-GG-01077-NONF	Community Partners	California's Elder Justice System will create a state-level, enhanced multidisciplinary team (A*TEAM) to address systemic barriers that local MDTs encounter but lack the capacity to address. These include inconsistencies in how statutes and regulations are implemented, interpreted, or enforced; service gaps; confusing, overlapping, or conflicting roles and responsibilities of agencies that respond to abuse; unequal access to services; discriminatory practices; unmet training needs; failure to enforce laws, regulations, or penalties; barriers to restitution recovery and compensation; and the need for policy reform. MDTs across California may refer cases for A*TEAM review. The A*TEAM will include experts in elder abuse policy and programs, representatives from state agencies with key roles in abuse prevention, policy analysts, victim services administrators, advocates for underserved populations, the director of a university-based elder-law clinic, trainers, and representations from law enforcement, regulatory agencies, and courts.	\$375,000
OVC	Holistic Approach to Leading Transformation of Elder Abuse (HALT-EA)	15POVC-21-GG-01084-NONF	Community Advocates for Family & Youth	Community Advocates for Family & Youth (CAFY) requests funding to establish an Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team under the Holistic Approach Leading to Transformation - Elder Abuse HALT-EA project that will provide multi-faceted case reviews and coordinate actions to better assist older victims of financial exploitation and abuse within Prince George's County, MD. The overarching goal of the grant is to unite multiple service organizations, government agencies, medical personnel, forensic accountants, and law enforcement investigators and prosecutors into an organized and active Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team that can engage and coordinate regularly to evaluate both recently-reported cases under investigation or sustained, as well as other cases considered longstanding and unresolved incidents where older victims are being abused, neglected or financially exploited. The E-MDT will regularly review and discuss each individual, and then coordinate an array of long-term holistic services that are victim-centered and consider specific needs and circumstances of each subject, while also advancing the ability to prosecute perpetrators and reduce further traumatization of older survivors involved in the criminal justice process. In addition to providing direct services to senior victims of financial fraud, abuse and other crimes, the project will also adapt a collaborative public outreach, education and community referral program created in partnership with Pickett Fences Senior Services and the Dementia Friendly America-Prince George's initiative, where partners will host eight workshops and four community events/forums helping seniors during the three-year grant period and create a proactive outreach campaign where caregivers, neighbors and seniors themselves can sign up for help to protect vulnerable adults against potential financial fraud, abuse and other harm.	\$370,962
OVC	Enhancing the Stark County, Ohio, Adult Protective Services Interdisciplinary Team to Better Serve Elder Abuse Victims Through Coordinated Support, and Improved Case Investigation and Prosecution	2019-V3-GX-0020	Coleman Professional Services, Inc.	Coleman Professional Services has been leading the Adult Protective Services Interdisciplinary Team (APS I-Team) in Stark County, Ohio, since 2014. Under this project, an enhanced team will increase coordination of services and will bring broader professional skills together with the goals of meeting the needs of victims and moving more cases successfully through the judicial system. 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. Project activities will include conducting a needs assessment, developing formal processes, training members, and recruiting forensic accountant and neuropsychologist contractors to the team. The goal of the project is to help the County adjudicate cases and increase the number of cases moving through the court system.	\$363,795

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OVC	Innovative Legal Aid for Elder Abuse and Exploitation Victims in Los Angeles County's High-poverty and Rural Communities	2020-V3-GX-0062	Bet Tzedek	This award, made to Bet Tzedek (Legal Services), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. Bet Tzedek (Legal Services) proposes an innovative project aimed at preventing and remedying abuse and exploitation of older adults, minimizing their trauma, and providing training and resources for law enforcement and social service agencies to improve outcomes for elder abuse survivors in Los Angeles County, particularly in high-poverty and rural communities. First, Bet Tzedek will continue its Elder Abuse Restraining Order (EARO) Clinic. Now in its fourth year at the Los Angeles Superior Court, the Clinic is established as a vital provider of direct trauma-informed services to protect abuse victims. Bet Tzedek will also expand the program to include a new virtual remote access EARO Clinic, which will fill critical accessibility gaps, since older victim's unique needs include inaccessible transportation and built environments, declining physical and cognitive health, mobility limitations, and vulnerability to COVID-19. Second, Bet Tzedek will establish a new in-person EARO Clinic in Antelope Valley, a high-poverty, rural area in the northeastern reaches of Los Angeles County where, as in many rural communities, older residents face unique challenges around transportation, mobility, and lack of access to direct legal aid for victims of elder abuse or exploitation. Third, Bet Tzedek will expand its existing elder abuse, fraud, and scams prevention and response program known as "For the Sake of our Elders"—to serve all senior communities in the county, with a particular focus on rural and high-poverty areas. Fourth, Bet Tzedek will develop a new training and formalized collaboration program for law enforcement and social agency personnel, enabling better identification of elder abuse and referral of victims to the proper resources. This program will be implemented with Los Angeles Police Departments Hollywood Division, Glendale and Torrance police departments, and a variety of social services agencies, such as the Los Angeles County Department of Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services. Bet Tzedek will design the programs to be replicable and scalable, and will disseminate its results and lessons learned from the project to ensure the most widespread possible improvement in outcomes for older crime victims.	\$500,000
OVC	Justice for Older Adults	2020-V3-GX-0050	Lone Star Legal Aid	This award, made to Lone Star Legal Aid, funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) will implement Justice for Older Adults in 25 counties of East Texas - to provide free civil legal services for victims of elder abuse and financial exploitation to help them stay in their homes, to maintain autonomy and maximize choice, to obtain protection, to prevent continuation of abuse and exploitation, to establish financial security, and to otherwise maintain or establish a safe and stable later life. LSLA will do this through multiple strategies, including community outreach, partner training, reciprocal referrals, intake, and legal assistance. LSLA will also conduct office hours at strategically-selected partner locations, where project staff will provide on-the-spot intake and legal services, giving geographically underserved survivors quicker and easier access to legal services, especially for persons who cannot travel to an LSLA branch office, who do not have a phone to call the office for intake, or who experience literacy and other challenges that require face-to-face contact. LSLA will make critical advances in the Texas victim service delivery system for older adults. It will strengthen existing relationships; create new partnerships; establish service links where none exist; increase victim accessibility to free civil legal services; improve identification of legal needs; and increase referrals to LSLA. Finally, support of Justice for Older Adults will also increase awareness within the broader victim services community and beyond about the vital role that civil legal services play in the recovery of victims/survivors.	\$499,544
OVC	Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Project	15POVC-21-GG-01083-NONF	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska	The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, a federally recognized tribe located in northeast Nebraska, requests \$373,789 from the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime to support our Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Project FY21 project. The Tribe's nationally recognized Human Service Department shall take the lead to achieve our goal: The Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Project shall develop a multidisciplinary team of professionals, from within and outside the Tribe, to ensure elders who reside on the Winnebago Reservation, who have been subjected to abuse, particularly financial exploitation, do not fall through the cracks while their range of needs are being addressed.	\$373,789

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OVC	Equal Justice Works Elder Justice Program	2019-V3-GX-K033	Equal Justice Works	Equal Justice Works proposes to create a legal fellowship program - the Elder Justice Program (EJP) - to help address the growing crisis of elder abuse and exploitation in our country. The EJP will mobilize 22 attorneys as fellows to work full-time for 2 years at legal services organizations throughout the country, with an emphasis on serving rural communities. EJP attorneys will provide free legal services, including victims' rights enforcement, to lower-income seniors and strengthen coordinated, multidisciplinary community responses to elder abuse. Direct legal services provided by EJP attorneys may include educating victims about their rights, addressing housing and/or employment instability, providing assistance in navigating the justice system, securing restitution and/or public benefits, and making referrals to other supportive services. EJP attorneys will provide training and resources to allied professionals, including law enforcement, prosecutors, social services, and medical providers, and others in positions to recognize and address elder abuse.	\$3,499,191
OVC	Enhancing Multidisciplinary Teams	2019-V3-GX-0013	Utah Department of Health and Human Services	The State of Utah's Department of Human Services will strengthen state adult protective services (APS) response in Utah by hiring a Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator to expand agency capacity to understand victim needs and priorities and support and engage other organizations, including Area Aging Providers. For APS to effectively meet the growing occurrence of vulnerable adult complex elder abuse, including financial exploitation, APS will seek expert consultation to identify the need for enhanced multidisciplinary teams and where they would be the most supported and effective. These teams would result in systematic improvements to provide better outcomes for older adults who have been victim to complex elder abuse, including financial exploitation. This project will address these challenges to improve successful outcomes for vulnerable adults with multidisciplinary teams: 1) lack of paid administrative support for multidisciplinary teams (to be remedied by hiring a full-time coordinator under this project); 2) vast differences in available services and level of need in urban, versus rural communities; 3) commitment and agency buy-in among MDT members, including by strengthening MOUs; 4) consistency of training, case management processes, and policies and procedures; and 5) lack of expert services for complex cases including cognitive, financial and legal providers, especially in rural areas.	\$375,000
OVC	Establishing Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams to Establish Systems of Communication, Referrals, Intervention and Avocation on Behalf of Sac and Fox Tribal Elders	2019-VO-GX-0171	Sac & Fox Nation	The Sac and Fox Nation 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 is 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 an effort to build an intolerance for maltreatment to tribal elders.	\$375,000
OVC	Elder Abuse E-MDT	15POVC-21-GG-01078-NONF	New Hampshire Department of Justice Office of the Attorney General	The New Hampshire Department of Justice is seeking this federal funding through America's Response to Elder Abuse: Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams (E-MDTs) for Older Victims of Financial Exploitation and Abuse grant program to strengthen and enhance our state's response to elder financial exploitation. NH Financial Abuse Specialty Team (FAST) is a statewide multi-disciplinary team of organizations and community members working to improve the response to elder financial exploitation through increased collaboration and coordination. Members of FAST include the NH Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, the Alzheimer's Association, the U.S. and NH Departments of Justice, NH Legal Assistance, various financial institutions and law enforcement from two large cities. Our application seeks to fund a dedicated person to serve as a liaison between the Attorney General's Elder Abuse and Exploitation Unit (EAEU), the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services, and the Bureau of Security Regulations. This Project Coordinator position would be housed within the EAEU. They will be responsible for reviewing cases and scheduling regular meetings between the three agencies to determine the most appropriate response. This person would also help organize and conduct outreach, maintain the StayConnectedNH.org website, organize NH FAST meetings, including the coordination of speakers to educate FAST members, and other related activities. The StayConnectedNH.org website provides a forum for team members, allies and residents of NH to obtain reliable information regarding public awareness, useful articles, new programs, and legislation regarding elder abuse and financial exploitation. Adding the Project Coordinator position will enable the NH DOJ EAEU to better identify and respond to older adults who experience financial exploitation and abuse and hold offenders accountable. The grant funding would also enable the NH FAST to expand and include other identified professionals such as a neuropsychologist and forensic accountant.	\$375,000

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OVC	Denver Forensic Collaborative for At-Risk Adults Enhancement Project	2019-V3-GX-0015	City & County of Denver	With this funding, the City of Denver will enhance the Denver Forensic Collaborative for At-Risk Adults (DFC), a multidisciplinary team of experts who examine high risk cases of elders being physically abused, neglected, or financially exploited. The project will address three goals. First, 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. Second, the project will make services available to individuals identified as requiring assistance but not living in circumstances that warrant criminal justice intervention. Third, the project will provide after-hours emergency housing for victims when offenders are arrested. The project will support one full-time victim advocate to work with elders identified as needing more support and to develop an emergency housing program; eight neuropsychological evaluations annually; four forensic accounting evaluations annually; and 24 hours of analysis and consultation from a geriatrician annually.	\$373,741
OVC	Piqpaqi	2020-V3-GX-0070	Alaska Native Justice Center, Inc.	This award, made to Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. ANJC will implement 'Project Piqpaqi' serving older victims of abuse and financial exploitation in Southcentral Alaska. Funding will be used to support case management and civil legal assistance staff dedicated to improving outcomes, minimizing additional trauma, and restoring safety and security to older victims of abuse and financial exploitation in Anchorage, Alaska, with emphasis on outreach to the underserved population of Alaska Native elders. Project Piqpaqi will contribute to the victims' field by increasing resources available to elder service providers and criminal justice stakeholders across Southcentral Alaska, including tribal providers, first responders, and courts. Under this project, ANJC will hire Victim Advocate/Case-Manager and Paralegal staff, and will contract with Alaska Legal Services Corporation for the provision of Elder Law services, including attorney representation. The ANJC Project Piqpaqi will offer trainings for professionals, criminal justice stakeholders and community organizations, develop a Southcentral Alaska Elder Justice Resource Manual, and provide direct service.	\$500,000
OVC	Expanding CORE (Community-Based Options to Respond to Elder Abuse)	2020-V3-GX-0033	Vera House, Inc.	This program will implement projects that enhance services for older victims of abuse and financial exploitation. This program is intended to improve outcomes, minimize additional trauma, and restore safety and security to older adult victims of abuse and financial exploitation. This award, made to Vera House Inc., funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. The grantee, Vera House Inc., in partnership with Christopher Community Inc., the NYS Center for Court Innovation (Upstate Office), and the Syracuse University College of Law, Elder and Health Law Clinic, will expand the Community-Based Options to Respond to Elder Abuse (CORE) program to enhance existing community-based services for victims of elder abuse in diverse, lower-income housing communities, who may be reluctant to use, or unable to access existing services in three low-income housing buildings, in an area of concentrated and systemic urban poverty in Syracuse, New York.	\$500,000
OVC	Fairbanks Native Association: Elder and Senior Abuse, Financial Exploitation, Intervention and Prevention Services Program	2020-VO-GX-0257	Fairbanks Native Association	This award, made to Fairbanks Native Association (FNA), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. FNA will expand and cover gaps in services in the "Elder and Senior Abuse, Financial Exploitation, Intervention and Prevention Services Program." The project will serve the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) area, a high poverty community with Qualified Opportunity Zones in Interior Alaska with a population of 96,849. The overall goals of FNA's Enhanced Services for Older Victims of Abuse, Financial Exploitation Intervention and Prevention Program are twofold. The first goal is one of decreasing the rate of abuse and exploitation of FNSB seniors by improving the outcomes and minimizing trauma. The second goal is to support, promote and expand community partner opportunities in FNSB for Senior Abuse Financial Exploitation Intervention and Prevention Services, to ensure older victims of abuse and exploitation have increased access to services and are treated with dignity and respect.	\$497,764

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OVC	National Elder Justice Coalition Center	15POVC-22-GK-01494-NONF	Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc.	<p>Lifespan of Greater Rochester (Lifespan) will serve as the lead agency of a consortium of elder justice organizations and specialists with many years of experience and depth of expertise in the field to establish a National Elder Justice Coalition Center (NEJCC). Consortium partners include the Minnesota Elder Justice Coalition, Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services, the National Network of State Elder Justice Coalitions, and Jacque Gray, PhD, specialist in Native American elder justice affairs. The National Elder Justice Coalition Center will support the development of new state and tribal coalitions, will offer ongoing training and technical assistance to new and existing coalitions, and will serve as a clearinghouse for resources and information concerning elder justice issues, programs, and advocacy. In the first year of operation the Center will issue a competitive Request for Proposals for two-year funding for seven grants for the development of new statewide or tribal coalitions or for the enhancement of existing state and tribal coalitions. The Center will create a comprehensive website including information about elder justice as well as a library of resources. Center partners will assist new and existing coalitions in organizing statewide or regional training opportunities and will offer opportunities to regularly meet as a group to discuss challenges, best practice and to engage in mutual problem solving. The Center will develop a guide to assist the development of future coalitions and provide direction in the areas of recruitment, sponsorship, operations and sustainability. The National Elder Justice Coalition Center will also collaborate with federal agencies and initiatives to coordinate efforts and activities in the area of elder justice. Drawing on the experience and expertise of multiple leading organizations and experts in the elder justice field, the Center will aim to advance the goal of a safe and healthy life free of mistreatment and exploitation for all older Americans.</p>	\$3,750,000
OVC	District's Older Victim Services (DOVS) Project	2020-V3-GX-0059	Network for Victim Recovery of DC	<p>This award, made to Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC), funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. The Network for Victim Recovery of DC (NVRDC) proposes to increase its capacity to provide direct service to elder abuse and financial exploitation victims by implementing the District's Older Victim Services (DOVS) Project. NVRDC expects to improve outcomes, minimize additional trauma, and restore safety and security to older adult victims of abuse and financial exploitation in the District of Columbia through provision of direct services (including crisis response, case management, and legal services) as well as resources for service providers and criminal justice stakeholders, and participation in program reporting to help benefit the field nationally, as well as inform future plans in DC, which is home to 85,395 people aged 65+, 18,500 of which may experience abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. NVRDC's mission is to empower victims of all crimes to achieve survivor-defined justice through a collaborative continuum of free, holistic case management, advocacy, and legal support. Collaboration is at the heart of NVRDC's model and as such, it hosts the Victim Legal Network of DC and the District's Collaborative Training and Response for Older Victims (DC TROV), a multidisciplinary team, which works to improve collaboration and referrals.</p>	\$500,000

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OVC	Enhancing the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center: Building Capacity for Person-Centered Case Review	15POVC-21-GG-01076-NONF	University of Southern California	The purpose of this project is to enhance the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center (LACEAFC) through the addition of tools to improve the investigative capability for addressing complex cases of financial exploitation and the bolstering person-centered culture and processes. To do this, we will hire a forensic accountant (FA), and integrate forensic accounting services such as fraud investigation, witness interviews, completing investigative reports, identifying deceptive behavior, and suspect motivations. The voice and choice of victims will be included into case action planning by bolstering person-centered care (PCC) and processes, facilitated with the support of an Ethicist consultant and PCC training. Building on what we learn from these combined efforts, we will conduct outreach to MDTs nationwide to scan for interest in ongoing discussion on person-centered practices and for those who are interested, we will host a virtual convening to develop a strategy for knowledge generation. Additionally, we plan to make our team more accessible to case presenters with revised intake and offering case presentation format and guidelines. This will have the dual benefit of revising intake data requirements according to forensic accounting and person-centered information needs. Finally, we will conduct outreach to referral source organizations (APS and law enforcement) to educate on LACEAFC enhancements and elicit referrals from units that have not presented cases. Deliverables will include policies, procedures, and guidelines for forensic accounting services and PCC, training curricula on forensic accounting and PCC, quality assurance outputs regarding PCC approaches, list of participating MDTs in discussions on PCC, virtual convening agenda and minutes, consensus action plan for practice and research on PCC in elder abuse and neglect (EAN) MDTs, generation of metrics required for OVC's Performance Measurement Tool, and an action plan for sustaining the FA into the LACEAFC. Beneficiaries will be EAN victims with improved safety of person and assets, reclaimed funds, and choices supported, greater satisfaction with EAN investigation and supportive services, and sustained solutions. The LACEAFC will benefit through greater awareness of victim preferences and strategies for incorporation into case plans. Local systems will experience improved access to tools promoting justice for older victims, greater ease in utilizing the LACEAFC, and improved trust in criminal justice organizations. Nationwide, there will be better awareness of victim preferences among MDT leaders, and other elder justice professions. Longer term, this project will seed implementation of programs that address victim priorities.	\$375,000
OVC	Enhanced Multi-Disciplinary Team for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation	2019-V3-GX-0014	Milwaukee County, Wisconsin	The Milwaukee County Department on Aging 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.	\$375,000

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OVC	The Roadmap Initiative: Enhancing Supports for Older Arkansans who are Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation	2020-V3-GX-0051	University of Arkansas System	This award, made to University of Arkansas, funded under OVC FY 2020 Enhancing Services for Older Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation program, is designed to support communities in providing services to older victims of abuse and exploitation. The University of Arkansas Roadmap Initiative: Enhancing Supports for Older Arkansans who are Victims of Abuse and Financial Exploitation, will improve the infrastructure in Arkansas so that improved services are provided to individuals over the age of 60 who are victims of abuse or financial exploitation. The project will utilize three main strategies: 1. Improving collaboration between victim service providers and programs that serve older Arkansans - This project will create a Multidisciplinary Leadership Team and a structure for creating/maintaining ongoing connections to key stakeholders in local regions of the state. 2. Improving direct service provision to older Arkansans who are victims of abuse and financial exploitation - This project will provide direct services and infuse information across agencies involved in service provision to ensure they are trauma-informed, victim-centered, culturally responsive and fully accessible. 3. Improving access to information on abuse and exploitation for victim service providers, programs that serve older Arkansans, and older people themselves - This project will use multiple methods for disseminating information including simple printed information, web based information, visual representation in community sites, and infusion of information into community-based activities Arkansans already participate in and trust.	\$499,996
OVC	Rockdale County Georgia PEARL Program, Elder Abuse Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team Project	2019-V3-GX-0019	County of Rockdale	The Rockdale County Georgia PEARL (Protecting our Elderly with Resources for Better Living) Program, Elder Abuse Enhanced Multidisciplinary Team Project will enhance its current efforts in order to improve the case review process and associated systems coordination, to better understand victims' priorities and needs, including determining 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 a 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.	\$374,895

APPENDIX D

Appendix D: Acronyms

Acronym	What the Acronym Stands For
AAA	Area Agency on Aging
ACL	Administration for Community Living
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
AG	Attorney General
ALL	Abuse in Later Life
APG	Agency Priority Goals
APS	Adult Protective Services
APS TARC	Adult Protective Services Technical Assistance Resource Center
AUSA	Assistant U.S. Attorney
BEC	Business Email Compromise
CFPB	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
COACH	Comprehensive Older Adult and Caregiver Help
COPS	Community Oriented Policing Services
CPB	Consumer Protection Branch (Civil Division)
CRT	Civil Rights Division
DOJ	Department of Justice
EAGLE	Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement
EAPPA	Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act of 2017
EJA	Elder Justice Act
EJCs	Elder Justice Coordinators
EJCC	Elder Justice Coordinating Council
EJI	Elder Justice Initiative
E-MDTs	Enhanced Multidisciplinary Teams
EOUSA	Executive Office for United States Attorneys
FASTs	Financial Abuse Specialist Teams
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBIHQ/CID/ FCS/ECU	FBI Headquarters/ Criminal Investigative Division/Financial Crimes Section/Economic Crimes Unit
FINRA	Financial Industry Regulatory Authority
FTC	Federal Trade Commission
HHS	Health and Human Services
IACP	International Association of Chiefs of Police
IADLEST	International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training
IC3	Internet Crime Complaint Center
IRS	Internal Revenue Service
JOA	Justice for Older Adults

MDT TAC	Multidisciplinary Team Technical Assistance Center
MDTs	Multidisciplinary Teams
MFCU	Medicaid Fraud Control Units
MLARS	Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section (Criminal Division)
N4A	National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (now USAging)
NAAG	National Association of Attorneys General
NACJD	National Archive of Criminal Justice Data
National TTA Center	National Elder Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Training and Technical Assistance Center
NCALL	National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life
NCEA	National Center on Elder Abuse
NCJRS	National Criminal Justice Reference Service
NCSC	National Center for State Courts
NCVC	National Center for Victims of Crimes
NIA	National Institute on Aging
NIJ	National Institute of Justice
NIPEA	National Institute on the Prosecution of Elder Abuse
NSA	National Sheriffs' Association
NW3C	National White Collar Crime Center
NASAA	North American Securities Administrators Association
OJP	Office of Justice Programs
OVC	Office for Victims of Crimes
OVC TTAC	Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center
OVW	Office on Violence Against Women
PII	Personal Identifying Information
PIN	Personal Identification Number
POA	Power of Attorney
POST	Peace Officer Standards and Training
PSA	Public Service Announcement
SAA	State Administering Agencies
SAFE	Safe Accessible Forensic Interviewing for Elders
SAFTA	Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting
SALT	Seniors and Law Enforcement Together
SDOH	Social Determinants of Health
SRT	Supervised Release Term
USAO	United States Attorney's Office
USPS-OIG	U.S. Postal Service – Office of Inspector General
VWC	Victim-Witness Coordinator
WEAAD	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day