

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Urgent Scam Alert Romance and Relationship Fraud

With Valentines Day coming up criminals will be busy targeting people with these types of scams.

Criminals are currently using sophisticated tactics, including AI generated “deepfake” video calls and fake investment opportunities, to target individuals looking for connection online.

Four signs you are being targeted

- **The Love Bomb** – They shower you with intense affection, declare love within days and use phrases like, “I’ve never felt this way before” and “You’re the only one that understand me.” They will also ask you to keep the relationship quiet and not to tell family or friends, as they “will not understand.”
- **The Platform Shift** – They immediately pressure you to move the conversation from a dating site to encrypted apps like WhatsApp, Telegram or Signal to avoid security monitoring.
- **The Perpetual Crisis** – They claim to be working overseas (e.g. military, oil rigs, medical or a CEO) and repeatedly cancel plans to meet due to a sudden emergency.
- **The financial Hook** – Once trust is built, they ask for money for medical bills, travel costs or a guaranteed crypto investment etc.

How to protect yourself

- **Reverse Image Search** – use google images or TinEye to check if their profile photo is stolen from someone else.
- **Verify With Task** – Ask them to perform a specific action during a video call (e.g. touch your nose with your ring finger) to bypass AI deepfakes.
- **Never Send Money** – A genuine person will Never ask you for money, gift cards, crypto if you have not met in person.
- **Stay On The App** – Keep all conversations on the dating platform where you met.
- **Speak To a Trusted Person** – Tell someone you trust, ask them for their opinion on the profile.



“If this applies to you, then stop all contact immediately and block them on all platforms”

If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at [Reporting cyber crime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.



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