



# World of Fraud

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# Facilitator introduction

- Insurance 30+ years
- Live in Nebraska
  - Long time Bellevue resident
- Facilitating CE over 14 years
- Speaking on privacy & security for over 16 years
- Have Beagles/bassets and am a foster to dogs
- Retired P&C agent 2022
- Artisan Crafter-Osoremarkable



Laurie VanderWal



Pen and  
paper for  
notes



# Financial

How can a compromise or imposter fraud change your life?



# When financial turns criminal





# When financial turns criminal

- Arrested and spent 32 days in jail
- Lived in Georgia—Extradited to Missouri
- The ride took 7 days, 19 states and he was shackled in a van with other prisoners
- Former roommate stole his identity
- 8 warrants for arrest
- Surrounded by police
- Lost 2 jobs and a car

**Consider a victim's  
mental health**

# Imposter Bank fraud

What's wrong  
with this picture?

- Customer on vacation receives call from bank
- Bank states they believe there are fraudulent charges showing on account and confirms customer did not purchase
- To resolve bank requires customer to accept a code via text and read code back to bank which confirms customer identity
- Customer complies with bank directions
- Reads code back to bank
- Financial theft averted



# Imposter Bank fraud

- How does the customer know it's the bank?
- This customer was talking to a thief
- Criminals had the username and password for account
- Multi-factor authentication disrupted the hack
- Criminal calls customer commits imposter fraud
- Obtains multi-factor authentication to access account



Victim consequence:

- ✓ Victim had \$8,000 transferred out of his bank account
- ✓ A customized pickup truck valued at \$130,000 stolen from the Denver International Airport



# Senior lady 80 years old

- Eating at a restaurant
- Criminal had a card reader within “reading” distance
- Read all the details in her purse
- Committed rampant financial fraud
  - Emptying bank accounts
  - Running up credit cards
  - Soliciting new credit cards
  - Create identification in her name

**3 months later  
still managing**

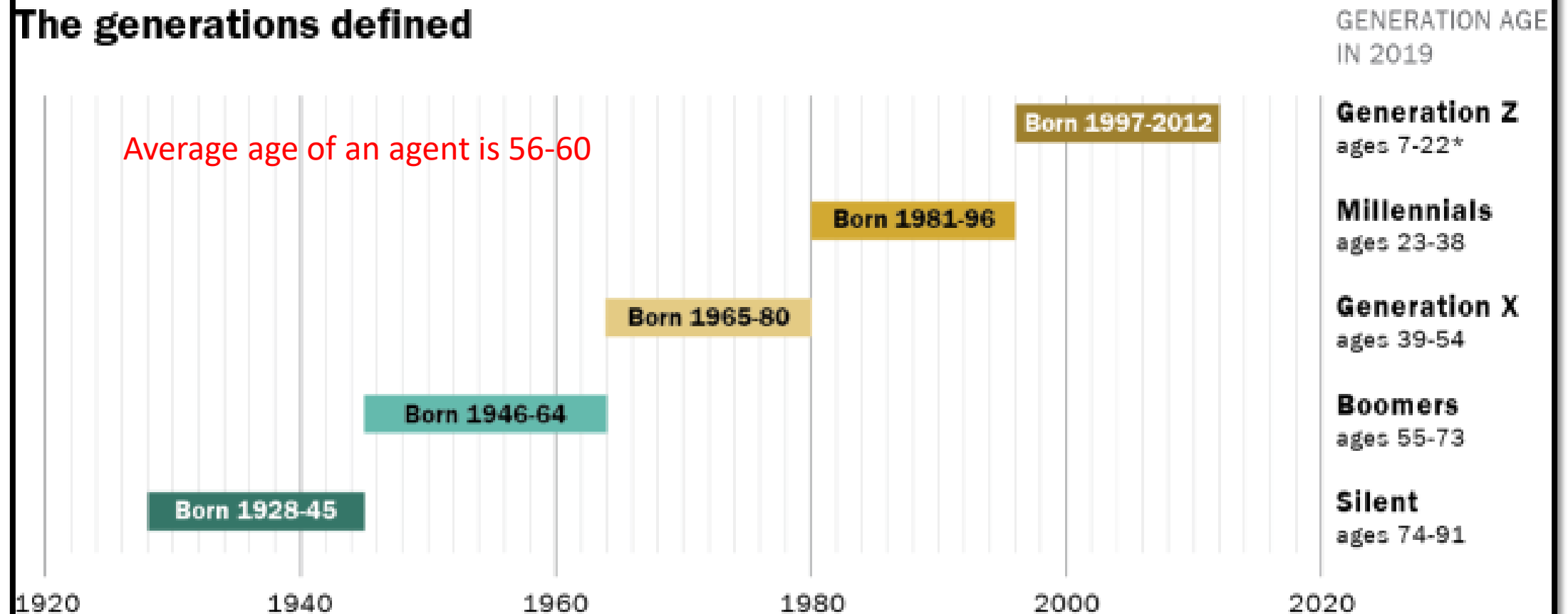


# EVERY DAY

Follow your information...Just for a day!



## The generations defined



\*No chronological endpoint has been set for this group. For this analysis, Generation Z is defined as those ages 7 to 22 in 2019.

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# Mariana Van Zeller Investigative Reporter

- Credit and debit card fraud
- Bank account hacking
- “Data more valuable than oil”
- Street Gangs “Mindset” shifting to buying and selling financial information
  - “Would you rather have me rob you on the street at gunpoint?”
  - “Is it better if I rob you through your credit card or bank where no physical harm will come to you?”
  - “It’s a dog-eat-dog world, everybody gotta make money somehow”
  - “People get there money back and no harm comes to them”

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# Cryptocurrency-The Rug Pull

- Offer a new crypto token in the market
  - 83,683 in 2021
  - 117,000 in 2022
  - 41% increase
- Hype it up on social media
- When token value hits a certain amount the thief pulls out everything
- 2 million investors lost funds
- \$11 Billion to criminals
- 153 different de-centralized finance exchanges (CeF)
- Rug pulls have options



*"**Our identity** is increasingly going to become the **asset** that we have to be most **careful to protect in the 21st century** where the ability to get information, move it around the world and store it indefinitely creates greater and greater risks to personal reputation and personal privacy"...*

*--Homeland Security Secretary  
Michael Chertoff August 2008*



# Governing Data

Stolen identity uses

# Synthetic Identity Theft

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Creating a new person with multiple data points of other people's personal information



# The governance of our NPI or PII data

- Social security
- Driver's license
- Financial/credit profile
- Medical records & history
- Birthdate
- Biometrics
- Address
- Your first and last name

Cybersecurity  
Protection





# The privacy of our all our data

- GPS details
- Smart devices like auto, home and Alexa equipment
- Computer IP address, email
- All online clicks 24/7
  - Data bytes—Every click you make!!
  - Pictures
  - Texts
- History of all activity
- Social media content



# Policy and Procedure Drive Change



Email address, IP address and other identifiers may now  
be included in “Protection” of data



# Identity Theft Components

The legal and life driven “clicks”



# Medical Identity Theft



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Record keeping personal information

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Name, address, email history

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Mother's maiden name

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Emergency phone contact

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Parents' medical history

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Phone numbers

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Financial information

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Medical diagnosis

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Children details

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Credit card information w/3 digits

Keep a current copy

# Medical Identity Theft



# Video Summary

- Woman had purse stolen
- Thief used insurance card for prescription drugs
  - Opioids
- Credit impacted
- Warrant for arrest
- Long term damage
  - Wrong diagnosis or treatment
- Impact 5 years and \$1,500 in legal fess



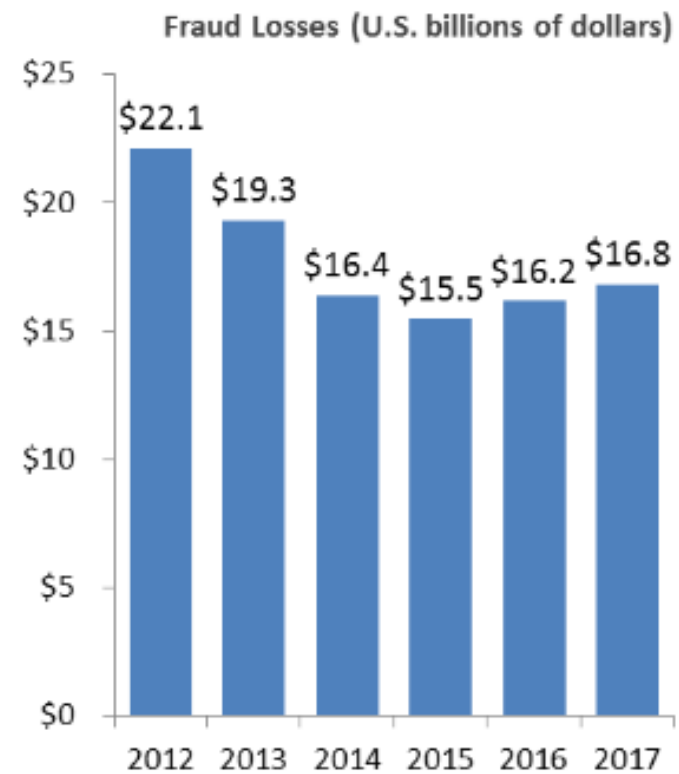
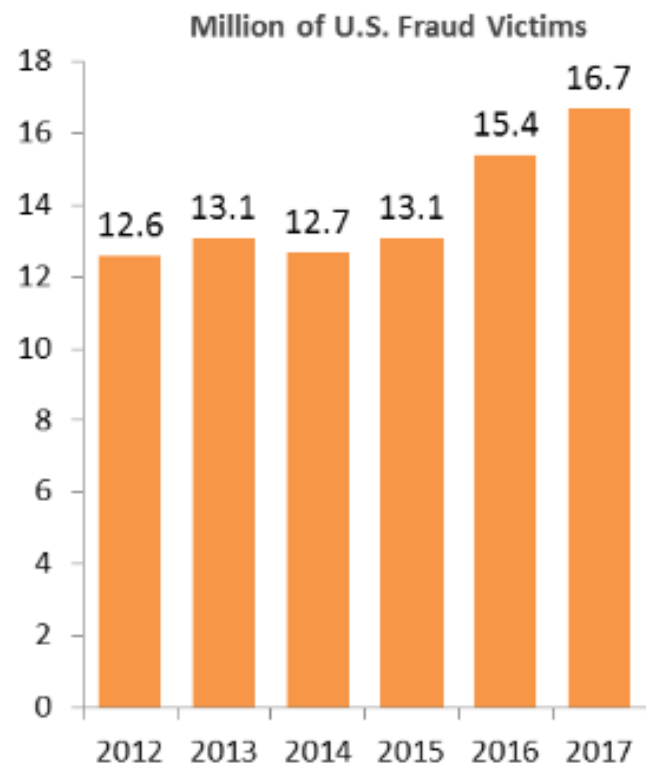


# Fraud

Is there really a problem?



2017

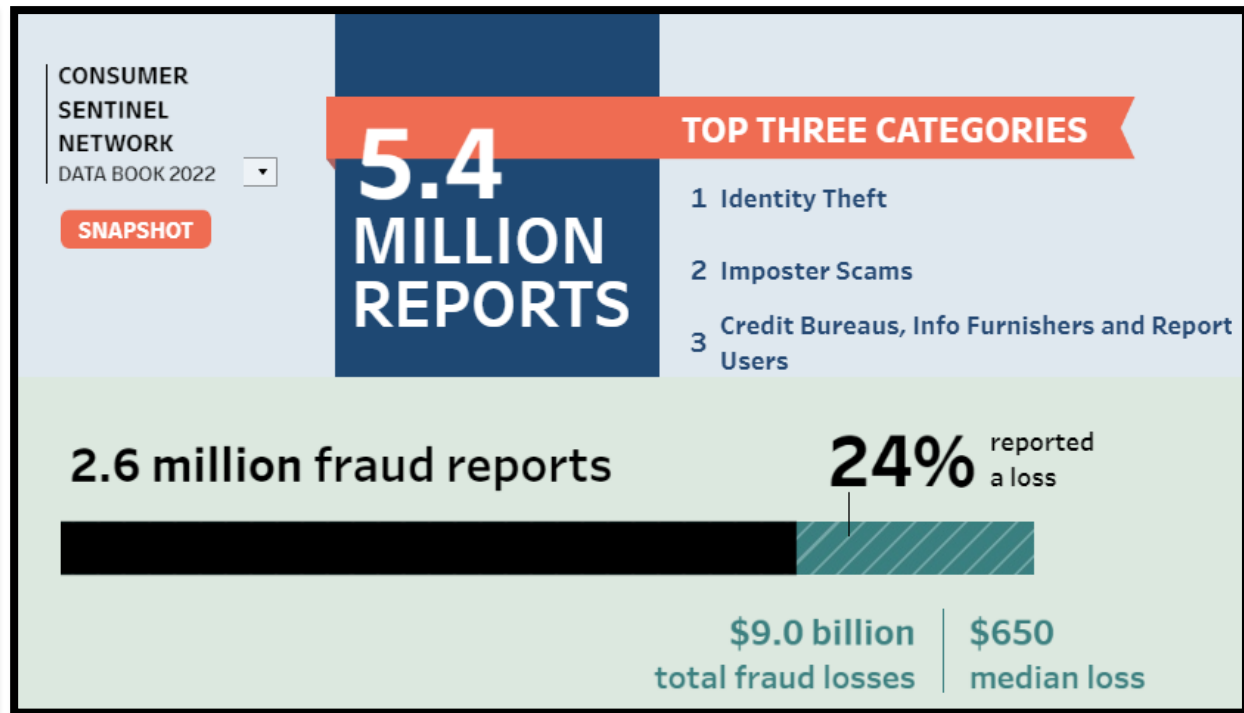


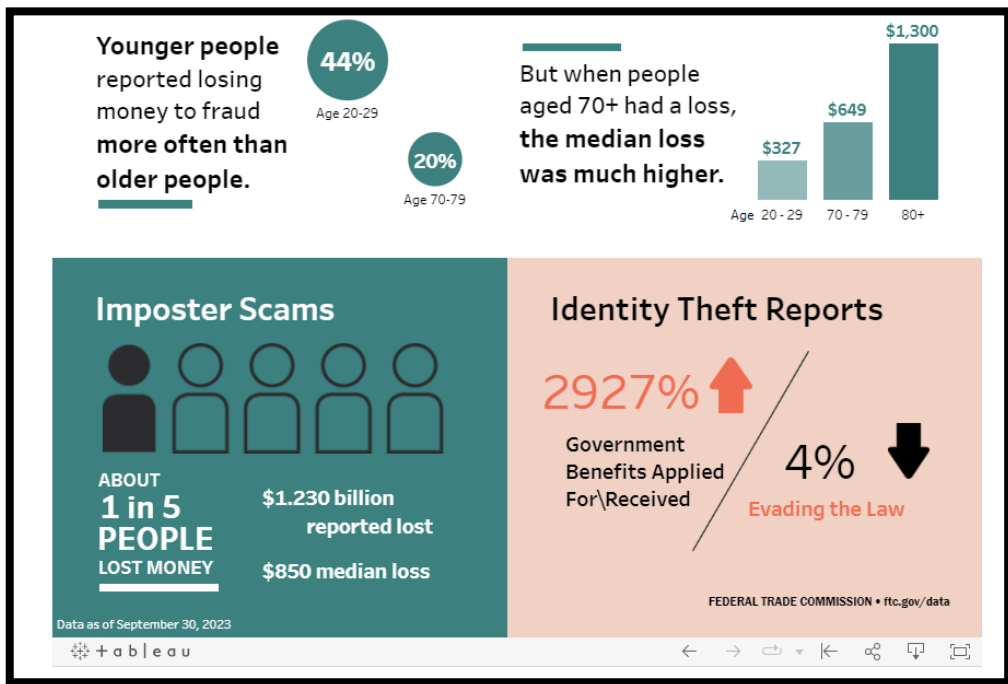
Source: 2018 Identity Fraud Study, Javelin Strategy & Research

**JAVELIN**

# Federal Trade Commission Stats

## 2019 contrast 2022

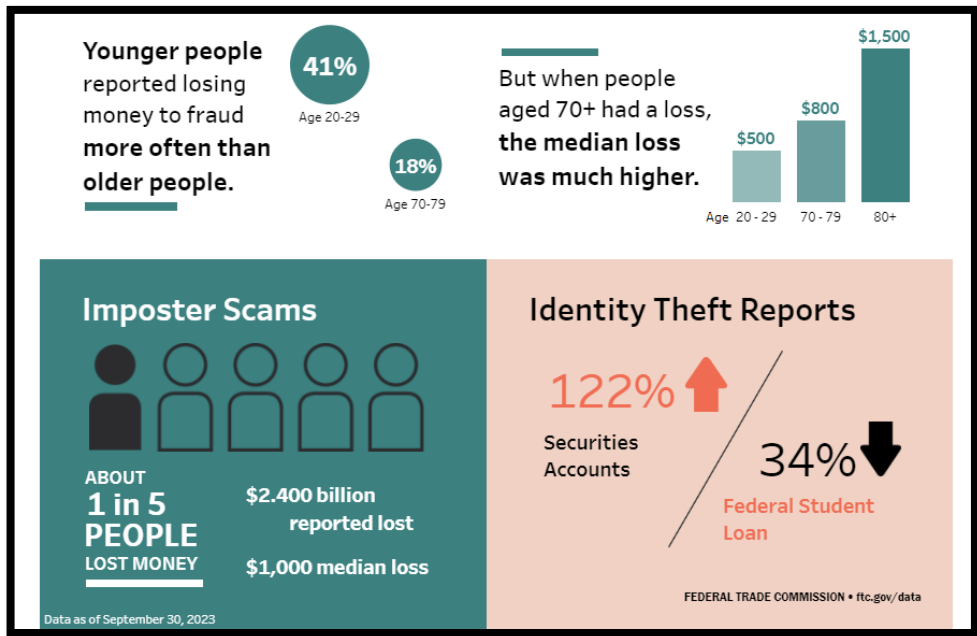


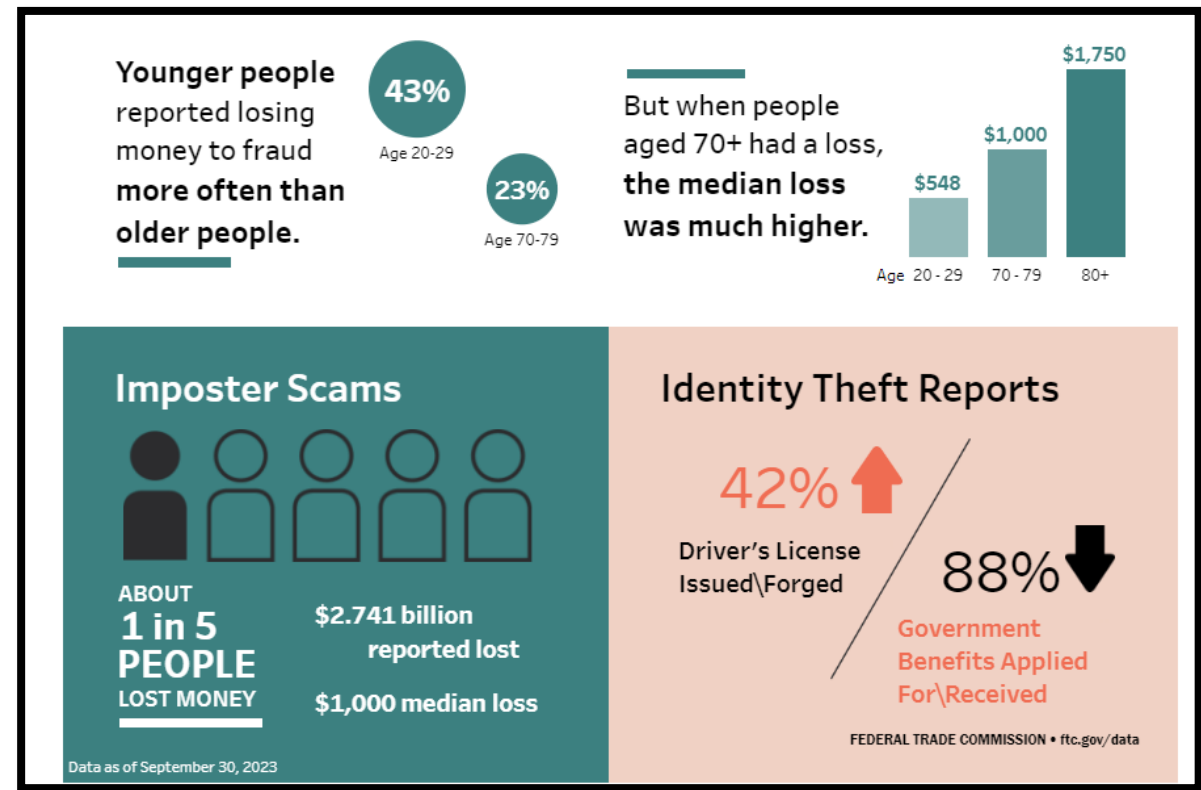


2019

2020

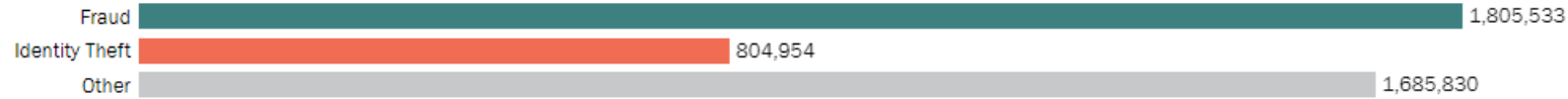
2021





2022-Leap frogging our identity  
the Smash Mouth Stage

# Federal Trade Commission Stats--2023



## Top 10 Fraud Categories

| Rank | Category                                  | # of Reports | % Reporting \$ Loss | Total \$ Loss | Median \$ Loss |
|------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1    | Imposter Scams                            | 605,428      | 21%                 | \$1,967.4M    | \$828          |
| 2    | Online Shopping and Negative Reviews      | 265,701      | 51%                 | \$307.7M      | \$134          |
| 3    | Prizes, Sweepstakes and Lotteries         | 89,264       | 14%                 | \$210.9M      | \$800          |
| 4    | Business and Job Opportunities            | 77,612       | 31%                 | \$337.8M      | \$2,050        |
| 5    | Investment Related                        | 75,755       | 75%                 | \$3,172.7M    | \$7,000        |
| 6    | Telephone and Mobile Services             | 69,550       | 10%                 | \$18.1M       | \$200          |
| 7    | Internet Services                         | 69,201       | 6%                  | \$24.3M       | \$237          |
| 8    | Health Care                               | 52,514       | 5%                  | \$9.7M        | \$291          |
| 9    | Travel, Vacations and Timeshare Plans     | 39,527       | 20%                 | \$78.2M       | \$1,167        |
| 10   | Foreign Money Offers and Fake Check Scams | 27,644       | 34%                 | \$124.6M      | \$1,920        |

## Identity Theft Types

| Rank | Theft Type                             | # of Reports |
|------|----------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1    | Credit Card Fraud                      | 318,142      |
| 2    | Other Identity Theft                   | 202,174      |
| 3    | Loan or Lease Fraud                    | 114,783      |
| 4    | Bank Fraud                             | 107,469      |
| 5    | Government Documents or Benefits Fraud | 74,986       |
| 6    | Employment or Tax-Related Fraud        | 74,322       |
| 7    | Phone or Utilities Fraud               | 60,585       |

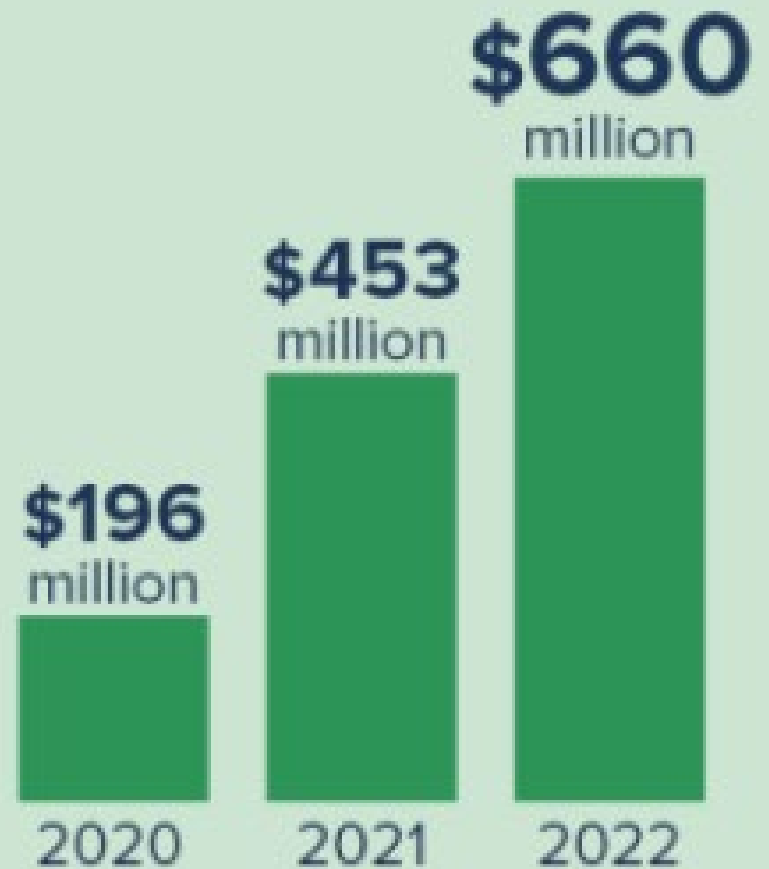
## Top 10 Other Categories

| Rank | Category                                          | # of Reports |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1    | Credit Bureaus, Info. Furnishers and Report Users | 869,606      |
| 2    | Banks and Lenders                                 | 176,970      |
| 3    | Auto Related                                      | 126,240      |
| 4    | Debt Collection                                   | 95,995       |
| 5    | Credit Cards and Loss Protection                  | 72,269       |
| 6    | Home Repair, Improvement and Products             | 57,966       |
| 7    | Television and Electronic Media                   | 29,162       |
| 8    | Computer Equipment and Software                   | 14,841       |
| 9    | Education                                         | 13,512       |
| 10   | Privacy, Data Security, and Cyber Threats         | 13,166       |



# The Financial Imposter Fraud Shift

Losses to business imposters soared.



# The Financial Imposter Fraud Shift

**\$1.8  
Billion  
2021**

**\$3.8  
Billion  
2022**

**Losses to  
investment  
scams more  
than doubled**



# The Financial Imposter Fraud Shift

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Scammers contacting people on social or by phone led to big losses



**\$1.2 billion**  
total lost

**Social media:**  
Highest **overall**  
reported losses



**\$1,400**  
median loss

**Phone calls:**  
Highest **per person**  
reported losses



# Imposter Fraud

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How many imposter fraud schemes  
or scams can you name?



## Let's start with the Federal Trade Commission List



# Define Consumer Scam

- Business Impersonators
- COVID-19
- Car Buying
- Charity
- Debt and Credit Card
- FTC Impersonators
- Family Emergency
- Free Trial
- Gift Card
- Government Impersonators
- Health and Weight Loss
- IRS Impersonators
- Job or Employment

# Define Consumer Scam

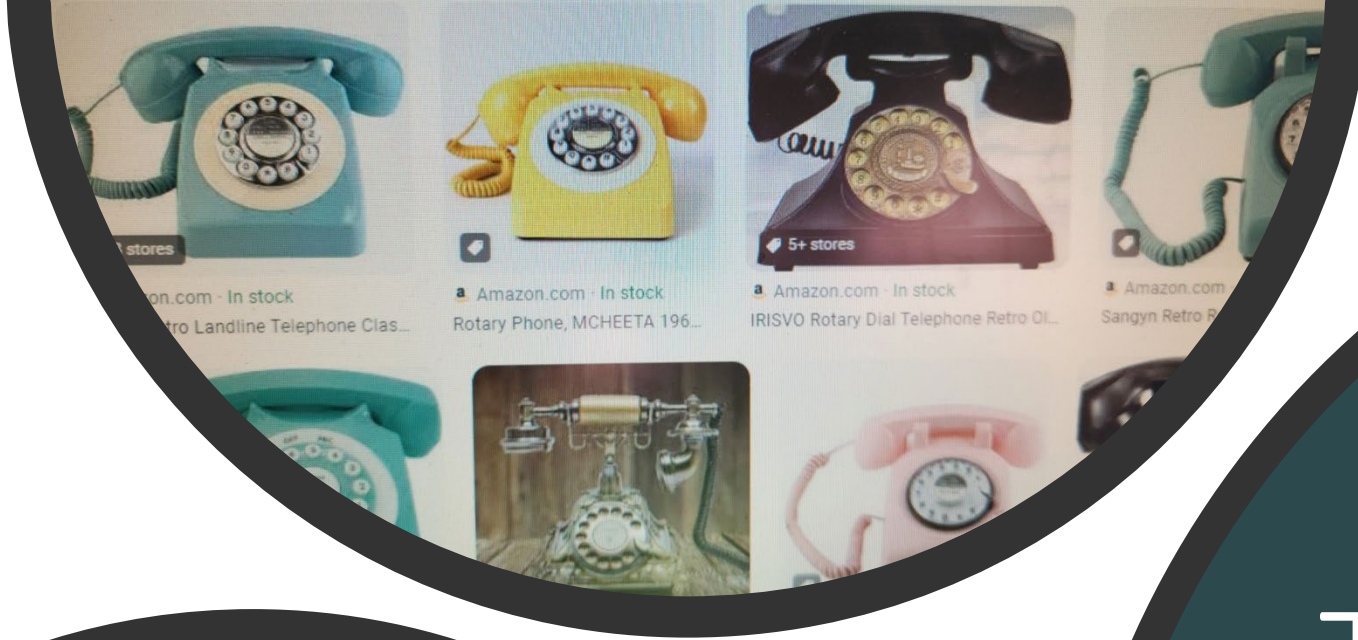
- Medicare Impersonators
- Money-Making Opportunity
- Phishing Scams
- Phone Scams
- Prize and Grant
- Rental and Housing
- Romance Scams
- Scams Against
  - Older Adults
  - Small Businesses
  - Immigrants
- Social Security Impersonators
- Student Loan and Education
- Tech Support
- Wire Transfer



- FBI identifies common scams

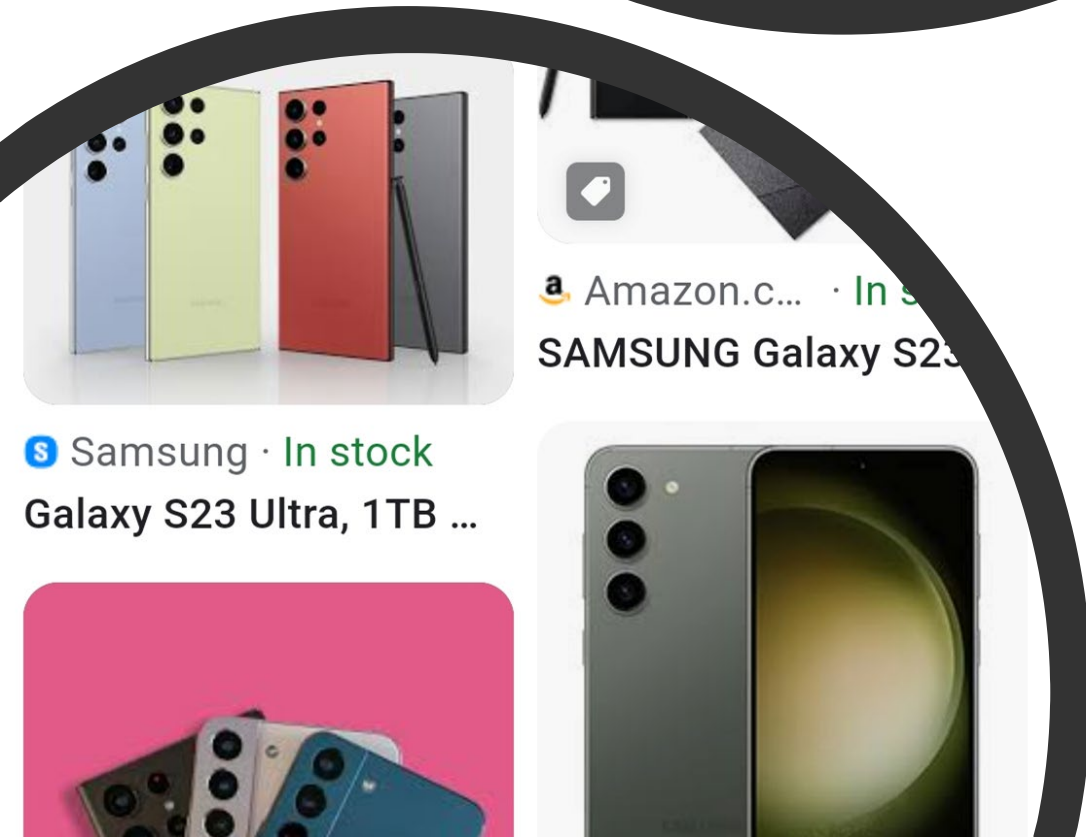


# Fraud Approach Methods



# The Phone Call Approach

From Party Line to FaceTime





# The Email Approach



# The Social Media Approach

# Most Common Fraud Impersonators

- Tech support
- Government agency
- Grandparent scam
- Romance scam
- Emergency Financial Family Need
- Charities or Grant Money
- Investment scam
- Utility fraud
- Law enforcement



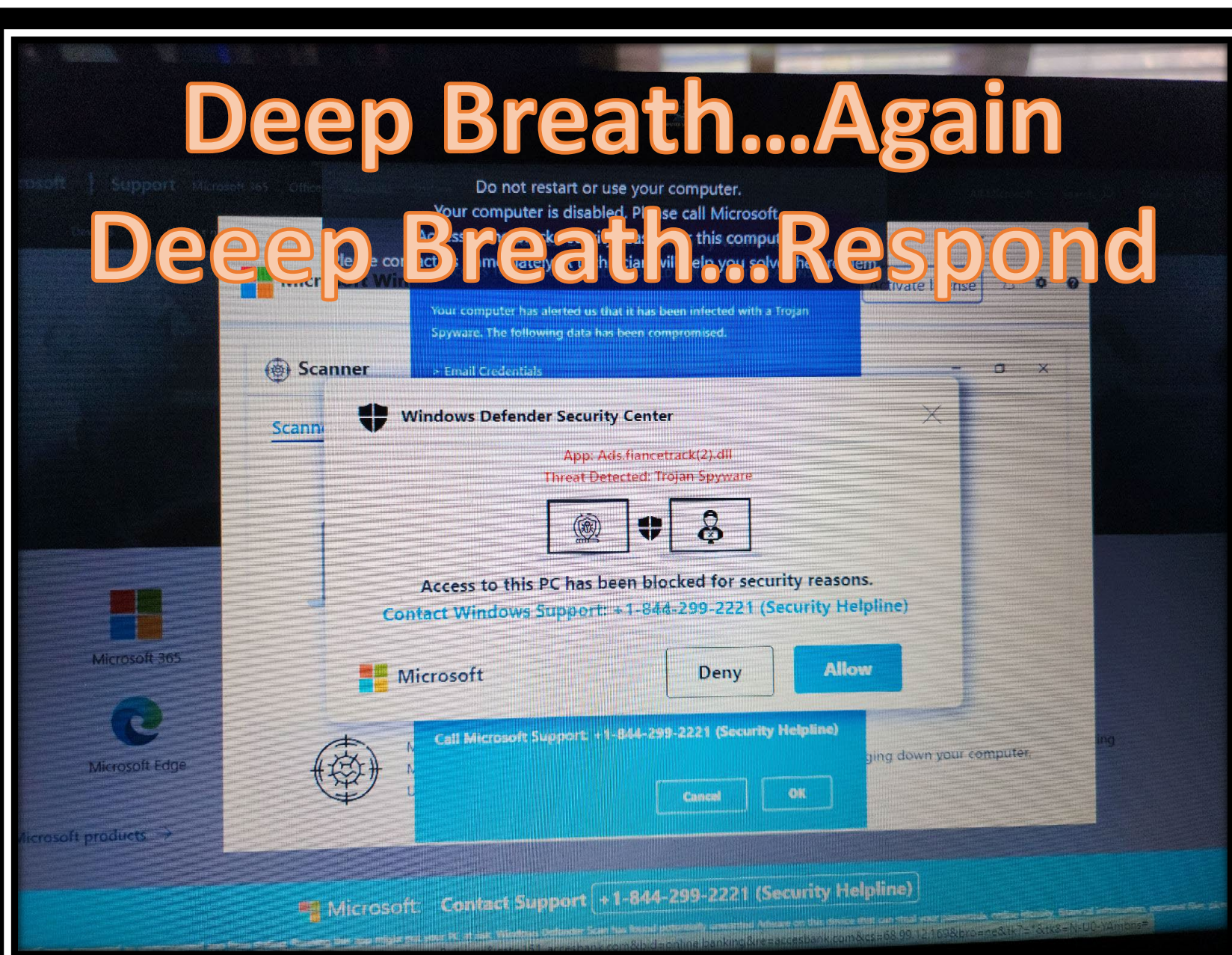


# Computer Scams

## Microsoft Scam

- Computer issues
- Distraction
- Fear/anxiety

# Deep Breath...Again Deep Breath...Respond





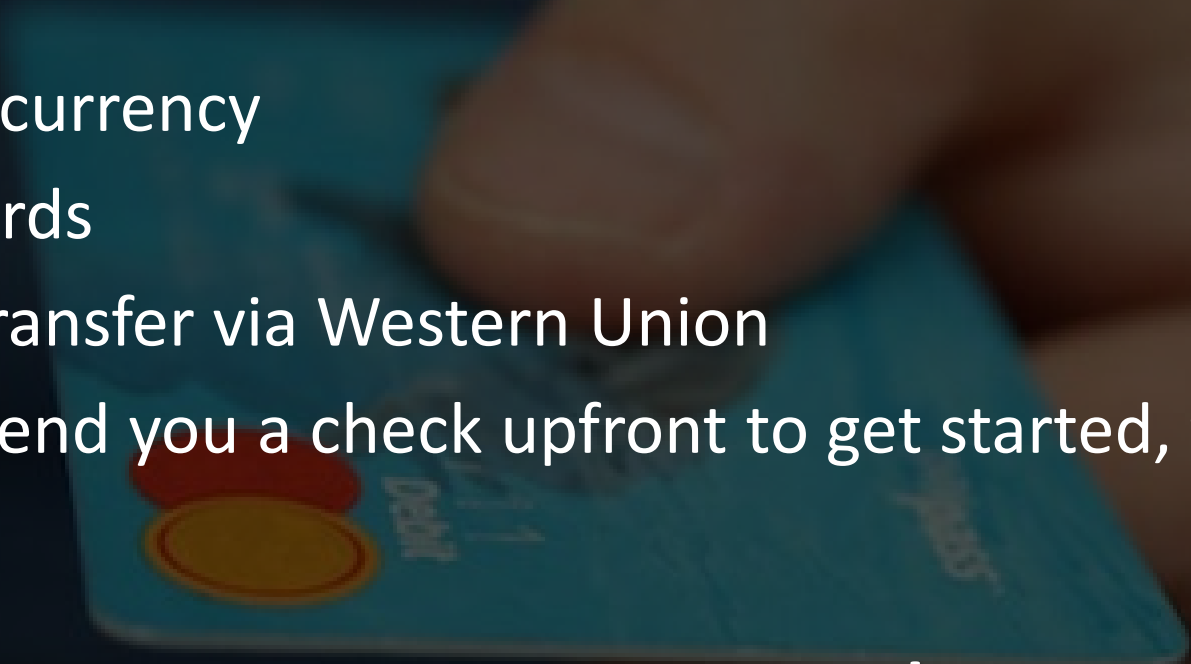
**Total reported lost over the  
past five years has now reached \$1.3 billion.**

The Romance Fraud Scam-2017 to 2021



Median Loss-\$2,400  
Age 70 and older-\$9,000  
Younger victim reports grew tenfold in 2017 to 2021

## The Romance Fraud Scam



# Imposter Fraud Favorite Payment Options

- Cryptocurrency
- Gift Cards
- Wire transfer via Western Union
- We'll send you a check upfront to get started, then reimburse us later

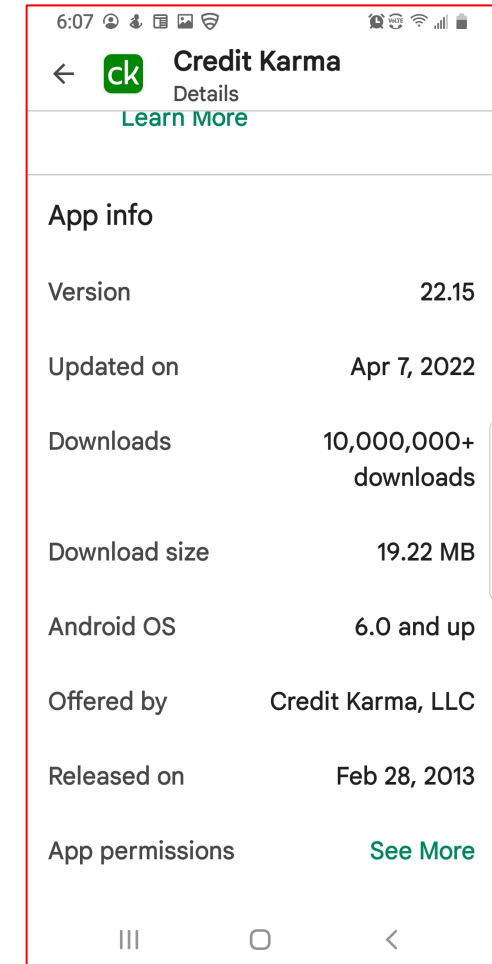
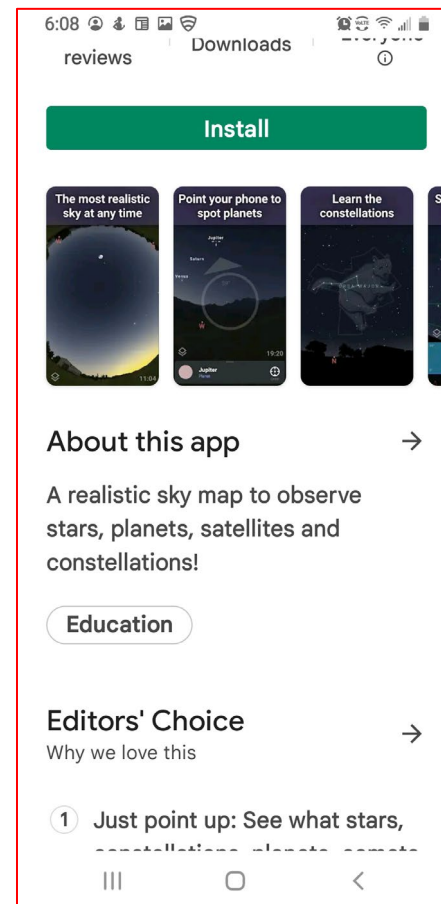
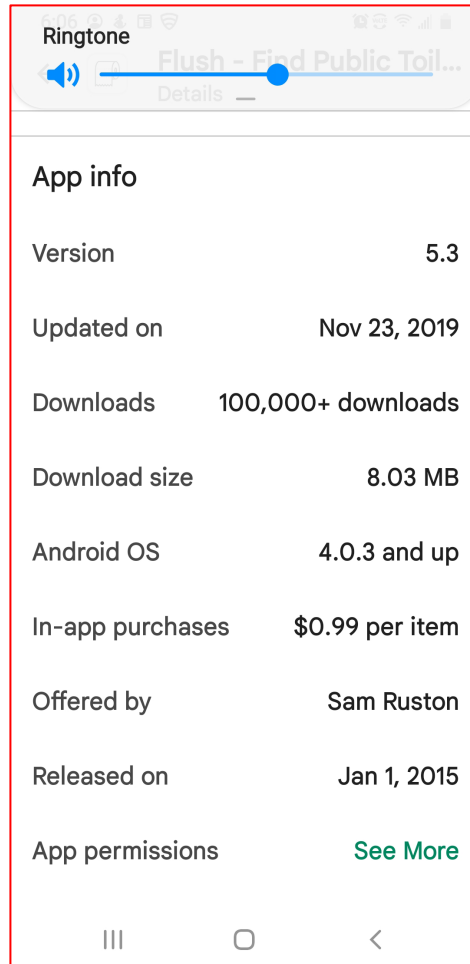
Top Criminal Options  
Gift Card or Reload Card



# CYBERCRIME-CONSUMER VULNERABILITY

Application security

# Cybercrime-Consumer vulnerability





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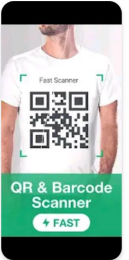
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# Preventive Measures Minimize Risk

Consumers must begin to protect their own data—

No one is coming to rescue you!



# Chat with others

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Email, text, message share your cyber hygiene knowledge with others



# Chat with others

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Ensure family, friends or colleagues are all informed

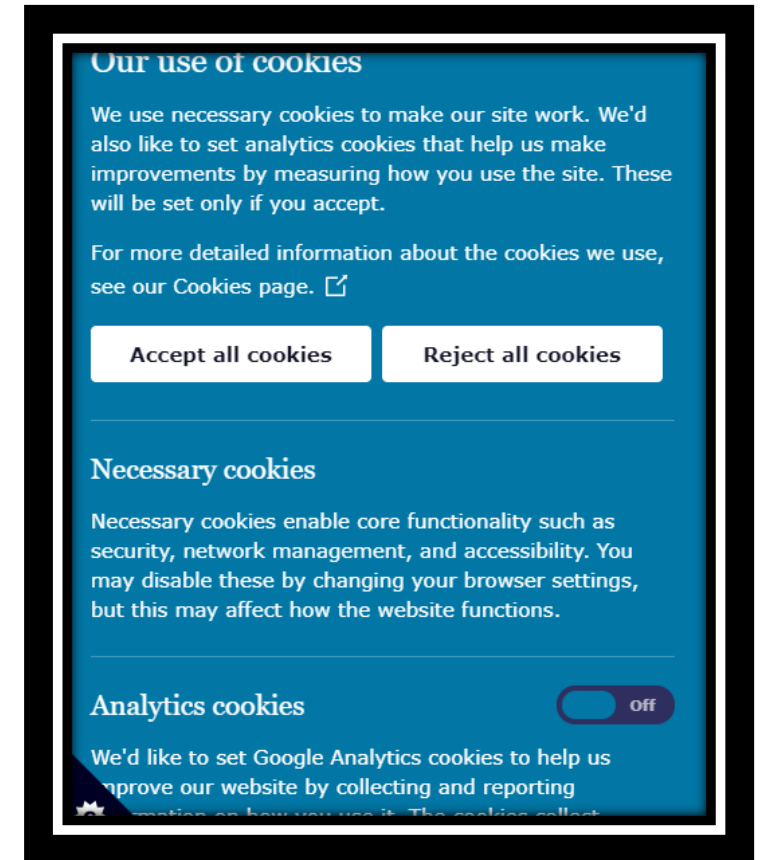
# Personal account –Hardware & Software

- Security measures
- Firewalls
- Virus protection
- Password protect router and wireless connections
  - Each router has own ID and password assigned
  - WiFi connection safety



# Personal account –Hardware & Software

- Discuss wireless and hardware connection
  - Understand public Wi-Fi vulnerability
  - Talk to family members
- Browse incognito
- VPN-Virtual private network
  - Phone carrier offers VPN
- Managing cookies
  - Deleting cookies
  - Look for opportunity to reject cookies



# Computer Offense & Defense

- Review access decisions
- Consider multi-factor authentication
- Clean cache routinely
  - Including history
- Review what data is stored on you by browsers and update restrictions
- Schedule computer maintenance time
- Create a folder with financial information websites
  - Keep list of companies that store biometric data
  - Delete one-time accounts with financial information
- Use 1 credit card for shopping
- Utilize encryption



# Password Offense & Defense

- Schedule time to change passwords
- Create a password alphabet
- Review all current passwords
  - Business
  - Personal
  - Search engines, ie Google, Yahoo, Bing



2020

**You Don't Say:**



An FTC Workshop on Voice Cloning Technologies

Voice Cloning

◦ Are you next?

IF we don't properly identify  
what to protect...

How do we know when we've  
breached our duty to protect it?

The gray definition of data in general creates additional exposure as the rules  
are always moving!

# The END of Privacy



On the end of privacy as we know it...

*“The end of privacy as we know it is closer than you may think. Privacy definitions are very different between nation states and cultures, however, one thing that is common is that privacy is becoming less and less of an option for most citizens. In public, almost everyone is being watched and monitored 24/7...”*

Joseph Carson, Chief Security Scientist at Thycotic

# The END of Privacy



*...with thousands of cameras using your expressions, fashion, walk, directions, interactions, and speech to determine what you need, what you might be thinking, who you are going to meet, who is nearby, and even algorithms that determine what your next action might be”*

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# MANAGING EXPOSURE & RISK

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High Value Prospects and Clients

Identity Fraud  
Product Coverage





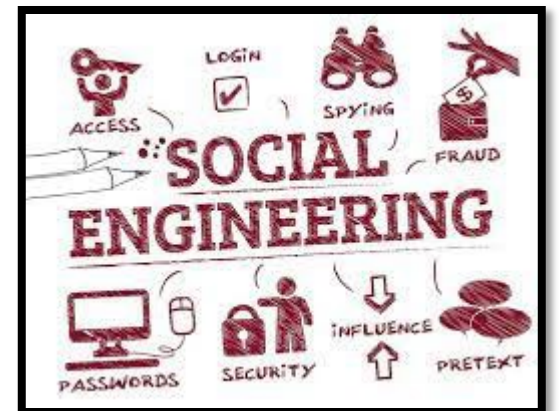
# The new Cyber Identity Theft Basics

- Identity theft
- Social engineering
- Extortion
- Cyber bullying
- System analysis and repair



# Personal lines compromise options

- Social engineering compromise
- A financial loss due to a thief deceiving you into willingly giving of your funds
  - My local Bassett/Beagle rescue asks for funding, but it is a social engineering attack
  - I release funds





# Personal lines compromise options

- Extortion expense
  - Threaten to introduce malware/virus
  - Hold computer or data hostage
  - Threat to release PII
  - Damage your reputation

**Sound  
familiar?**

# Personal lines compromise options

- Cyber bullying
  - Verified bullying events
  - Specific time frame
  - Specific number of communications



# Personal lines compromise options

- Cyber bullying
  - Counseling services for depression, anxiety
  - Temporary relocation expenses
  - Private tutor-temporary
  - New school enrollment fees
    - Time specific



# Personal lines compromise options

- Systems issues
  - Restore hard and software
- Forensic assistance
  - Determine incident origination
- Restore your reputation
  - Internet search and clean up





# Fraud Schemes or Scam Exclusions

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- Negligence on the consumer's part
  - Failure to exercise reasonable care with respect to the disclosure of or providing access to your accounts etc.
- Voluntary disclosure or authorization
  - Your voluntary initiation or authorization of funds transferred to a third-party even if induced by a dishonest act etc.
- Cyber attack loss
  - Losses from external attacks including loss of data, or a device, payments made in response to an extortion threat etc.



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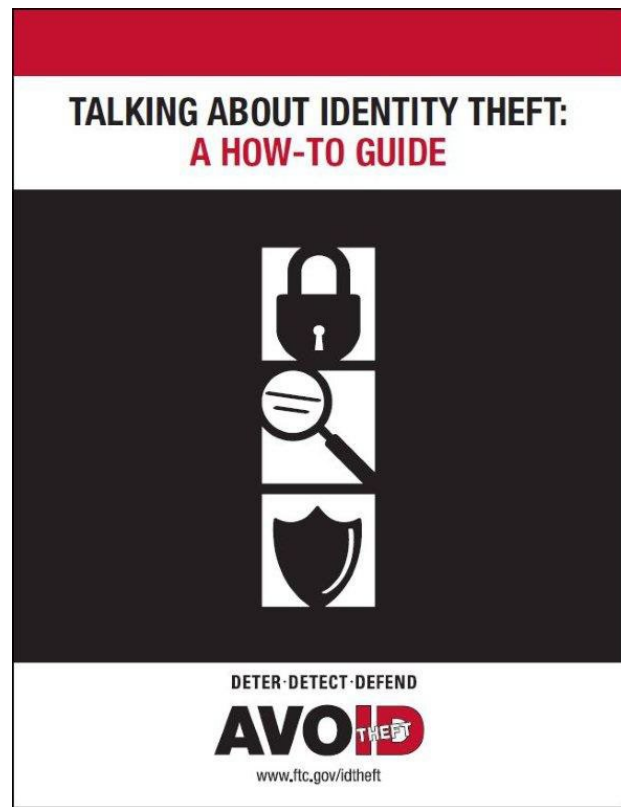
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# Privacy and Identity Protection Division



# Common Sense Steps



*Knowledge to Drive Decisions*

Medical Information Bureau—  
[mib.com](http://mib.com)



Opt Out—[optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com)

# What you can do for yourself...

- 90 Day Fraud Alerts
- Credit Freezing
- Review credit report annually
- Choose a monitoring service partner
  - Premiere
  - DIY



# Common Sense Steps



- Order your free credit report from: [annualcreditreport.com](https://annualcreditreport.com)
  - Go to [ftc.gov](https://ftc.gov) and then search for free credit report link
- Write for and/or call in for your children's reports

Thank you for  
listening, learning  
and chatting with  
me!

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