

SAFE COMMUNITY SERIES

HIGHLIGHTS

SAFEGUARD YOUR HEART & WALLET: ROMANCE SCAMS

HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED (February 12th, 2026)



Breaking Down the Scam

- Scammers open with friendly compliments or small talk, sometimes starting with a wrong number message followed by constant communication. This is to build a quick emotional connection with the goal of emotionally isolating the target.
- They always have an excuse for why they can't meet in person, often citing reasons like military deployment, overseas work, or nonstop travel.
- At some point, they introduce an urgent crisis such as a medical emergency, travel complication, or frozen bank account that requires immediate financial help.
- They will escalate by using guilt and emotional manipulation tactics until the victim sends money.

Red Flags

- Scammers avoid meeting in-person, encourage secrecy and make sudden financial requests.

Support & Resources

- If money or personal information has been compromised, gather your thoughts, make a police report and notify your financial institution/credit card company.

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