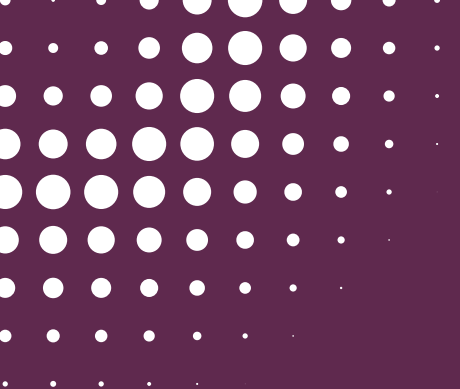
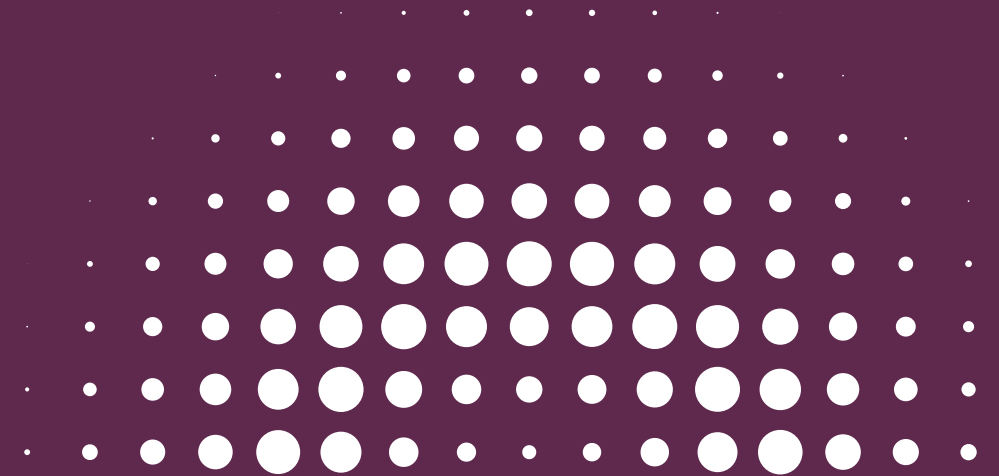




Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Conference



Tech-PANEL

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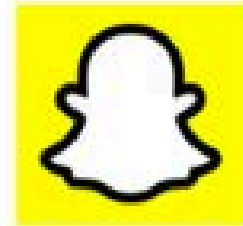
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Apps to Watch: Disappearing Messages, Unmoderated Chats & Hidden Vaults

Self-Deleting / Disappearing Message Apps



Snapchat
Auto-deletes
Snaps and
chats; includes
a hidden vault
called My Eyes
Only.



**Instagram
(Vanish Mode)**
Messages
disappear when
the chat is closed
or vanish mode is
off.



WhatsApp
Disappearing
Messages and
View Once media
that vanish after
viewing.



Telegram
Secret Chats
offer self-
destruct timers
and encryption.



Signal
Disappearing
messages by
default; can still
be screenshot.

Unmoderated / Anonymous Chat & Friend-Finder Apps



Discord
Chat servers
vary; some lack
moderation and
allow strangers.



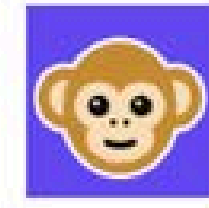
Kik
Known for
underage use
and predation
risks.



Yubo
'Make new friends'
app with live
streams; potential
safety risks.



Wizz
Teen friend-finder
app with reported
scam and
predator issues.



Monkey
Random video
chat; rated 18+;
not safe for
minors.



OmeTV
Connects with
strangers; risks
of explicit
content.

Vault / Hidden Folder Apps

Calculator Vaults – Disguised as calculators; require PINs to reveal hidden files.

Keepsafe Photo Vault – Locks photos and videos with optional cloud backup.

Private Photo Vault – Popular app for hiding personal media.

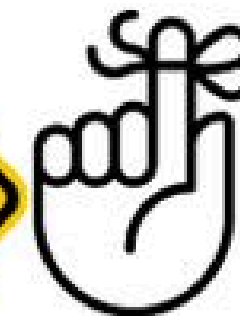
Hide It Pro – Hides photos, videos, and other apps.

iPhone Hidden Album – Locked with Face/Touch ID (iOS 16+).

Google Photos Locked Folder – Secured local folder on Android. Samsung

Secure Folder – Password-protected area that can be hidden.

Disappearing
doesn't mean deleted
—screenshots and
recordings can
preserve content.



How can I recognize a scam...

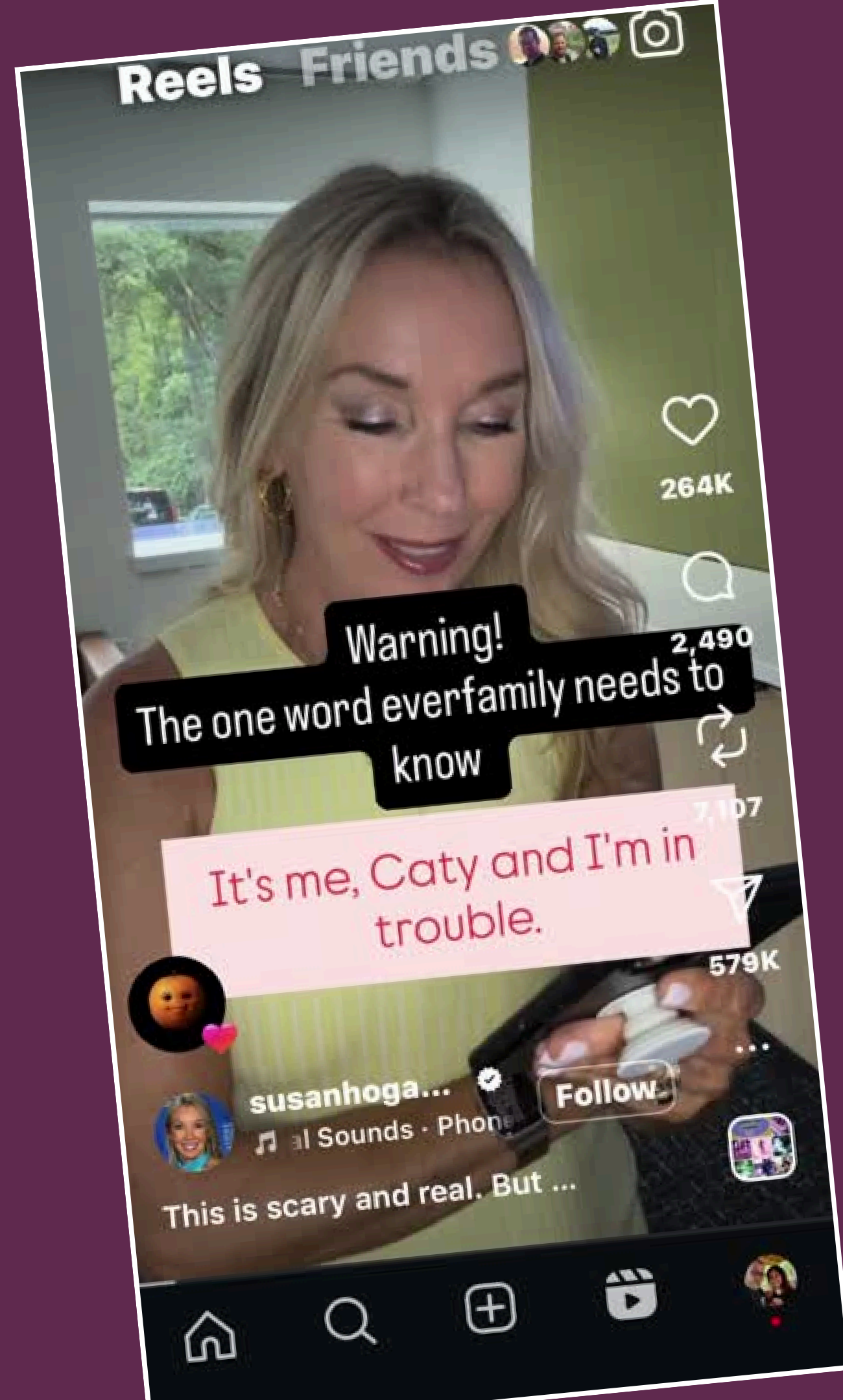


Scam-Proof: Smart Steps for Safer Living

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Don't let
this
happen
to you!





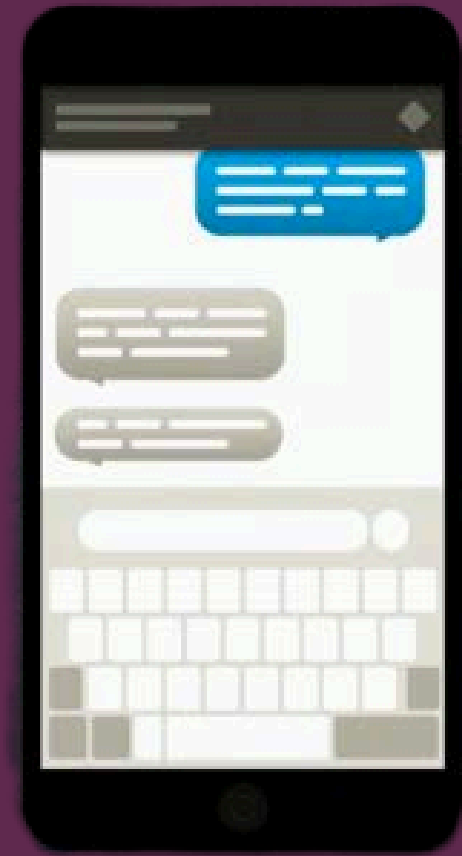
DID YOU KNOW?

In 2024, Americans lost between \$12.5 billion and \$47 billion to scams and fraud, highlighting a significant increase in financial losses compared to previous years.

WHAT THIS SESSION IS ABOUT

This session is designed to:

- ◆ Boost your digital skills
- ◆ Help you navigate online tools securely
- ◆ Equip you with skills to recognize scams



SCAMS



Tech & Computer
Repair Scams



Family Emergency
Scams



Social Security/IRS Fraud

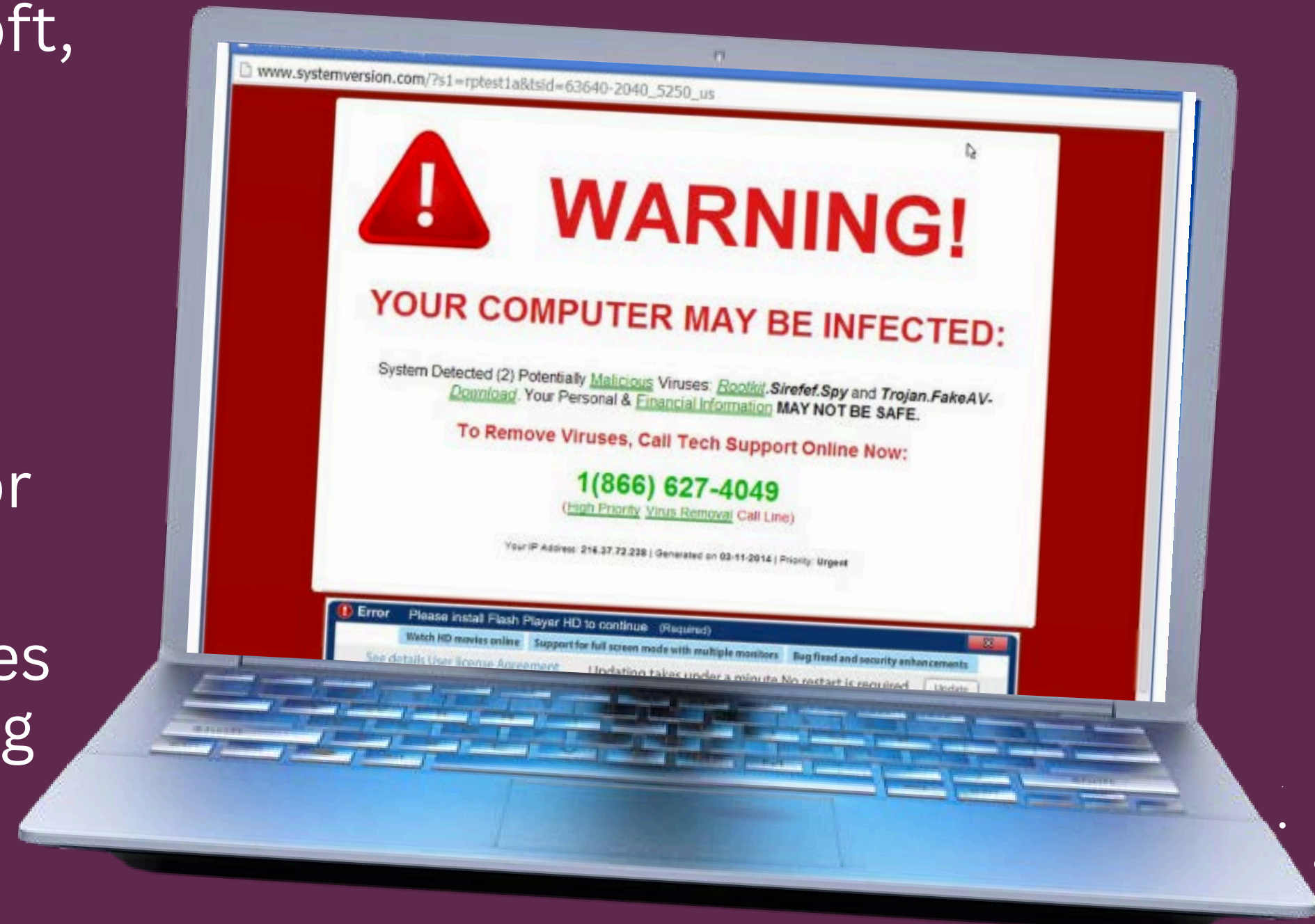


Medical/Prescription
Drug Scams

SCAMS

Tech & Computer Repair Scams

- Scammers pretend to be from Microsoft, Apple, or a well-known tech company, claiming your computer or device is infected or compromised.
- They may ask you to install remote access software so they can “fix” the issue, then charge for bogus services or steal data.
- Links on social media posts or messages on popular apps may prompt you to log in again, but really it is a fake website collecting your email and password.
*Most commonly done on FaceBook



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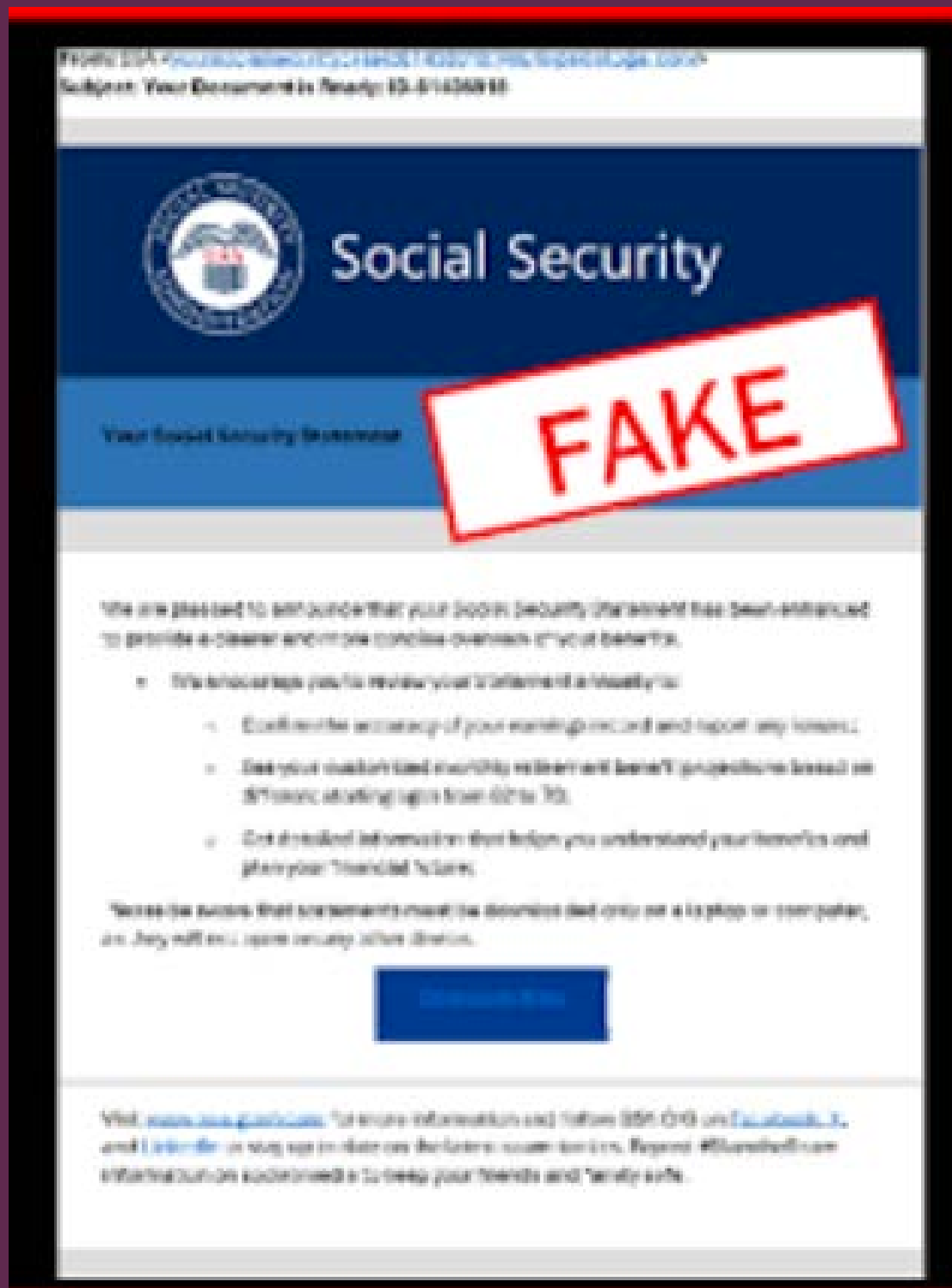
Family Emergency Scams



- The scammer pretends to be your grandchild (or other relative) in distress—perhaps in jail, injured, or stranded—and urgently needs money wired.
- Because these calls often play on fear, urgency, and emotional ties, victims may act swiftly without verifying.
- Increasingly, deepfake or AI-enhanced voice impersonation is being explored as a method to make these calls more convincing.

SCAMS

Government/IRS/Social Security Scams



- Scammers call or send messages claiming to be from the Social Security Administration, IRS, Medicare, or other government agencies.
- They may threaten to suspend your benefits, arrest you, or demand immediate payment or verification of personal data.
- Robocalls with caller ID spoofing (making the call look legitimate) are commonly used.

SCAMS

Prescription Drugs / Medical Supply Scams



- Scammers sell fake, expired, or substandard medications or medical devices (hearing aids, mobility aids, etc.).
- Sometimes they pose as pharmacies or medical companies, offering “discounts” or “generics” not found in legitimate stores.
- This is not just a financial risk—taking counterfeit drugs can be a serious health hazard.

THAT'S NOT ALL, FOLKS!

New scams pop up every day. Be on the lookout for:

Investment / Securities Fraud & Ponzi Schemes

Funeral, Cemetery & Pre-Need Funeral Scams

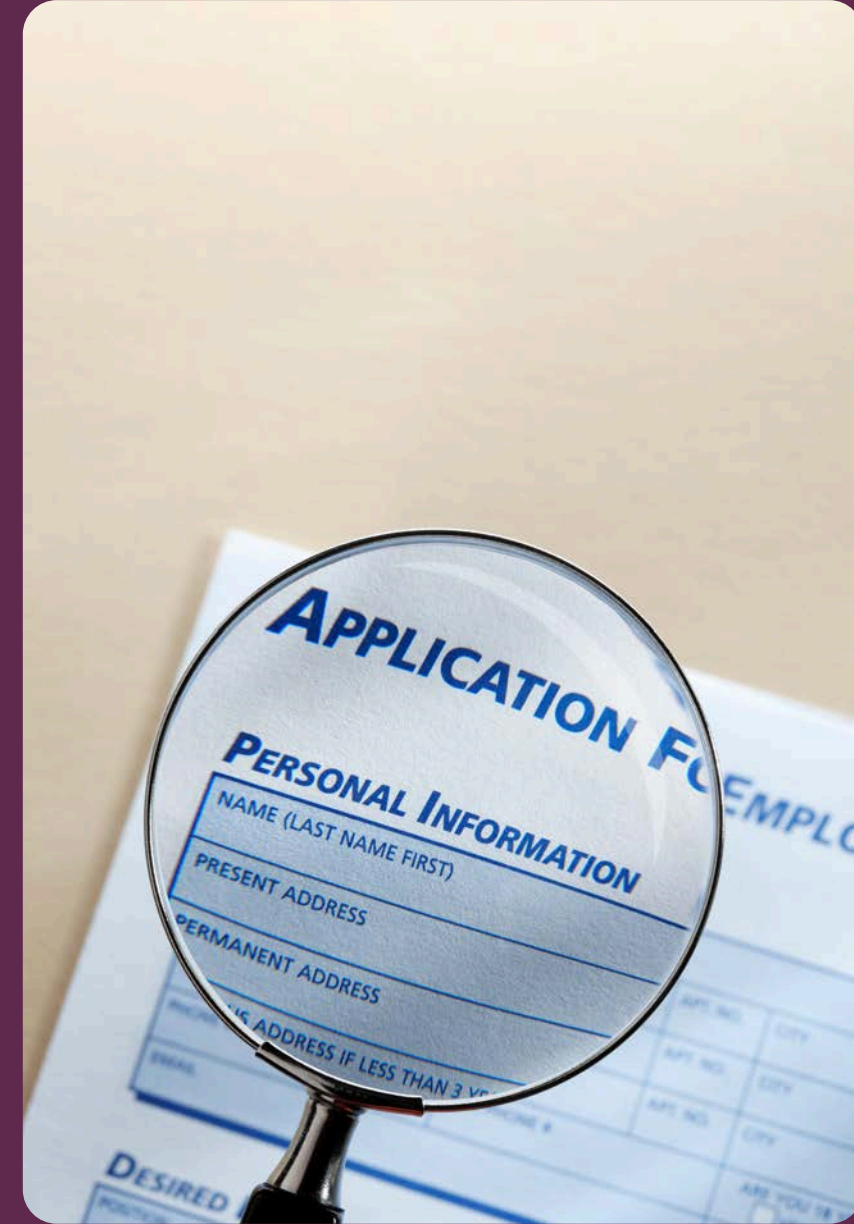
Home Repair / Contractor Scams

Sweepstakes, Lottery & Prize Scams



SCAM
ALERT!

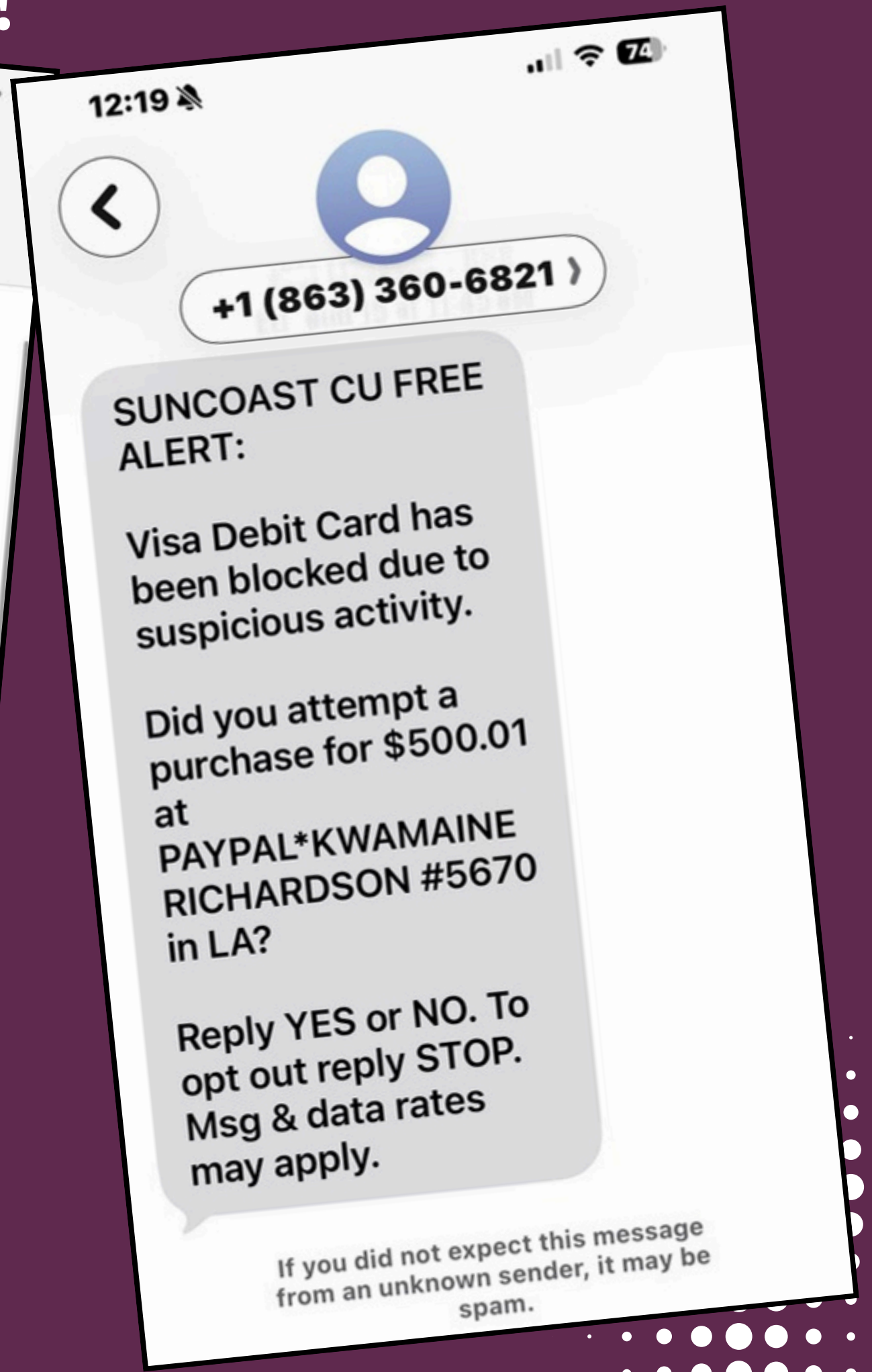
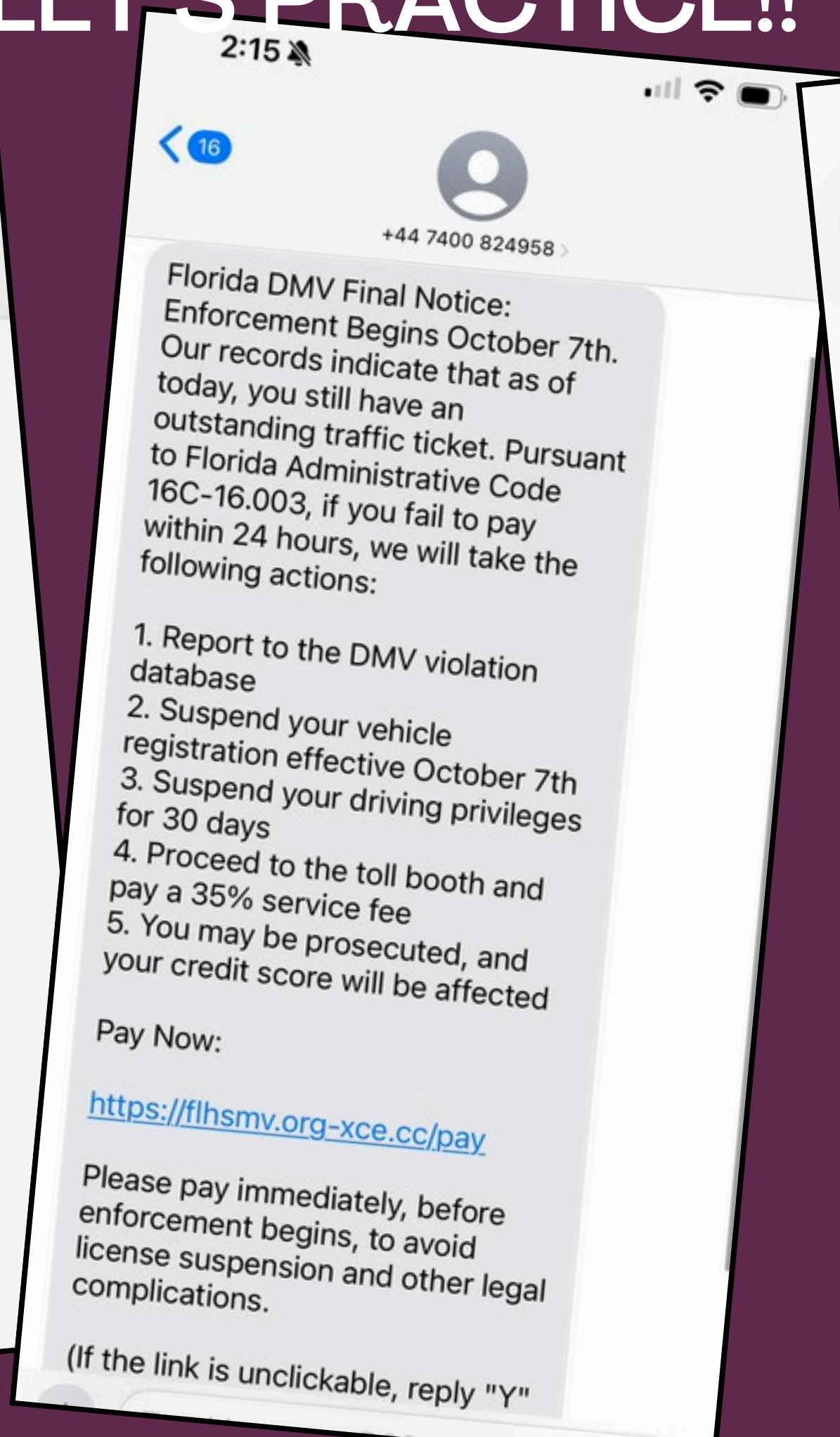
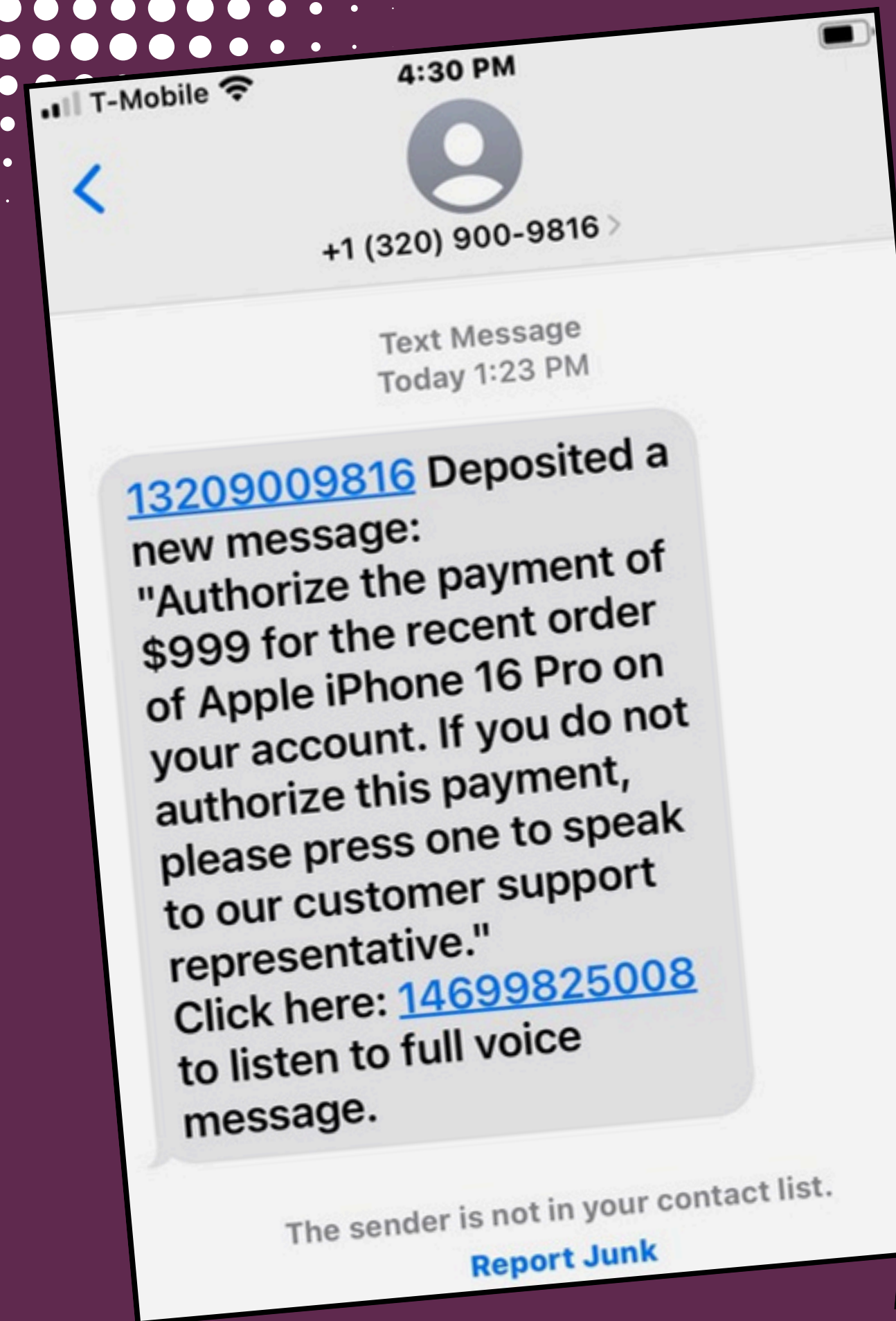
KEY PATTERNS & WARNING SIGNS



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- **Urgency and fear tactics:** Many scammers pressure victims to act immediately (e.g., “Your Social Security will be suspended if you don’t pay now!”).
- **Requests for unusual payment methods:** e.g. gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, prepaid debit cards (because these are harder to trace).
- **Requests for personal or financial info:** Social Security numbers, account numbers, passwords, PINs, etc.
- **Too good to be true offers:** Extremely high returns, free products, “guaranteed” returns.
- **Impersonation & spoofing:** Using logos, fake caller ID, or pretending to be known agencies or family members.
- **Isolation & confidence-building:** Many scams use time and emotional connections to lower skepticism.
- **Refuse verification or transparency:** Scammers often won’t let you confirm their identity through independent means.

LET'S PRACTICE!!



POP QUIZ

Which of the following is a secure password?

A. 123456

B. yourname2029

C. L!c3ria&Co#29

D. password

● *Correct Answer: C*

📖 Tip: Use a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols

SCENARIO

You receive an email saying your bank account will be frozen unless you click a link and verify your password. What should you do?

A. Click the link quickly

B. Delete it and report it as phishing

C. Call the number in the email

D. Reply to confirm it's real

● *Correct Answer: B*



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