

FBI Cautions Public to Be Wary of Online Romance Scams

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is working to raise awareness about online romance scams, also called confidence fraud. In this type of fraud, scammers take advantage of people looking for romantic partners on dating websites, apps, or social media by obtaining access to their financial or personal identifying information. Romance scams are prevalent, especially during Valentine's Day.

According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), which provides the public with a means of reporting Internet-facilitated crimes, romance scams result in the highest amount of financial losses to victims when compared to other online crimes. In 2016, almost 15,000 complaints categorized as romance scams were reported to IC3 (nearly 2,500 more than the previous year), and the losses associated with those complaints exceeded \$230 million.

The following tips may be helpful to consider if you develop a romantic relationship with someone you meet online:

- Research the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the material has been used elsewhere.
- Go slow and ask questions.
- Beware if the individual seems too perfect or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to go "offline."
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person, but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
- Never send money to anyone you don't know personally.

If you believe you are a victim of a romance scam, file a complaint online at ic3.gov.

Wadesboro Tree Trimming and Limb Removal Guidelines

The Town of Wadesboro provides the service to collect and dispose of tree trimmings and limb removal to the citizens of Wadesboro. The following rules apply :

- The service is intended for homeowners who trim trees and shrubbery on their property by the homeowner. The service is NOT intended for homeowners that hire tree surgeons, contractors, etc. to cut trees/limbs and cuttings.
- The Town will NOT remove trees/limbs, etc. from lot clearing operations.
- Please limit the size of limbs to four inches in diameter and six feet long.
- Place the debris near the street, away from power poles or other obstacles. Do not place limbs in the ditches. Do not place debris where it blocks the view of traffic.

For further information or questions please contact Hugh James, Public Services Director, at 704-694-5171.

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