



NEWS, RESOURCES & UPDATES IN ELDER JUSTICE

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TOP DEVELOPMENTS

› WEAAD: A global call to action

June 15 marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, an annual opportunity to promote better understanding of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation of older persons. The 2026 observance asks what supports societies need to prevent, identify and respond to elder abuse.

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› Theme: Building Strong Support for Elders

Coalition partners can use WEAAD to engage older adults, empower communities, speak out, involve youth and strengthen local reporting pathways.

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› DOJ elder justice activity expands

DOJ Elder Justice Initiative updates this week include financial exploitation warnings, fraud prevention outreach and prosecutions tied to lottery and money laundering schemes targeting older adults.

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› Bipartisan federal crypto ATM bill introduced

Members of Congress introduced the Stop Crypto ATM Scams Act to require stronger anti-fraud and anti-money-laundering protections by crypto ATM operators.

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› Tennessee remains a national model

Tennessee law will ban virtual currency kiosks statewide on July 1, 2026. Operating or allowing a kiosk is a Class A misdemeanor under HB2505/SB2251.

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TENNESSEE NEWS & UPDATES

› Crypto ATM ban takes effect July 1

The statewide ban eliminates a common payment pathway used by scammers to pressure victims into irreversible cryptocurrency transactions.

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› Public-facing prevention message

TDCl warns: never withdraw cash or use a Bitcoin ATM in response to an unexpected call, pop-up or urgent message. Real agencies do not ask for payment by crypto ATM.

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WHAT TO SHARE THIS WEEK

- Recognize:** Elder abuse includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment and financial exploitation.
- Report:** In Tennessee, suspected elder abuse should be reported to Adult Protective Services. Emergencies should go to 911.
- Slow down:** Scams rely on urgency, secrecy and fear. Encourage older adults to pause, verify and talk with someone trusted.
- Document:** Save texts, phone numbers, receipts, wallet addresses, bank records and screenshots before they disappear.

SCAM TRENDS TO WATCH

- Crypto ATM:** Imposters claim money is at risk and push victims to deposit cash into a kiosk.
- Courier pickups:** Scammers send drivers for cash, gold, cards or phones after building fear or romance trust.
- AI impersonation:** Voice cloning, spoofed numbers and fake video can make family-emergency scams feel real.
- Recovery scams:** Victims are re-contacted by fake agencies or helpers demanding more fees to recover losses.

TEJC FIELD NOTE: WEAAD + CRYPTO FRAUD

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day gives TEJC partners a timely way to connect prevention messaging with real case patterns: imposters, romance scams, grandparent scams, fake investment opportunities and cryptocurrency payment demands. The Tennessee crypto ATM ban is a major elder justice milestone because it removes one fast, irreversible payment route from the scam ecosystem.

Suggested coalition message: “No legitimate government agency, bank, utility, tech company or law enforcement officer will tell you to move money to cryptocurrency, buy gift cards, send cash by courier, or keep the transaction secret.”

Action step: Ask every outreach partner to share one WEAAD post, one crypto ATM warning, and one reporting resource this week.

REPORTING & RESOURCE LINKS

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| TN APS Hotline | 1-888-277-8366 / tn.gov/aging |
| National Elder Fraud Hotline | 1-833-FRAUD-11 |
| FBI IC3 | Report internet-enabled fraud |
| NCEA WEAAD Toolkit | Outreach and awareness materials |

QUICK PARTNER ASK

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| Law enforcement | Reinforce “no crypto, no courier, no secrecy.” |
| Banks/CUs | Watch for urgent cash withdrawals tied to calls or pop-ups. |
| Aging network | Share WEAAD materials and reporting resources. |
| Community groups | Invite TEJC to provide scam prevention updates. |

Sources: NCEA/USC, UN WEAAD, DOJ Elder Justice Initiative, AARP Tennessee, Tennessee House GOP, TDCI, OVC Elder Fraud Hotline, FBI IC3.

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