



TNEJC WEEKLY UPDATE

National elder-justice developments. Tennessee-ready prevention and response.

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THE WEEK IN ELDER JUSTICE

THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Refuse secrecy and urgency. If a new online contact asks for cryptocurrency, a wire, cash or gift cards, stop and verify through a person or number you already trust.

SCAM CENTERS ARE BUSINESSES. BREAK THE PAYMENT CHAIN.

A federal action shows that the personal message on a phone may be backed by organized infrastructure built to steal and move money.

NATIONAL ALERT | FEDERAL SANCTIONS + COORDINATED SEIZURES | SEPT. 9, 2026

U.S. targets a marketplace that supported cyber scams.

WHAT HAPPENED

Treasury sanctioned Xinbi Guarantee and two supporting companies. Treasury says the marketplace helped scam operators obtain technology, financial services and money-laundering support; DOJ's Scam Center Strike Force simultaneously seized related infrastructure and digital-asset wallets.

HOW THE HARM WORKS

Industrial networks can supply fake profiles and websites, scripted messages, encrypted coordination, cryptocurrency wallets and laundering services. The approach may feel personal even when the operation is highly organized.

TENNESSEE TAKEAWAY

A local victim can be reached by a global network. Partners should focus on the payment request, secrecy and urgency—not how polished the contact appears.

[U.S. Treasury cyber-scam action](#) | [Report internet crime at IC3](#)

FIELD LESSON | EXTRADITION | CHARGES PENDING

Online relationships can be organized crime.

South African police said six Nigerian nationals were extradited Sept. 11 to face U.S. wire-fraud and money-laundering charges. They allegedly targeted more than 100 women, including pensioners, and caused over \$6 million in losses. Charges are allegations; each defendant is presumed innocent.

WHAT TO DO

Treat requests to borrow, invest or pay an emergency as a verification event. Call someone you trust before money moves.

[AP case report](#) | [Reuters report](#)

DIGITAL SAFETY WATCH | FTC CONSUMER ALERT

A QR code is a link—inspect it first.

The FTC warns that scammers can cover a legitimate QR code with one leading to a fake payment page. Preview the address, check spelling, and use the printed website address when available.

PUBLIC-POST REMINDER

A Facebook globe means anyone may see the post. Do not publicly answer suspicious replies or reveal routines, travel, grief, family names or money details.

[FTC guidance on QR codes](#)



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PREVENTION, ENFORCEMENT + COMMUNITY

PROTECT CARE. PROTECT DOLLARS. PROTECT DIGNITY.

NATIONAL TREND | FINCEN ANALYSIS | SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

\$17.5B flagged for possible health-care fraud.

FinCEN reviewed 5,702 financial-institution reports filed from March 2025 through February 2026. Home health was the most often identified suspected provider type; hospice, equipment and day-care providers also appeared. Reports identify suspicion, not proven wrongdoing.

TENNESSEE TAKEAWAY + ACTION

Review benefit statements for unfamiliar services. Partners should make reporting routes visible to patients and families.

[Treasury/FinCEN trend analysis](#)

ENFORCEMENT | SENTENCED AFTER GUILTY PLEA | SEPT. 10

Adult-daycare owner receives 76 months.

DOJ says Zakia Khan led a \$64 million Medicaid fraud and kickback scheme involving services not provided as billed. She was ordered to pay more than \$56 million in restitution and forfeit \$5 million. Khan pleaded guilty in August 2025.

TENNESSEE TAKEAWAY + ACTION

Program integrity protects resources for older adults. Question attendance records or services a beneficiary did not receive.

[DOJ sentencing announcement](#)

CONSUMER PROTECTION | FTC ALERT | SEPT. 9, 2026

Prepare for disaster scams before disaster.

After emergencies, impostors may pose as officials, charities or contractors. The FTC recommends checking insurance, securing important documents with multifactor authentication, keeping a household inventory and researching contractors before they are needed.

TENNESSEE TAKEAWAY + ACTION

Store trusted insurer and contractor numbers now. Verify disaster help through an official website or number you locate yourself.

[FTC disaster-scam preparation](#)

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

GMA knits comfort.



GMA, Philip Gentile's mother, knits hats for cancer patients in Knoxville—a warm example of purpose, generosity and service.

Older adults strengthen Tennessee communities through connection, creativity and service.

FIELD NOTE | IF MONEY OR INFORMATION WAS ALREADY SENT

1. Contact the bank, card issuer, wire service, payment app, crypto exchange or gift-card company now; ask for fraud assistance.
2. Save messages, screenshots, receipts, usernames, phone numbers and account details.
3. Report suspected exploitation of a vulnerable adult to Tennessee APS: 1-888-277-8366.
4. Report internet-enabled fraud at IC3.gov; call 911 for immediate danger, threats or coercion.
5. Tell one trusted person today. Help is still worthwhile, and the harm is not the victim's fault.

[FTC recovery steps](#) | [Tennessee APS online report](#)



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