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THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Do not invest because someone online shows you a profit screen.

PLAIN-LANGUAGE ALERT

ONLINE PROFITS CAN BE FAKE.

A federal case says a person sent about \$16 million to what appeared to be a cryptocurrency investment platform. The charges are allegations, and guilt has not been proven. The prevention lesson is clear: a website can show gains that do not exist—and may refuse every withdrawal.

WATCH FOR THESE WARNING SIGNS

- A new online friend or romantic partner mentions investing.
- A stranger guides you to a special website, app or “adviser.”
- The screen shows fast gains, but you cannot withdraw money.
- You are told to borrow, pay a fee, or send more to unlock funds.

FREE CHECK BEFORE YOU ACT



CheckBeforeYouActTN.org

STOP. VERIFY. REPORT.

STOP: Do not send more money or information. Slow the conversation down.

VERIFY: Find the company and contact information yourself. Ask someone you trust to look with you.

REPORT: If money moved, call the financial company now. Save messages and receipts. Report online fraud at IC3.gov.

IF YOU ALREADY SENT MONEY OR FEEL UNSAFE

- Call your bank, card company, payment app, wire service, crypto exchange or gift-card company. Ask for fraud help.
- Save messages, screenshots, receipts, names and phone numbers.
- Suspected abuse or exploitation of a vulnerable adult: Tennessee APS 1-888-277-8366 (24/7).
- Immediate danger, threats or coercion: call 911 or local police. Tell one trusted person today.