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THIS WEEK'S ACTION

Add your name to Tennessee's elder-justice license plate interest list. This is an expression of support - not a purchase, preorder or official state plate application. Then share the opportunity with one family member, neighbor or community partner.

TENNESSEE ACTION | INTEREST-BUILDING STAGE

PUT ELDER JUSTICE ON TENNESSEE ROADS

A proposed specialty plate can carry the elder-justice message statewide while building a visible community committed to protection, dignity and accountability.



Proposed design shown in Philip Gentile's supplied TNEJC website image. Final artwork remains subject to Tennessee approval.

WHY IT MATTERS

The plate can turn ordinary travel into public education, connect Tennesseans to prevention resources, and show lawmakers that elder justice has statewide support.

REGISTER YOUR SUPPORT

TNEJC is gathering interest for a proposed February 2027 specialty-plate bill.



SCAN TO SUPPORT

No payment, plate order or vehicle information is collected.

tnelderjusticecoalition.org/license-plate

1 BUILD INTEREST

Residents and organizations share whether they would want a plate.

2 SEEK AUTHORIZATION

The proposal must move through the Tennessee General Assembly.

3 COMPLETE STATE STEPS

If authorized, TNEJC follows Revenue's ordering, artwork and testing process.

WATCH PHILIP'S LICENSE PLATE PSA

<https://tnelderjusticecoalition.org/media/TNEJC-License-Plate-PSA-1851-Final.mp4>

Source URLs: <https://tnelderjusticecoalition.org/> | <https://www.tn.gov/revenue/title-and-registration/license-plates/additional-license-plate-information/how-to-introduce-a-new-specialty-plate.html>



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VERIFIED DEVELOPMENTS | OCTOBER 5-9, 2026

PREVENTION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RECOVERY

Four current federal developments show the full response chain: prevent the contact, interrupt the payment, prosecute the network and return money when possible.

VICTIM SUPPORT | REMISSION OPEN | DOJ, OCT. 7

A RECOVERY WINDOW IS OPEN

What happened: DOJ opened the third and final Western Union remission phase. Eligible people who sent a fraud-induced transfer between Jan. 1, 2004 and March 9, 2020 may petition by Dec. 31, 2026.

Tennessee takeaway: Recovery offers are also impersonation opportunities. DOJ and the administrator will not charge a fee to participate.

What to do: Use the official petition site printed in DOJ's release or call 1-833-419-4677. Do not pay a helper.

Source URL:
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-announces-phase-three-compensation-process-western-union-fraud-victims>

FIELD LESSON FROM WISCONSIN | SENTENCED | DOJ, OCT. 8

CASH AND GOLD ARE NOT SAFEKEEPING

What happened: A man who pleaded guilty to laundering more than \$1 million taken from older victims in a 'Phantom Hacker' scheme was sentenced to 84 months and ordered to pay more than \$1.3 million in restitution.

How the harm works: Criminals pose as technical support, banks or government, claim an account is compromised, and direct cash or gold to a courier.

What to do: End the contact. Call the institution using a known number. Government will not send a courier to protect assets.

Source URL:
<https://www.justice.gov/usao-edwi/pr/brookfield-man-sentenced-84-months-money-laundering-conspiracy>

FIELD LESSON | SENTENCED

INSIDER ACCESS NEEDS CHECKS

A former bank employee was sentenced to 30 months after admitting unauthorized access, checks, cards and transfers from a 78-year-old customer's account; restitution was set at \$126,000.

Action: Monitor digital-access changes and unexpected cards, checks or overseas transfers.

Source:
<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ri/pr/former-bank-employee-sentenced-stealing-more-125000-elderly-customer-dementia>

POLICY WATCH | FEDERAL DIRECTIVE

DISRUPT BEFORE LOSSES SPREAD

DOJ's Oct. 8 directive tells Fraud Division prosecutors to combine authorities, pursue early pre-indictment asset seizures and take down digital infrastructure used for crime.

Tennessee takeaway: Fast reporting and preserved evidence can support earlier disruption.

Source:
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/assistant-attorney-general-colin-m-mcdonald-issues-memorandum-national-fraud-enforcement-1>

FACEBOOK SAFETY WATCH | PUBLIC POSTS

THE GLOBE MEANS PUBLIC

On Facebook, a globe beside a post means people beyond your friends may see it. Criminals can use public details to start a private approach.



Action: Avoid account details or money requests; verify separately.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/help/120939471321735>

IF MONEY OR INFORMATION WAS ALREADY SENT

ACT QUICKLY. KEEP THE EVIDENCE. TELL SOMEONE TODAY.

- 1 Contact the bank, card issuer, wire service, payment app, crypto exchange or gift-card company; ask for fraud assistance.
- 2 Save messages, screenshots, receipts, usernames, phone numbers and account details.
- 3 Report suspected exploitation of a vulnerable adult: Tennessee APS 1-888-277-8366 (24/7).
- 4 Report internet-enabled crime at IC3.gov. Call 911/local law enforcement for danger, threats or coercion.
- 5 Tell one trusted person today. Early reporting can limit additional harm.

STOP. VERIFY. REPORT.



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