TNEJC WEEKLY UPDATE

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

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THIS WEEK'S ACTION **Share the new veteran-safety resource. Verify any unexpected benefit offer or payment change independently before sharing information.**

HONOR SERVICE.
PROTECT BENEFITS & IDENTITY.

VETERANS DAY: NOVEMBER 11 | VA PREVENTION + NEW TNEJC RESOURCE

Veterans Day is November 11. TNEJC thanks veterans and their families. Our new Veteran Benefit & Identity Protection resource brings practical checks and trusted help together in one place.

VA warned October 14 about a fake Facebook grant post that collected direct-deposit information and redirected benefits. Fake voices, military imagery and familiar caller ID can manufacture trust. Tennessee takeaway: verify through VA, not through the message.

Resource: scam examples and warning signs; accreditation search; payment and home-loan help; identity recovery; VSAFE/VA/Tennessee contacts; APS and Veterans Crisis Line information.

HOW VETERANS CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

- Do not pay for unsolicited promises to increase benefits. No fee to file an initial VA claim; accredited VSO help is free.
- Verify accreditation independently. Protect VA, Medicare, Social Security, banking and military-service information.
- Do not trust caller ID, send verification codes or move money under pressure. Review benefit and payment records.

VA benefits/payment concerns: 1-800-827-1000
VSAFE: 1-833-388-7233 | TN veterans: 615-741-2345

VA warning 10/14/2026: https://news.va.gov/149747/deepfake-phishing-dont-be-fooled/

TNElderJusticeCoalition.org/veteran-safety

DIGITAL SAFETY WATCH | INVESTIGATION + PENDING CIVIL ACTION

PAID AD ≠ VERIFIED.

Reuters (Nov. 6, 2025), citing internal documents, reported projections of 10.1% of 2024 revenue (about $16B) from scam ads/other prohibited goods; 15B higher-risk scam ads daily and $7B annualized revenue from that category. It reported a 95% automated fraud-ban confidence threshold, potentially higher prices below it, and personalization feeding more similar ads after engagement.

Its Dec. 31 follow-up reported resistance to universal advertiser verification and efforts to make scam ads less discoverable in the Ad Library. These are Reuters' accounts of internal documents, not independently proven findings here.

Rhode Island AG Peter Neronha sued Meta October 22, 2026, alleging knowing exposure to and profit from fraudulent ads, including investments, impersonation and false Medicare/Social Security offers. This is a pending civil lawsuit; allegations are not adjudicated facts.

Meta rejects the allegations and says it aggressively combats scams. Its March 2026 update reports removing over 159 million scam ads in 2025, 92% before user reports, and expanding technology, law-enforcement partnerships and scam-center account disruption.

Tennessee action: Paid Facebook/Instagram placement is not verification of a veteran benefit, Medicare offer, investment or celebrity endorsement. Search independently. Use an official site or known number; check investment licensing. Never move money because an ad, influencer or direct message creates urgency.

Reuters 11/6/2025: https://www.reuters.com/investigations/meta-is-earning-fortune-deluge-fraudulent-ads-documents-show-2025-11-06/

Reuters 12/31/2025: https://www.reuters.com/investigations/meta-created-playbook-fend-off-pressure-crack-down-scammers-documents-show-2025-12-31/

RI AG 10/22/2026: https://riag.ri.gov/press-releases/attorney-general-neronha-sues-meta-fraudulent-advertisements

Meta response/update: https://about.fb.com/news/2026/03/fighting-scammers-protecting-people-with-new-technology-and-partnerships/

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PROSECUTION WATCH | FLORIDA | SENTENCED

Veteran referrals for kickbacks.

DOJ (Nov. 5): VA employee Laurent Cassagnol was sentenced to 6 months in prison and clinic CEO Heriberto Rivera to 13 months for referral kickbacks/bribes. Fraudulent Orlando clinic claims exceeded $14M; VA paid over $11M.

An OIG hotline tip started the case. Question unexplained referrals; report VA-related wrongdoing to VA OIG: 1-800-488-8244.

DOJ 11/5/2026: https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/ceo-and-va-employee-sentenced-paying-and-receiving-illegal-health-care-kickbacks-and-bribes

MEDICARE WATCH | ILLINOIS | GUILTY PLEA

Stolen identities. Unsent tests.

DOJ (Oct. 30): Syed Murtuza Kablazada pleaded guilty to two health-care-fraud counts. Purchased identities drove $227M in Medicare claims for COVID-19 tests never requested or supplied; about $136M was paid. Sentencing is pending.

Review statements for unfamiliar tests. Protect your Medicare number. Report suspect charges to TN SMP: 1-866-836-7677.

DOJ 10/30/2026: https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/indian-national-pleads-guilty-227m-medicare-fraud

TENNESSEE MEDICARE HELP | OPEN ENROLLMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 7

Compare the Coverage. Not Just the Extras. Open Enrollment ends December 7. Check doctors, hospitals, medicines, premiums, deductibles, copays, networks, out-of-pocket limits, prior approvals, eligibility and extra-benefit restrictions. Ask about Medigap limits before switching.

Free TN SHIP: 1-877-801-0044 | TN SMP: 1-866-836-7677 | TNMedicareHelp.com

TENNESSEE CARE & DIGNITY | EVERGREEN ABUSE/NEGLECT GUIDANCE

Harm is not always financial. Tennessee guidance flags untreated injuries, pressure sores, poor hygiene, unusual weight loss, threats and isolation as possible warning signs - not proof by themselves. Ask privately and respectfully about needs and safety. Do not assume incapacity. Report suspected abuse/neglect to APS: 1-888-277-8366; call 911 for immediate danger.

TN aging guidance: https://www.tn.gov/disability-and-aging/resource-directory/elder-abuse.html

IF MONEY OR INFORMATION WAS ALREADY SENT

- Contact the bank, card issuer, payment app, wire service, exchange or gift-card company immediately; ask for fraud assistance.
- Save messages, screenshots, receipts, usernames, phone numbers and account details.
- Report suspected vulnerable-adult abuse/exploitation to TN APS: 1-888-277-8366. Report internet crime at IC3.gov.
- Call 911/local law enforcement for immediate danger, threats or coercion. Tell one trusted person today.

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