

## CRYPTO SCAM CHECK

# Pig-Butchering Crypto Investment DM — Scam Check

Print this. Stick it on the fridge. Or save it to your phone.

## Quick Risk Checklist — Tick Any That Apply

- The relationship started with a wrong-number text, dating-app match, or unsolicited DM.
- They were unusually attentive early and built emotional connection fast.
- They mention a relative — uncle, aunt, mentor — who works at a trading firm or exchange.
- They share screenshots of their own "profits" from a platform you've never heard of.
- They offer to walk you through a small test trade, then encourage larger deposits.
- Conversations stay on WhatsApp, Telegram, WeChat, or Signal — they refuse video calls.

## What To Do Right Now

- Don't deposit anything more. The balance you see is fake; the "withdrawal fees" are the scam.
- Cut contact with the person. They are either a scammer or a captive in a scam compound — neither is your friend.
- Document everything. Screenshots, transaction hashes, wallet addresses, the platform URL. You'll need them for reporting.
- Report immediately at [ic3.gov](https://ic3.gov) AND [cftc.gov/complaint](https://cftc.gov/complaint). Speed matters for any chance of recovery.

## How To Verify Safely

- Reverse-image search their profile photos. Pig-butchering profiles use stolen photos — TinEye, Google Images, or Yandex usually surfaces the original.
- Demand a real video call. Refusing video is the giveaway. Even when they accept, AI face-swap tools mean video doesn't fully clear them — but refusal is conclusive.
- Check the platform on CoinMarketCap and CoinGecko. Legit exchanges are listed.
- Look up the "family member" story independently. Real Goldman, JPMorgan, or BlackRock employees aren't sharing trading signals with random new family contacts. Ever.

## Where To Report It

- FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center — [ic3.gov](https://ic3.gov) ■
- Commodity Futures Trading Commission — [cftc.gov/complaint](https://cftc.gov/complaint) ■
- FTC Consumer Fraud — [reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov) ■
- Your State Attorney General — Search Your State + "Attorney General Complaint"

## If You Already...

- Sent Crypto — see </recovery/sent-money/>
- Paid "Withdrawal Fees" — see </recovery/sent-money/>
- Connected A Wallet — see </recovery/connected-wallet-to-scam/>
- Shared A Seed Phrase — see </recovery/shared-a-password/>
- Sent ID Documents — see </recovery/shared-personal-info/>
- Installed Their App — see </recovery/installed-remote-access/>