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Subject: Scams

But they sound so enticing and real!

TCC Friends:

Scams are getting hot and still hotter, and seniors are nearly always the key target, especially internet related. I informed the nation for several years when I was a BBB president. I try to keep my LinkedIn membership connections aware today, but not everyone is on LinkedIn.

Should you be contacted by phone, text, email, in person, or postal by anyone or any organization that you are not personally knowledgeable about, I recommend you call the Better Business Bureau, Charlotte office, and ask for assistance, or email the request. This is their contact info: (Email this BBB:

<https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/charlotte>) or call [\(704\) 927-8611](tel:7049278611).

This morning I became aware of a very good 57-year-old friend (highly educated too) who was just scammed out of \$30K; a scam I've many times warned the public about before. He could ill afford to lose this money, but in reality there is little that law enforcement can do after the fact.

Before any actions with a [possible] scam (your inner voice will warn you if you listen closely) begins is the best time to check with the BBB, which maintains an updated listing of local through national ongoing scams (of all sizes). During the scam is the next time to call the police or local FBI office. After the fact...and there is little that can be done to recoup losses.

Scams are taking place now at a feverish pitch. Anytime your private information is hacked, thieves use that opening to individually attack your life in other ways (including especially your bank accounts). I DON'T TRUST ANY INTERNET PROGRAM (all can be hacked, frankly) INCLUDING CHEDDAR, EVITE, BANKING TRANSACTIONS, OR SIMILAR. We do nearly everything in person or with a well known person on phone or email.

I'm opting out of MOAA/TCC internet programs EVITE and CHEDDAR. Nothing personal, just protecting my family as best I can. Am sorry for the inconvenience, and I hope you will accommodate me with an old fashioned email or take a check, but protection of my personal information and family comes first.

I'm not being an alarmist; just the opposite. I'm an experienced professional with this sort of thing.

Regards/Barry N. Moore

PS: Unrelated topic but a good read: **Should Venezuela Be Considered Part of 'Gunboat Diplomacy'? Is History Repeating Itself?**

See: <https://gatewayhispanic.com/2025/12/should-venezuela-be-considered-part-gunboat-diplomacy-is/>