

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Victim Information

Name: Bert Mahoney
Are you reporting on behalf of a business? No
Business Name:
Is the incident currently impacting business operations?
Age: 50 - 59
Address: 5025 Thacher Road
Address (continued):
Suite/Apt./Mail Stop:
City: Ojai
County:
Country: United States of America
State: California
Zip Code/Route: 93023
Phone Number: 8057983430
Email Address: bert.mahoney@gmail.com
Business IT POC, if applicable:
Other Business POC, if applicable:

Financial Transaction(s)

Transaction Type: CreditCard
If other, please specify: Paypal
Transaction Amount: 500.00
Transaction Date: 6/23/2023
Was the money sent? Yes

Victim Bank Name: Paypal
Victim Bank Address: paypal.com
Victim Bank Address (continued):
Victim Bank Suite/Mail Stop:
Victim Bank City:
Victim Bank Country:
Victim Bank State:
Victim Bank Zip Code/Route:
Victim Name on Account: Bert Mahoney
Victim Account Number: @bert4711

Recipient Bank Name: Paypal
Recipient Bank Address: paypal.com
Recipient Bank Address (continued):
Recipient Bank Suite/Mail Stop:

Recipient Bank City:
Recipient Bank Country:
Recipient Bank State:
Recipient Bank Zip Code/Route:
Recipient Name on Account: Oko Yemo-Booba
Recipient Bank Routing Transaction ID: 1BV44269JF949052K
Number:
Recipient Account Number: @okoboobs
Recipient Bank SWIFT Code:

Transaction Type: CreditCard
If other, please specify:
Transaction Amount: 325.00
Transaction Date: 6/30/2023
Was the money sent? Yes

Victim Bank Name: Paypal
Victim Bank Address: paypal.com
Victim Bank Address
(continued):
Victim Bank Suite/Mail Stop:
Victim Bank City:
Victim Bank Country:
Victim Bank State:
Victim Bank Zip Code/Route:
Victim Name on Account: Bert Mahoney
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(continued):
Recipient Bank Suite/Mail Stop:
Recipient Bank City:
Recipient Bank Country:
Recipient Bank State:
Recipient Bank Zip Code/Route:
Recipient Name on Account: Oko Yemo-Booba
Recipient Bank Routing Transaction ID: 0J429820GY830891A
Number:
Recipient Account Number: @okoboobs
Recipient Bank SWIFT Code:

Transaction Type: CreditCard
If other, please specify:
Transaction Amount: 175.00
Transaction Date: 7/3/2023
Was the money sent? Yes

Victim Bank Name: Paypal
Victim Bank Address: paypal.com

Victim Bank Address

(continued):

Victim Bank Suite/Mail Stop:

Victim Bank City:

Victim Bank Country:

Victim Bank State:

Victim Bank Zip Code/Route:

Victim Name on Account: Bert Mahoney

Victim Account Number: @bert4711

Recipient Bank Name: Paypal

Recipient Bank Address: paypal.com

Recipient Bank Address

(continued):

Recipient Bank Suite/Mail Stop:

Recipient Bank City:

Recipient Bank Country:

Recipient Bank State:

Recipient Bank Zip Code/Route:

Recipient Name on Account: Oko Yemo-Booba

Recipient Bank Routing Transaction ID: 1DY12936MM166171N

Number:

Recipient Account Number: @okoboobs

Recipient Bank SWIFT Code:

Description of Incident

Provide a description of the incident and how you were victimized. Provide information not captured elsewhere in this complaint form.

I was contacted on May 23rd, 2023, by someone posing as Helena Arpsmith on Ashely Madison's website.

She asked me if I could connect to her using Google Chat because she was more comfortable with that interface.

I said no problem.

The email address provided was arpsmithh01@gmail.com

We began chatting, and she sent pictures of herself to me, telling me the story of her family and some of what she was dealing with. She was looking for someone to chat with.

She told me she had a son, Jeffrey, whose birthday was coming up, and he wanted an iPad. She said she didn't have the money to buy one.

I helped her out and bought an iPad for his birthday. I had the iPad shipped to an address in Maryland. I did receive a photo of someone's hands holding the iPad after received. The image was cropped tightly, and you cannot see anyone's face. I never saw a picture of "Helena" with the iPad or "Jeffery."

The iPad was purchased on May 24th 2023 at \$899.00

She continued to chat with me daily from May 23rd through July 12th, 2023.

She sent photos and kept chatting me up. She even had a video chat with me where she was naked, playing with herself.

It was June 30th when she first needed help with Grandma.

The first play resulted in money sent via Paypal, \$500.00, to help her with her grandmother's health issues and costs. That was on June 23rd.

What I found odd was that the Paypal address wasn't her name; it was someone else's, and it is what I submitted in the form. When I asked her what's up? Who is that?

She said a neighbor helps her watch her grandmother (whom she is caring for). She also claimed that she couldn't have a Paypal account because of bank issues. She asked me to text her a screen capture because she takes that and shows it to Oko Yemo-Booba, her neighbor listed in the transaction information, to get her money.

On June 30th, she needed to change email addresses because she had issues. I said no problem.

That email address is: arpsmithh06@gmail.com

We continued chatting on that thread until July 12th.

She also had more medical bills she needed help with that same day.

That Paypal transaction was \$325.00 on June 30th.

And yet more issues, and I sent the final money on July 3rd.

The final transaction through Paypal was \$175 on July 3rd.

The whole time I was sending money, she claimed to be dealing with grandmas health.

Total transactions were \$1000.00

Plus the \$899.00 iPad.

On July 11th, she said she would forward an email from a law firm asking her to fly to England. She claimed to be born in England.

When I received the email, I got incredibly suspicious.

The address in England on the letter had no listing of the "law firm" I was looking at listed on the letter.

There were two phone numbers listed. I did a reverse lookup and discovered one was not an actual phone number, the other was not in use.

At that point, I did a reverse image lookup on the photos she had sent. Her pictures are everywhere on the Internet. She isn't who she says she is. Pictures I thought she had taken moments before sending had been online for years.

I confronted "her" about it this morning. She then sent a photo of her Maryland driver's license. I've been using Photoshop for 30 years, and I compared her image to a real-world picture of a Maryland driver's license and could see it was fraudulent.

It was at that point that I knew I was being scammed. I had suspicions along the way, but it seemed trivial. Well, that didn't work out.

What can be done to hold these people to account?

Information About The Subject(s) Who Victimized You

Name: Helena Arpsmith
 Business Name:
 Address: 7810 Clark Road
 Address (continued): second email used: arpsmithh06@gmail.com
 Suite/Apt./Mail Stop:
 City: Jessup
 Country: United States of America
 State: Maryland
 Zip Code/Route: 20794
 Phone Number: 3854044931
 Email Address: arpsmithh01@gmail.com
 Website:
 IP Address:

Name: Oko Yemo-Booba
 Business Name:
 Address: Paypal Account: @okoboobs
 Address (continued):
 Suite/Apt./Mail Stop:
 City:
 Country:
 State:
 Zip Code/Route:
 Phone Number:
 Email Address:
 Website:
 IP Address:

Other Information

If an email was used in this incident, please provide a copy of the entire email including full email headers.

Delivered-To: bert.mahoney@gmail.com
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 Fri, 30 Jun 2023 10:46:48 -0700 (PDT)
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Return-Path: <arpsmithh01@gmail.com>

Received: from mail-sor-f41.google.com (mail-sor-f41.google.com. [209.85.220.41])

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for <bert.mahoney@gmail.com>

(Google Transport Security);

Fri, 30 Jun 2023 10:46:48 -0700 (PDT)

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Are there any other witnesses or victims to this incident?

No.

If you have reported this incident to other law enforcement or government agencies, please provide the name, phone number, email, date reported, report number, etc.

I have not, but plan to inform Paypal about this account and my story.

Check here if this an update to a previously filed complaint: ☐

Who Filed the Complaint

Were you the victim in the incident described above? Yes

Name:

Business Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Digital Signature

By digitally signing this document, I affirm that the information I provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information could make me subject to fine, imprisonment, or both. (Title 18, U.S.Code, Section 1001)

Digital Signature: J. Bert Mahoney

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