

ROMANCE-SCAM VERIFICATION CARD

A calm, private checklist for online relationships and investment invitations.

NEVER SEND MONEY, CRYPTO, GIFT CARDS, OR ACCOUNT ACCESS TO AN ONLINE LOVE INTEREST YOU HAVE NOT MET IN PERSON.

Affection can be real on your side even when the person on the other side is running a script.

VERIFY THE PERSON

- Insist on a live video conversation and ask for a spontaneous action—wave, hold up four fingers, or pass a hand across the face. A voice note or prerecorded clip is not enough; even live video is not proof by itself.
- If months pass and there is always a reason they cannot meet safely in person, treat that as an answer—not a scheduling problem.
- Reverse-image-search profile photos. Search their name, claimed job, location, and story with the word “scam.”
- Tell a trusted person and show the messages. Secrecy protects the scammer, not the relationship.

VERIFY THE INVESTMENT—INDEPENDENTLY

- Do not invest because an online contact directs you. Do not use their link, app, “coach,” or customer-service contact.
- Check the person and firm at [FINRA.org/BrokerCheck](https://finra.org/BrokerCheck) and [Investor.gov](https://investor.gov). Registration is not a guarantee, and scammers may impersonate real registered professionals—contact the firm independently.
- A dashboard showing profits proves nothing. If a site demands a separate tax, fee, deposit, bond, or payment to release your money, stop. Do not pay more.

RELATIONSHIP RED FLAGS

- They quickly move you off the dating/social platform, declare strong feelings, or create a daily habit before money appears.
- They claim to be overseas, in the military, on an oil rig, or doing remote work—and cannot meet.
- A crisis, travel cost, medical bill, inheritance, package, or “guaranteed” investment becomes your responsibility.
- They isolate you, shame questions, or say friends and family will not understand.

IF MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT: STOP TODAY.

Call your bank or payment provider, save the evidence, report at [IC3.gov](https://ic3.gov) and [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov), notify the platform, and reject anyone who contacts you offering recovery for a fee.



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PLACEHOLDER

**THIS CARD PROTECTS YOU FROM ONE SCAM.
THE BOOK PREPARES YOU FOR ALL OF THEM.**

The card gives you the verification tests. The book explains the emotional mechanics that make long-con relationship and investment scams so convincing—and how to help without shame.

BUY STOP, HANG UP, VERIFY

PURCHASE LINK: [ADD AMAZON BOOK LINK AFTER PUBLICATION]

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