

# **The Investigator Newsletter**

## **Pig Butchering Scams**



Pig Butchering scams are a popular type of scam that occurs in four stages. The scammer will start an online connection and then slowly build the relationship. They will eventually ask for money, and once they've received it, they will threaten or cut you off.

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#### The Four Stages

A pig butchering scam can be divided into four main stages.

## 'Packaging' Stage

The first stage is called "packaging"; in this stage, they will start the relationship with their target by impersonating an attractive person and starting a conversation. They may start a conversation by texting or using dating apps. Once established an introduction, they will start the next stage, "raising."

#### 'Raising' Stage

In the "raising" stage, the scammer will build the relationship they've established by calling you affectionate names,

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complimenting you, and confessing their love for you. During this process, they will also teach you how to trade cryptocurrency.

### 'Killing' Stage

The scammer will then begin the "killing" stage, in which they will pressure you to give them cryptocurrency, or they will directly steal from your crypto wallet and then begin the final stage.

### 'Killed' Stage

The "killed" stage is the last, when the scammer may threaten, extort, or block you. They may claim that you scammed them or owe them money before disappearing.

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