

## 2025 Scam Summary

My name is Carl Wolf, my address is 27 Murray Dr. Cape Elizabeth, Maine. I was a victim of an elaborately constructed money scam.

On Sept. 11, 2025 I was contacted by an alleged investigator at home by phone. He said that he represented the Medical Board of California and he was associated with the FBI.

He alleged that my CA.medical license and 11 bank accounts under my name and my wife's name (Linda L Wolf) were being used to transfer money across the US. and I was therefore a prime suspect in a case of money laundering and drug trafficking.

A document sent to me with a DOJ/FBI letterhead stated:

"Accounts registered under our names had to be monitored and tracked would result win forfeiture of bond money and a sizable financial penalty.in order to freeze fake bank accounts in order to apprehend money launderers. In order to do this the finances in our accounts were required to be relocated into a "safe custody" account while bank accounts are traced and monitored.

The agent then asked if we would cooperate with The FBI in order to clear any charges against us and to apprehend the criminals using our identity.

We believed this story and agreed to cooperate.

To ensure cooperation were asked to sign an agreement and submit a bond fee of \$21,400 on 9/12/25.

As part of our cooperation protocol we were told not to enclose the investigation details to any other party including family and friends. We were told any violation of the agreement would result in forfeiture of bond money and substantial financial penalty.

I was contacted by an alleged FBI agent in Texas.

He then contacted us several times a day to check our activities and location and sharing numerous details of the ongoing investigation. He faxed multiple documents with FBI and other government agency official letterheads supporting authenticity of the process.

In order to protect our money from online theft or government seizure I was instructed to wire transfer funds into so-called "safe custody" accounts in other outside bank accounts.

As a result between 9/12/25 and 10/31/25 :\$654,000 was wire transferred out of our Bank of America checking accounts.

We accepted responsibility believing that this was leading to closure and possible return of funds when the process completed.

The scam perpetrator counted to press us to complete wire transfers at the risk of losing money already sent.

As our stress, pressure and uncertainty increased I finally reached a limit and shared the situation with our financial advisor in California.

She immediately instructed us to contact a FBI field office to verify that this was an actual investigation. The FBI agents Boston felt that this was definitely and entirely a scam.

I contacted Bank of America, reported the 8 fraudulent wire transfers and started an investigation at the bank.

Unfortunately, the funds wired out were unrecoverable.

In addition, \$500,000 of the lost funds were taken out of a SEP-IRA retirement account.

This amount represented early/additional distribution from a retirement account and was therefore subject to additional taxation.

This represents an additional \$50,000 on top of the losses from a substantial loss.

The federal law has provided much needed relief for victims of significant fraud.

However, while the federal government recognizes this loss and allows a deduction, the State of Maine does not recognize or allow such a deduction from fraud loss.

I respectfully ask the taxation committee to:

-Conform Maine Tax Law to the federal standard for fraud and theft losses.

-Please make this change retroactive to January 1, 2025 so that victims like myself are not unfairly penalized.

-Recognizing that taxing stolen assets is an unjust revenue stream that disproportionately harms Maine citizens and those targeted by sophisticated crime syndicates.

I will also be filing a petition for reconsideration of taxes with the state tax board.

Please let me know if there is any other information I can provide.

Respectfully yours,

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