

## THE INVESTIGATOR

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### About Us

Since 2000 BCSI has performed hundreds of successful investigations.

Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

BCSI is considered the gold standard of the industry based on the quality and the wide spectrum of its services as well as the expertise of the investigators.

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#### The Face to Face Fraudster

Often the fraudster will try to sell investments without the proper licenses and under exclusions provided by the regulatory agencies; the scammers may ask you to invest in a real estate venture or venture capital company with the promise of large returns. In many cases these start-ups or junior stocks end-up bankrupt and your money quickly disappears. Most face to face fraudsters use the Internet to locate potential victims.



#### Lotteries, Sweepstakes, and Contests

You can't win unless you've entered the lottery yourself. You should not have to pay any fee to collect a prize. The scammers make their money by asking you to pay the costs of mailing and other processing fees.

#### The Virtual Fraud



Virtual fraud is becoming the weapon of choice for scammers. This type of fraud uses a multitude of approaches for the purpose of defrauding potential victims on-line.

#### Website Scams

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It is clear that not all websites these days are legitimate. The scammers often set up a website which appears legitimate and tricks you in believing that it is legitimate and therefore you start to release your personal information. Often the scammers only request a small amount of funds from a multitude of individuals. Scams are not always about money; often they focus on the theft of personal information.

### The On-line Romance Scam

The victim meets the fraudster over the internet and the scam quickly moves from romance to financial gain. Often the scammer requests that money be sent through money transfer companies such as Western Union, MoneyGram (Canada Post) or others.

