**blow up in (one’s) face** : if a situation blows up in your face, it unexpectedly goes wrong and destroys your plans or your chances of something.

My plan to surprise my wife for our anniversary blew up in my face when she found the gift and thought I’d bought it for another woman.

Mike was trying to sabotage my campaign, but the plan blew up in his face when I overheard him talking about it.

**bogus**: false, not real, or not legal

On investigation, his claim was found to be bogus.

She produced some bogus documents to support her application.

**coerce**: to persuade someone forcefully to do something that they are unwilling to do

The court heart that six defendants had been coerced into making a confession.

They coerced him to signing the document.