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# Consumer Report To The FTC

The FTC cannot resolve individual complaints, but we can provide information about next steps to take. We share your report with local, state, federal, and foreign law enforcement partners. Your report might be used to investigate cases in a legal proceeding. Please read our Privacy Policy to learn how we protect your personal information, and when we share it outside the FTC.

## About you

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Country: USA

## What happened

I received the following initial email: Hello Keith , How are you doing today and hope all is good? I would like to confirm your availability to work on birthday invitation card design project, Kindly get back to me as soon as you can if you're available so we can discuss further on this task and so I can send further information to your email. Thanks Claretta --- After a few more email exchanges, I was sent images of the front and back of a check intended for mobile deposit. I fell for a similar scheme five years ago and am well aware that they are rampant on LinkedIn. This just came through my email with no reference to LinkedIn.

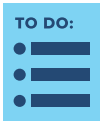
## How it started

Date fraud began:	Amount I was asked for:	Amount I Paid:
12/10/2023		
Payment Used:		How I was contacted:
		Email

## Details about the company, business, or individual

Company/Person		
Name: na		
Address Line 1:	Address Line 2:	City:
State:	Zip Code:	Country:
Email Address: paulettademaneaf61@gmail.com		
Phone:		
Website:		
Name of Person You Dealt With: Claretta Bodamer		

## Your Next Steps



If you think you clicked a link or opened an attachment that downloaded harmful software:

- Update your computer's security software.
- Then run a scan and delete anything it identifies as a problem.
- Learn more about how to get fewer spam emails at [ftc.gov/spam](https://www.ftc.gov/spam).

If you think a scammer has your information, like your Social Security, credit card, or bank account number:

- Go to [identitytheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) for steps you can take based on what kind of information was lost or exposed.

If you gave your username and password to a scammer:

- Change your password right away. If you use the same password for other accounts or sites, change it there, too. [Create a new password that is strong](#).

If someone calls and offers to "help" you recover money you have already lost:

- Don't give them money or personal information. You are probably dealing with a [fake refund scam](#).

#### Scam Advice:

- Learn more about impersonation scams at [ftc.gov/impersonators](https://www.ftc.gov/impersonators). If someone says they are with the FTC, know that the FTC will never demand money, make threats, tell you to transfer money, or promise you a prize.
- Learn more about different scams and how to recover from them at [ftc.gov/scams](https://www.ftc.gov/scams).

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## What Happens Next



- Your report will help us in our efforts to protect all consumers. Thank You!
- We can't resolve your individual report, but we use reports to investigate and bring cases against fraud, scams, and bad business practices.
- We share your report with our law enforcement partners who also use reports to investigate and bring cases against fraud, scams, and bad business practices.
- We use reports to spot trends, educate the public, and provide data about what is happening in your community. You can check out what is going on in your state and metro area by visiting [ftc.gov/exploredata](https://www.ftc.gov/exploredata).
- Investigations and cases do take time, but when we bring cases, we try to get money back for people. Check out [ftc.gov/refunds](https://www.ftc.gov/refunds) to see recent FTC cases that resulted in refunds.