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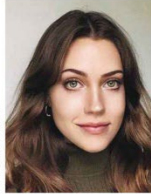
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Olivia Novak, of Oakdale, a field hydrogeologist at **P.W. Grosser Consulting** in Bohemia, has been promoted to a project hydrogeologist.



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Brianne Phillips, of Blue Point, an accounting specialist at **P.W. Grosser Consulting** in Bohemia, has been promoted to an AP and payroll administrator.



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Valentine's Day might put you in the mood to look for love online. Unfortunately, criminals are also on the hunt, but for victims, not romance.

"Meeting people online has opened the door to romance fraud," says Kim Casci-Palungio, program director of the peer support program at the nonprofit Cybercrime Support Network in Ann Arbor, Michigan. "You feel you can trust them," she says, adding that cybercriminals often cultivate relationships for months before asking for money.

Reports to the Federal Trade Commission show consumers lost \$1.3 billion in 2022 to romance scams. While romance scams can happen to anybody, here are some strategies experts suggest to reduce your risk of falling for one:

Beware of fast pace online

People are often eager to move relationships forward quickly, especially around official holidays, says Eva Velasquez, president and CEO of the Identity Theft Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that provides advice and assistance related to identity theft. She suggests going slow.

Scam artists, Velasquez explains, tend to shower their targets with affection, proclaiming their love early. Then, the victim feels compelled to send money when the scam artist says they need it. "They make up some excuse like an accident," she explains. If the target doesn't send it to them, they move on to the next victim.

Watch for common red flags

Another sign of romance fraud is if the person you are interacting with asks you to communicate off the dat-



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Casci-Palungio says you might decline you or it could be a scam, so work on them, they are, that they use their name to communicate.

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