Red Flags of a Romance Scam:

- You meet someone online and after just a few contacts or a short time, they profess their love or strong feelings for you.
- They ask you to start communicating by text or personal email, away from the original site you met on.
- Their profile you read on the site might not match everything they tell you.
- After gaining your trust, they start telling you stories of bad luck or medical illnesses.
- They indirectly/directly ask for money, gift cards, or funds to pay credit cards.
- Their messages are poorly written, inconsistent, or sometimes vague.
- They offer various excuses for why they can't show you more photos of themselves.
- They delay meeting in person or talking with you on a video chat.
- When you do agree to meet, they cancel or postpone due to some emergency.

If you notice any of these red flags:

**If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, call 911 right away.**

- Report the incident to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)
- To help dating sites provide the best services possible, report the incident by clicking the logo below for the site where the connection first took place:

For more romance scam recovery tips, visit FraudSupport.org

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