



Toms River Police Department

Officer Report for Case 25-14679

Nature: Fraud

Address: .

Location: L7

TOMS RIVER NJ 08753

Offense Codes: FWIR

Received By: Pedalino, V.

How Received: P

Agency: TRPD

Responding Officers: Hopkins, Z.

Responsible Officer: Hopkins, Z.

Disposition: CLO 04/08/25

When Reported: 15:35:01 03/28/25

Occurred Between: 15:35:01 03/28/25 and 15:35:40 03/28/25

Assigned To: Parente, R

Detail: FRAU

Date Assigned: 03/28/25

Status: CLO

Status Date: 04/08/25

Due Date: **/**/**

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported:

Observed:

Additional Offense: FWIR FRAUD, WIRE

Circumstances

VIDEO In-Car-Video

Responding Officers:

Unit :

Hopkins, Z.

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Responsible Officer: Hopkins, Z.

Agency: TRPD

Received By: Pedalino, V.

Last Radio Log: 16:17:14 03/28/25 COMP

How Received: P In Person

Clearance: 6 Report

When Reported: 15:35:01 03/28/25

Disposition: CLO **Date:** 04/08/25

Judicial Status:

Occurred between: 15:35:01 03/28/25

Misc Entry:

and: 15:35:40 03/28/25

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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03/28/25

Cad Call

15:35:01 03/28/25 Fraud

Initiating Call

Narrative

Toms River Police Department
Investigation Narrative

Incident: Fraud

Location: [REDACTED]

Date: March 28, 2025

INFO REDACTED

Victim:

On March 28, 2025, [REDACTED] came into the police department to report a fraud incident that occurred at approximately 1900 hours on March 27, 2025.

[REDACTED] stated that he received a pop-up message through his email instructing him to contact Apple Support. Upon calling the number provided, he was informed that he had an outstanding balance with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

After being transferred through multiple phone calls, [REDACTED] was directed to contact the FTC directly and was instructed to pay approximately \$3,000 in Bitcoin to resolve the issue. He followed their instructions, which included scanning a QR code at a Bitcoin machine at Shell Gas Station (Hooper Ave) and sending the resulting payment. After completing the transaction, he also sent the scammers the receipts as instructed.

[REDACTED] later became suspicious of the situation and contacted his daughter, who advised him to report the incident to law enforcement.

He provided the following information related to the scam:

A QR code used for the Bitcoin transaction (attached)

Names given by the scammers:

- Jose Hermanzi
- David Black

A reference number allegedly from the FTC:

-FTC-4212

Phone numbers used in the scam:

Following the incident, Mr. Scott proactively contacted all his banking institutions and the Social Security Administration. He has since changed all his passwords.

Nothing further at this time.

Ptl. Z. Hopkins #471
Toms River Police Department
March 28, 2025