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# ELECTRONIC FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS

**The Electronic Financial Investigations unit, part of the Ohio Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation, is made up of forensic accountants, special agents and criminal intelligence personnel who share their knowledge, expertise and investigative skills to solve large-scale fraud involving the internet.**

The unit uses a multidisciplinary approach to investigating complex electronic fraud that targets Ohioans, with an emphasis on racketeering and other patterns of corrupt activity. Offenses might include but are not limited to:

- Cryptocurrency theft and fraud.
  - Cyber-account liquidation fraud.
  - Online investment scams.
  - Romance scams involving financial exploitation.

The unit helps bridge the investigative gap between local law enforcement and federal law enforcement, striving to prosecute offenders to the fullest extent and, when possible, recover stolen funds.

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For more information on the unit, visit  
[www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/BCI](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/BCI).



## A checklist for local agencies

With regard to cryptocurrency fraud cases, local law enforcement agencies seeking assistance from BCI's Electronic Financial Investigations should gather the following information:

- Victim's reason for transferring the cryptocurrency.
- Victim's cryptocurrency exchange platform (example: Coinbase, Crypto.com, etc.).
- Victim's cryptocurrency wallet address (example: 1Lbcfr7sAHTD9CgdQo3HTMTkV8LK4ZnX71).  
Note: These addresses are case-sensitive.
- Suspect's cryptocurrency wallet address (example: 1Lbcfr7sAHTD9CgdQo3HTMTkV-8LK4ZnX71).  
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- Date, time and amount of each cryptocurrency transfer.
- Type of cryptocurrency (example: Bitcoin, USDT, etc.).
- Transaction hash/ID related to each transfer (example: a1075db55d416d3ca199f55b6084e-2115b9345e16c5cf302fc80e9d 5fbf5d48d).  
Note: Such transactions are case-sensitive.
- If applicable, the location and name of the Bitcoin ATM visited by the victim; if possible, obtain a copy of the transaction receipt.
- If applicable, a screenshot of the transaction details from the mobile application used by the victim (CashApp, PayPal, etc.). Also obtain the victim's account identifiers (username, cashtag, display name, email address and/or phone number) for the mobile app.

