

Facebook/Meta "Fake" Friends

Scam Overview:

Scammers are duplicating your current friend accounts to pretend they know you to gain your confidence. They use this confidence to talk you into various scams.

Are you affected?

To determine if you may have "fake friends" please do the following:

- 1. Log into your Facebook/Meta Account
- 2. In the upper right corner click on the "Account" icon.
- 3. Then click on "Settings & Privacy"
- 4. Then click on "Activity Log"
- 5. On the left-hand side, click on "Connections"
- 6. Then click on "Added Friends"

You will now see a list of your Facebook/Meta friends by date.

If you see friends you have known for a long time, but "recently" connected, this account is likely a "Fake Account."

What to do if you are affected:

Currently, Facebook/Meta does not provide a simple way to address this issue. The "report a profile" process does not allow you to determine which account is real and which is fake. End Elder Fraud is working with Facebook/Meta to improve the process and will update this SCAM bulletin once the process has been improved.

If you find you are affected, email us and we will schedule time to work with you to resolve the problem.

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