

# Grooming, Scams, Frauds, and Scandals

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## **Introduction**

There are various types of scams and frauds taking place, where this article looks at various examples in being groomed, scams, fraud, and also a more in-depth look at the college admission scandal, which was once again in the spot light. Have you been scammed? Do you know someone that's been scammed? Do you know someone that's being groomed to steal someone's songs, books and other possessions? Almost everyone has come across someone trying to scam them over the phone by getting their credit card number. We often get email spams and have no clue why we're getting them even if we're just using an online email service where the emails do get to our computer. At times we get emails and if download or open then you may end up with spyware where someone is tracking your online whereabouts and may even try to hack you. At Other times by opening up a link sent in an unknown spam email, it takes you to another website where the website could even be pornographic and then it makes it look like you are deliberately going to these websites when you are not. A person can easily become the victim of a scam, fraud, groomer or handler.

*Update: as I was editing this section on July 18, 2023 at 11:10 I received a call from the phone number 416-800-1669 and when I answered, there were no sound or noise and*

*nobody answered on the other end. I have no had one of these calls in a while. I looked up the number on good and it says 'Robocaller Warning!' It also gives other description as to who is calling such as 'is a customer call' spam calls detected' location Toronto, 'left voicemail saying they were from xxx ( I decided not to put the company) and wanted to check in on my account. I haven't had a xxx account in several years so it's either spam from xxx or a scam caller with an old list of xxx client phone numbers.' I find it odd that I'm editing this particular report and I received this call; I have not received such a call in a while, at least 2 weeks or more.*

It's obvious that the ones that are masterminding the scams and frauds are getting something out of it, and could even get a good amount of money from scamming you or defrauding the system? Or else they wouldn't be doing it. In the college admission scandal, in the article called Rick Singer, mastermind of college admissions bribery scandal, gets 3.5 years in prison (ref 8)' published on Jan 4, 2023, where Rick Singer was the mastermind of college admissions bribery scandal and ends up with 3.5 years in prison. In the end many do regret their involvement in these scams and frauds. Loughlin said, "I made an awful decision. I went along will the plan to give my daughters an unfair advantage in the college admissions process." She said, "In doing so, ignored my intuition and allowed myself to be swayed from my moral compass' (ref 11). Singer ' said he unethically facilitated college admission for children in more than 750 families' (ref 12).

Elizabeth Warren, United States Senator from Massachusetts (where all the criminal cases were led), told news media that the scandal represented "just one more example of how the rich and powerful know how to take care of their own" (ref 12), referring to the college admission scandal. The law sooner or later catches up with the ones involved.

## **Section I - Being groomed to steal someone's songs, books and other possessions?**

We often hear of people being groomed, even children and very often it's for sexual favors. But others are also groomed on how to scam the work of others and the victims can be collaborating with someone in these scams and not being aware of it.

Like the US college admission scandal that took place a few years ago, where many famous people were brought to justice, many musicians that were using other people's work was brought to justice a few years ago. But still many have not been caught nor brought to justice. It could be that by the time they are brought to justice, many would have accomplished their agenda and gained and enjoyed a lot of stolen money.

### **Pulled into a scam and being groomed**

Are you being groomed by a handler or mastermind or even a friend or a best friend to steal someone's songs, music, books and or other possessions? Have someone told you that you will be a star if you sing a song, or use a part of a song or modify a part of this song, but that song belongs to someone else? Are you being encouraged to modify the work or part of the work, such as a song or music that belongs to someone else that will

benefit yourself and the one you are collaborating with? What if you are being pulled into a scam, where in the end you will regret it? What if the mastermind you are collaborating with is setting you up to take the blame? What if you are being framed for something? Did someone befriend you and is that person grooming you? Are they dragging you into a scheme, which you will regret? How do you know they didn't film you doing something and then will use it to blackmail you? This can happen to anybody. Always be safe and get a lawyer and witnesses to draw up a legal contract to ensure you are not being pulled into a scam.

I have heard people stealing songs and breaking them into pieces and suddenly those samples are showing up all over the world in many songs. The same thing happened to my songs and books, even though I've had many professional players on the recordings, and many also helped me to edit my books as proof of my work, yet the people involved in these frauds do not care because all they care about is wealth and their paradise on earth all from our hard work. And if they get caught or by the time they get caught they would have accomplished their agenda and made lots of money.

In the way people used the side door in the college admission scam, don't you think the same thing is happening in music, where people are stealing our songs and going through the backdoor and side door to make tons of money? Even wealthy people are involved in these frauds.

The rich are involved and collaborating in many frauds. Elizabeth Warren, United States Senator from Massachusetts (where all the criminal cases were led), told news media that the scandal represented "just one more example of how the rich and powerful know how to take care of their own" (ref 12), referring to the college admission scandal. Another article states, 'The punishment for Rick Singer, 62, is the longest sentence handed down in the sprawling scandal that embarrassed some of the nation's most prestigious universities and put a spotlight on the secretive admissions system already seen as rigged in favor of the rich' (ref 8).

## **Section II : Being groom by sexual predators**

We often hear of children being taken advantage of by sexual predators, but people of various ages are also groomed by sexual predators for sexual favors. In the article, We heard about the actor 'Kevin Spacey trial - live: Actor called a 'predator' who was 'grooming' alleged victim' where 'Spacey denies 12 charges including sexual assault and indecent assault.' Grooming takes place more than we hear about. Some are real and some fabricated. An excerpt from the article says, 'Kevin Spacey's four-week trial is under way 'Spacey told alleged victim he would "introduce him to A-list stars", court hears.' Where it's true or not, similar situations do take place where a groomer promises the victim something important, such as becoming a star, getting a role in a movie, or making an album and playing in front of big audiences, all in return for something such as sexual favors and or riches. A groomer often have something to give, and at times others will go along with what the groomer wants so they can become famous, rich, get work contracts etc...

In an article called ‘It is like he thought he could groom me’ – Kevin Spacey’s first alleged victim’ by Josh Payne and Gwyn Wright, published on July 3, 2023, an excerpt states, ‘An alleged victim of Oscar-winning actor Kevin Spacey told a police officer the Hollywood star’s sexual advances were “like he thought he could groom me”, a court has been told.’

There are many examples from over the years of someone with some kind of status grooming a person that wants a favor. At other times the groomer have nothing but promises the victim something the victim would like to have.

### **Section III : Scammed out of \$450K**

Sometimes we hear that an elderly person was scammed out of their savings and or retirement savings. Other times we hear of a younger person pretending to like an older person that have wealth. I person know someone that was scammed out of \$5,000 about two years ago, where the scammer called him saying that they were from CRA and that they were demanding \$5,000 in bit coin to pay up for tax owing, and the person believed the scammer.

Just recently, in an article called, ‘I was in a trance’: A tech executive was scammed out of \$450K as part of a cruel romance grift called 'pig butchering' — here's how it works and what to watch out for’ published on July 2, 2023 explained how an executive was scammed out of a large sum of money. An excerpt from the article is, ‘Shreya Datta had been swiping through dating apps for months before she met “Ancel Mali,” a purported wine trader from France, on Hinge. After they chatted online for a couple of months, exchanging flirty emojis and selfies, he ended up conning her out of \$450,000.’ This goes to show how people are easily fooled, whether they are being fooled into stealing someone’s song or parts of that song and using it, or conning someone out of their savings.

### **Section IV : Phone scams**

I’ve had many phone calls claiming something to do with my Amazon account. First of all I don’t have an Amazon account. I rarely answer such calls because I don’t have time to take to solicitors. But sometimes, I think the call is from someone important and I end up answering the call. However, many people do answer those calls and tries to call back. A few times I called back those numbers thinking that those were calls that I was expecting. An example of this is in the CBC article, ‘Tired of getting spam calls? Here's why you may never be rid of them (ref 4) by Sophia Harris · CBC News · Posted: Jun 03, 2023, 'There's no silver bullet' to the problem, CRTC official says. According to the cybersecurity expert Ritesh Kotak from company in Toronto, he said that “These scammers are financially motivated and driven.” He said that the scammers spend time in ‘research and development and figuring out ways to circumvent the system” (Ref 4). ‘He said scammers are able to bypass STIR/SHAKEN by purchasing and making calls from legitimate Canadian phone numbers — from anywhere in the world’ (ref 4).

The article states, ‘According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, 1,973 people lost a total of \$20.6 million to phone scams in the first three months of this year,’ and that it’s much more than that...’ This article further went on to say that recently Selvaraj had ‘recorded and posted a scam call on his YouTube channel. In the call, the fraudster tried to convince Selvaraj that a mysterious \$1,534 had been charged to his Amazon account. He called out the scammer who quickly hung up.

The amount of \$1,534 as mentioned in the example above is small compared to other scams, but for some this amount is a lot of money and is used for groceries and paying rent.

There are other kinds of fraud, such as scamming shareholders in a new construction building, and the scammer takes off with all of the money. In an article called ‘Christian radio host Dave Ramsey faces \$150 million lawsuit from listeners who say they were defrauded by a timeshare exit company he promoted. Why Sam Bankman-Fried is charged with perpetuating one of the biggest frauds in US history; Ryan Hogg post on Sat, June 3, 2023 (Ref 5) where the article states, ‘Christian radio host Dave Ramsey is facing a \$150 million lawsuit from 17 listeners who claim he played a role in defrauding them by promoting a timeshare exit company.’

In an article called ‘12 Dangerous Scam Phone Numbers and Area Codes To Avoid Written by Clark.com Staff October 13th, 2022 (ref 7)’ says ‘When an unfamiliar number comes in, you’re better off waiting for a voicemail so you can determine if the call is legitimate before calling back. You can also Google the phone number itself. If the number is a scam, chances are good that others will have posted warnings about it.’ So if you answer that call and it’s a long distance call then it could cost you a lot of money. A few times I thought the calls were legitimate so I called back. It rings and no answer, you call back again and it says number does not exist. I was expressing concerns on March 20, 2023 as to why a number should not be given out on any social media and email and immediately after I sent the email I received a call from 1 587 570 8803 and when I answered the line went dead. I called back the number and it was a busy tone. The area code 587 which is from the province I live in. It’s as if someone is listening in on my emails and did exactly what I didn’t want anybody to do - I rarely ever get anonymous calls.

And this is exactly what the next example in the article (ref 7) says. ‘If you pick up, the robocaller just drops the line. But the bigger danger is if you miss the call. Like many people, you might think it’s an important call and dial that number right back. Bad move. Turns out the area codes are largely located in the Caribbean and could cost you \$15 to \$30 between international fees and per-minute charges!’

## **Section V : The college admission scandal**

The last edition of the Diverse City Magazine include a short write up on the college admission scandal. This report goes into more details. The children of the parents involved are the victims. The ones who were robbed of their entrance are also victims. In

the same way that the person who wrote songs and books, which were stolen, is the victim being ruined, destroyed and robbed of their future and wealth in songs and books.

The college admission scandal was more than a scandal; it was fraud, scams and crimes that was mastermind. In the article called Rick Singer, mastermind of college admissions bribery scandal, gets 3.5 years in prison (ref 8)' published on Jan 4, 2023, where Rick Singer was the mastermind of college admissions bribery scandal and ends up with 3.5 years in prison. It's stated that 'The mastermind of the nationwide college admissions bribery scheme that ensnared celebrities, prominent businesspeople and other parents who used their wealth and privilege to buy their kids' way into top-tier schools was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison Wednesday' (ref 8). 'The punishment for Rick Singer, 62, is the longest sentence handed down in the sprawling scandal that embarrassed some of the nation's most prestigious universities and put a spotlight on the secretive admissions system already seen as rigged in favor of the rich' (ref 8). "It was a scheme that was breathtaking in its scale and its audacity. It has literally become the stuff of books and made-for-TV movies," Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Frank told the judge Wednesday' (ref 8).

There were many in the college admissions scandal. They wanted the best for their children when it comes to success. 'Two wealthy mothers--sought-after interior designer Caroline and Bethany, owner of a successful financial-services firm--share an obsession with getting their teenagers into the best possible college. (Ref 9)

It was a 'brazen cheating scheme' (ref 10) according to the New York Times as reported by Kate Taylor on October 8, 2021. For some it was one child, for others it was two, but it gets worse where their children are taking up spots that should have gone to others. The 'Former Pimco C.E.O. Gets 9 Months in Prison in College Admissions Case' (ref 10). 'Most parents were accused of crimes to get one child, maybe two, into an elite college. Douglas Hodge, the former chief of Pimco, paid bribes for at least four children, prosecutors say.

Those names are not known to most, but some names are known across nations. In the article 'The Biggest Names Associated With the College Admissions Scandal: Where Are They Now? By Sarah Hearon from March 14, 2023 (Ref 11). 'Lori Loughlin, Felicity Huffman and several college coaches and officials were indicted in the nationwide college admissions scandal on March 12, 2019 — and the fallout and prison sentences are still making headlines.' That's the consequences one pay when involved in scams and fraud' (ref11). 'According to court documents, the Full House alum and her husband, Mossimo Giannulli, allegedly "agreed to pay bribes totaling \$500,000 in exchange for having their two daughters designated as recruits to the USC crew team — despite the fact that they did not participate in crew — thereby facilitating their admission to USC" (ref 11). By the parents aiding their two daughters to get on to this crew, would they have been even to prove their skills. Perhaps it's a dream, but you still have to prove your skills else sooner or later their will be major conflicts, or perhaps one can pay their way with extra coaching to develop at a good pace.

Loughlin and Giannulli are the parents of daughters Bella and Olivia Jade.

Covid-19 had a put a twist on many things with all of the lockdowns and shutdowns, 'Loughlin and Giannulli faced the judge in August 2020 via Zoom amid the coronavirus pandemic. During her statement, she got emotional' (ref11).

"I made an awful decision. I went along with the plan to give my daughters an unfair advantage in the college admissions process," she said. "In doing so, I ignored my intuition and allowed myself to be swayed from my moral compass. I thought I was acting out of love for my children, but in reality, I had only undermined and diminished my daughters' abilities and accomplishments."

### **Varsity Blues Scandal**

Many are involved in the college admission scandal, and it's a long list. An article called 'Varsity Blues scandal' located at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varsity\\_Blues\\_scandal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varsity_Blues_scandal) (Ref 12) looks at some of the reactions when the news broke. 'After the scandal broke, multiple American news sources including The Atlantic, Vox, Rolling Stone, and The New York Times characterized it as a symptom of a broken college admissions system. Alan Dershowitz, professor emeritus at Harvard Law School, said it was "the worst scandal involving elite universities in the history of the United States". Elizabeth Warren, United States Senator from Massachusetts (where all the criminal cases were led), told news media that the scandal represented "just one more example of how the rich and powerful know how to take care of their own" (ref 12).

How did the news get out? Things have a way of getting out and being tracked without others knowing about it. 'In 2019, a scandal arose over a criminal conspiracy to influence undergraduate admissions decisions at several top American universities. The investigation into the conspiracy was code named **Operation Varsity Blues**. The investigation and related charges were made public on March 12, 2019, by United States federal prosecutors. At least 53 people have been charged as part of the conspiracy, a number of whom pleaded guilty or agreed to plead guilty. Thirty-three parents of college applicants were accused of paying more than \$25 million between 2011 and 2018 to William Rick Singer, organizer of the scheme, who used part of the money to fraudulently inflate entrance exam test scores and bribe college officials. Of the 32 parents named in a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit led in U.S. District Court in Boston, more than half had apparently paid bribes to have their children enrolled at the University of Southern California (USC).'

The Varsity Blues scandal report states: 'Singer controlled the two firms involved in the scheme, Key Worldwide Foundation and The Edge College & Career Network (also known as "The Key"). He pleaded guilty and cooperated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in gathering incriminating evidence against co-conspirators. **He said he unethically facilitated college admission for children in more than 750 families.** Singer faced up to 65 years in prison, and a fine of \$1.25 million. In January 2023, he was sentenced to three and a half years in prison plus forfeiture of over \$10 million.

The report states that 'Singer primarily used two fraudulent techniques to help clients'

children gain admission to elite universities: cheating on college entrance exams and fabrication of elite sports credentials.’ And that ‘Singer arranged to allow clients' children to cheat on the SAT or ACT college admission tests.’ The report states that ‘Singer also bribed college athletics staff and coaches.’

The report provides information on the universities and programs. In this article a lot of the information was removed to give a brief look as follows.

Georgetown University - Men's and women's tennis Stanford University - Sailing

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) - Men's soccer

University of San Diego (USD) - Men's basketball

University of Southern California (USC) - Women's soccer; Men's and women's water polo

University of Texas at Austin (UT) - Men's tennis Wake Forest University - Volleyball

Yale University - Women's soccer

## **Conclusion**

Sooner or later, the truth will surface and the collaborators and masterminds will be caught, at least we hope. In conclusion the Varsity Blues scandal report states: ‘On March 12, 2019, William Singer, the CEO of Edge College & Career Network who masterminded the scandal, pleaded guilty to four criminal charges involving racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government and obstruction of justice. On January 4, 2023, William Singer was sentenced to 3.5 years in federal prison, 3 years of supervised release, and forfeiture of over \$10 million.’

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