



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **ARREST MADE IN \$200K+ FRAUD SCHEME**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN— On November 29, 2025, PCSO responded to a reported fraud of two victims over the age of 70. The victim reported that on September 19, 2025, she received a fraudulent pop-up alert on her computer appearing to be from Microsoft that instructed her to call a listed phone number.

When the victim called the listed phone number, she spoke to an individual identifying himself as “Alan Gray” who claimed her computer was compromised and that she needed to contact her bank. After calling the number on the back of her debit card she reached another individual identifying himself as “Josh Campbell.” However, “Josh Campbell” did not work for the victims’ bank and had spoofed the banks phone number to scam victims.

“Campbell” claimed that the victims’ accounts were under federal investigation for child pornography found on their computer, and he instructed the victims to not tell anyone. This was a false statement and a fear tactic used to coerce the victims to withdraw large sums of money from their bank accounts in order to convert it into either Bitcoin or gold. “Campbell” claimed this was to protect their retirement savings.

Between September 19, 2025, and November 5, 2025, the victims withdrew and transferred a total of \$268,229.000.

As part of the fraud scheme, the victims were directed to purchase physical gold at Spencer Coin & Silver. The first time was on October 3, 2024, when the victim purchased nine one-ounce Gold Maple Leaf coins. An unknown male then arrived at the victim’s residence and retrieved the coins. On October 28, 2025, the victim was instructed to purchase an additional fifteen one-ounce Maple Leaf coins. On November 5, 2025, an unknown male arrived at the victim’s residence to pick up the coins. This time the victim’s husband decided to photograph both the vehicle and the male at his residence.

The victim’s husband asked “Josh Campbell” multiple times if he could see his new retirement account, and after getting no response, the victim’s husband decided to contact law enforcement.

Due to the photographs of the vehicle and male that came to retrieve the coins, PCSO Investigators were able to positively identify **Tulasi Timsina** of Nashville, TN. **Timsina** is originally from Nepal and is here in the United States on a Green Card.

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Sheriff Farris said, “This case is an example of the sophistication and cruelty of modern fraud schemes targeting our seniors. These scammers use technology to deceive and isolate their victims. No legitimate bank, government agency, or technology company will ever demand secrecy or ask you to convert your money to Bitcoin or precious metals.”

“Please never be afraid or embarrassed to come forward if you think you have been a victim of a scam. I urge every family to speak openly with their loved ones about these scams, to check in on them frequently, and to call law enforcement at the very first sign of suspicious activity. We are here to help you and catch these bad actors but we can’t do without the public’s help. We will be requesting for the District Attorney’s Office to pursue the maximum possible penalty for these individuals responsible for exploiting and scamming vulnerable, elderly residents.”

On December 10, 2025, PCSO arrested **Tulasi Ram Timsina** for Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Adult. **Timsina** has a bond set at \$200,000 and a court date of January 12, 2026.



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