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In today's fast paced world of instant communication and social media, many adults have turned to online dating sites to find love, especially with Valentine's Day approaching. Unfortunately, not everyone using dating sites is looking for romance; some are looking for money, your money. Thousands of people have been victimized by online romance scams and wind up not only embarrassed but with financial losses averaging more than \$10,000 per person. Shockingly, most victims are boomer age or older. Not only do victims suffer emotionally and financially, but some may have long term effects resulting from an online romance scam. Click Here to read the full article.

Another Tax Season Brings More Tax Scams



Another year has gone by and now it's time to prepare our taxes. Taxpayers should use caution to protect themselves against a wide range of scams including identity theft and even return preparer fraud. The IRS prepares a list of tax scams that consumers can fall prey to at any point during the year. However, most of these schemes peak during the filing season. Victims of illegal scams may encounter significant penalties and interest, or criminal prosecution. The IRS Criminal Investigation Division works closely with the Department of Justice to identify scams and prosecute the criminals behind them. Schemes evolve from year to year but the underlying themes remain the same. Click Here for more information on the Top Tax Scams.

Tell Us About You!



Thank you for registering and being a valued reader of the Colorado Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Bulletin. To ensure we are delivering you the most useful information, we are conducting a quick survey about our readers. The data collected in this survey will help the Consumer Fraud Unit tailor future communications to better suit your needs. The survey is expected to take approximately 2 minutes of your time. Responses are voluntary and will not be individually identifiable. All responses will be compiled together and analyzed as a group. Please visit www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/survey to complete the survey. Thank you for your time and effort to help us better serve you.

Attorney General's Office Now at Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center



The Colorado Attorney General's Office moved into the Ralph L. Carr Colorado Judicial Center and opened their doors on January 22, 2013. The building was finished approximately two months ahead of schedule and was built to last more than 100 years. General Fund monies were not used for construction of the \$258-million 695,767 square foot project, and more than 2,000 jobs were created because of it. It was built to support a more efficient state judicial system and includes a courthouse and a twelve-story office tower. It also includes a 3,800 square foot interactive educational civics learning center that will open to the public in the spring. The learning center will showcase the role of the American Justice System in the history of Colorado and the United States. Click Here to read the full article.

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