

TYOLOGY – UNDUE INFLUENCE OR DURESS

EXTRACT FROM THE FIUTT STRATEGIC ANALYSIS CASE COMPILATION 2015 - 2020

Typology

2. Undue Influence or Duress

Mr. X, a member of a Credit Union (CU) persuades an elderly person (alleged victim) to apply for membership in the CU. Upon enrolment, Mr. X states that he would make deposits to the alleged victim accounts. The accounts included an Indemnity Plan, Life Insurance policy and other investment products. Mr. X was described as a relative and/or friend of the applicant and was placed as the beneficiary on the accounts. Upon the death of the elderly victim, Mr. X provides the CU with a copy of the death certificate and claims the death benefit.

Family members of the deceased appear unaware of their relative's membership in the CU. It would appear that Mr. X resided in close proximity to the elderly person and may have been well known to the alleged victim. Mr. X then accompanied several other applicants for membership, all of whom were elderly, infirm or otherwise vulnerable persons*, and who named him as beneficiary on their accounts. * *Vulnerable person: an individual who is at risk of abuse or harm due to life circumstances—e.g., frail and elderly, underage, homeless, mentally ill or differently abled.*

Suspected Offence	Extortion
Customer Type	Individual
Industry	FI's; CU's
Channel	Physical; Electronic
Jurisdiction	Local

Suspicious Indicators

- Accompanies the vulnerable person to the Credit Union and enrolls them as a new member;
- Agrees to pay the indemnity or insurance premium payments on the vulnerable person's behalf;
- On the death of the vulnerable person, the perpetrator provides the Credit Union with a copy of the death certificate and collects the death benefit; and
- The relatives of the elderly and/or infirmed persons are unaware of his/her membership in a Credit Union; and
- The perpetrator being the named beneficiary for several elderly persons.