

Online Romance Kindled? Don't Get Swindled.

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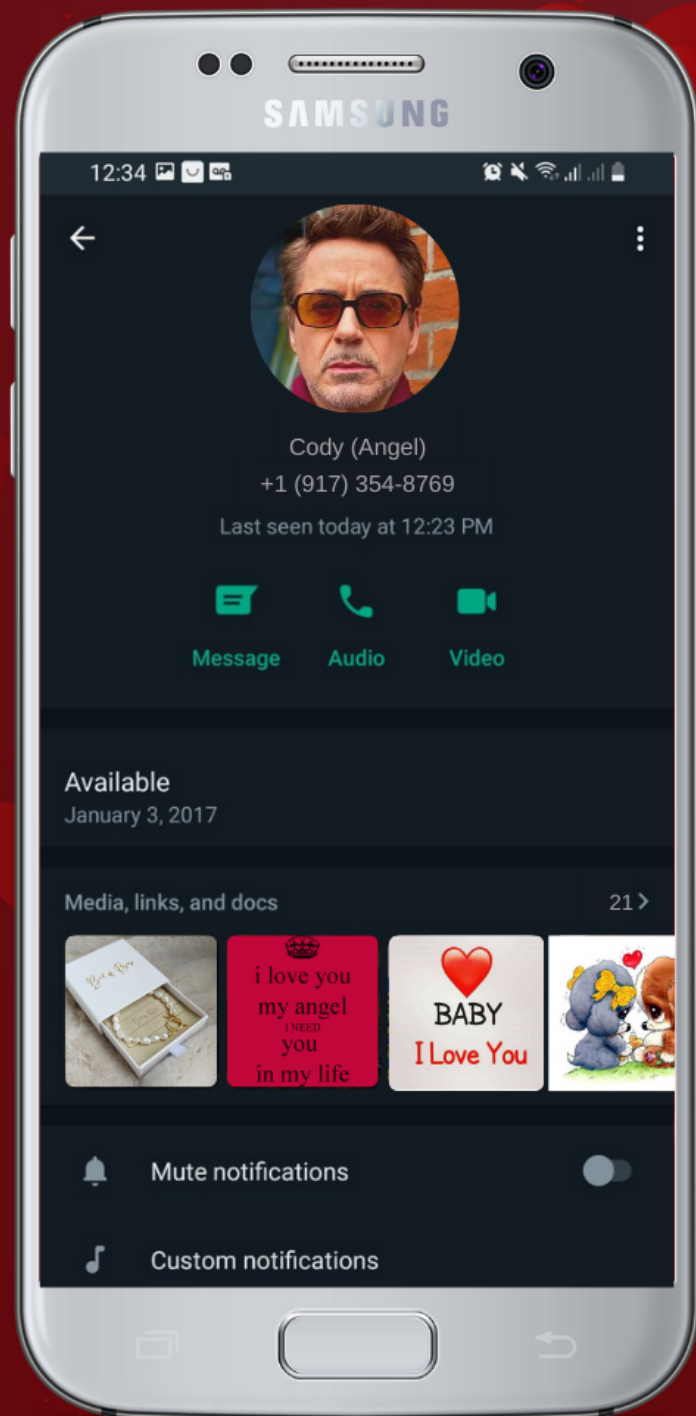
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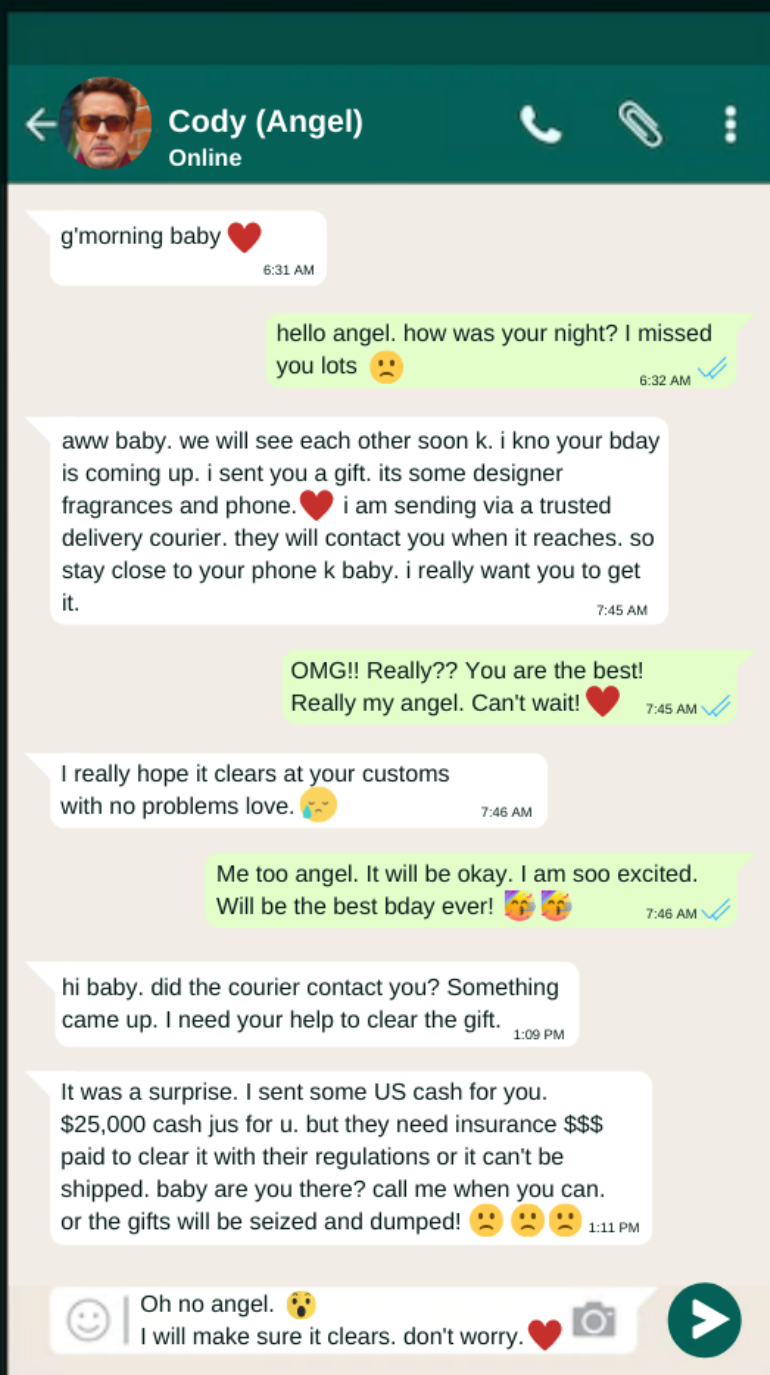
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**Don't Bond with a Con!**

**-Scammers target vulnerable persons looking for companionship online.**

**-They form intense relationships, often with the promise of marriage and even migration.**

**-They try to isolate their victims from friends and family.**

**-If friends and family members express concern about your new love interest, take heed.**

**-Scammers appeal to your generosity.**

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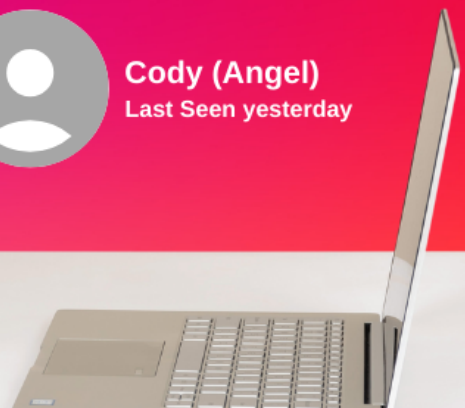
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g'morning baby ❤️

7:45 AM ✓



**Cody (Angel)**  
Last Seen yesterday



**Act Greedily, Lose Your Money Speedily.**

**-Never, ever, attempt to scam a scammer.**

**-Do not pay any amount of money for the promise of more expensive gifts.**

**-It is difficult to know how many persons are involved in a scam and this increases your risk of losing money quickly.**

**-Compromising information shared with a scammer to gain their trust can be used against you in the future.**

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