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S: Social Media Platforms

utilised; victims are usually at a vulnerable stage in their lives.

COVID-19 pandemic: perpetrators take advantage of increase use of social media to identify potential victims.



The perpetrator can continue to 'engineer' the relationship or target a new victim



M: Minimal information about the purpose of the transaction. Once the 'payment' is made, the perpetrator or co-conspirator makes **ATM or in-branch cash withdrawals**.

C: Communication is usually done through email, Facebook, Instagram, text or phone calls. There is **NO physical meeting**.



Requests for money can be made multiple times



A: Abnormal transactions conducted by Victim following requests by the perpetrator or an 'alleged Courier Service' to make deposits into named individual accounts for the purpose of 'clearing a package'.

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