

The Five Attacks

The playbook as of this writing. The tell is the last column.

#	THE PLAY	THE TELL
1	The cloned family voice A grandchild calls, frightened. Money now, and don't tell anyone.	Secrecy. A real emergency wants more family, not less. Ask for the family word.
2	The fake authority The IRS, Medicare, your bank, the police. Your account is at risk. Move the money.	They called you. Hang up, find the number on your own statement, call back.
3	The long romance Months of warm, patient letters. Then a crisis needing money.	The letters were the free sample. The crisis is the product.
4	The reset-code trick A polite security officer calls. Your phone buzzes with a six-digit code.	The code is the key. Nobody legitimate needs you to read one aloud.
5	The magic algorithm Guaranteed returns, no risk, from a secret AI system. You were specially selected.	Guaranteed plus secret equals fraud. Being told you are special is part of the trick.

One criminal with a laptop runs all five at once, at almost no cost. Every one of them works by rushing you.