

# Service members are getting catfished, blackmailed by OKCUPID male prisoners posing as women, report says

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Service members have been getting duped into sending money to male prisoners posing as women on dating apps, a report says. (Getty Images)

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The young service member has never been the quintessence of fiscal responsibility. Exorbitant purchases or financial commitments on an E-1 or E-2 salary often leaves bank accounts, much like the areas of the brain coordinating these decisions, shockingly vacant.

But every so often, this eccentric group of money-blowing babes in the woods manages to surprise even itself by tunneling even farther into the darkest depths of the financial pit of misery.

That was the case this week when Army officials and South Carolina law enforcement revealed that young soldiers have allegedly been getting duped into funneling cash to prison inmates following text message exchanges featuring nude photos of women the soldiers believed they were conversing with, according to a U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command warrant obtained by [the BBC](#).

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

The [Army issued guidance](#) for soldiers on how to avoid such scams as recently as April, but with the memo evidently falling on deaf ears, the service launched an investigation into the matter, known as "Operation Surprise Party."