

## Photos of abused victims used in new ID verification scam

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Scammers are now leveraging dating apps like Tinder and Grindr to pose themselves as former victims of physical abuse to gain your trust and sympathy and sell you bogus "ID verification" services.

BleepingComputer came across multiple instances of users on online dating apps being approached by catfishing profiles who ask these users to prove that they are not a former sex offender by buying these services.

*Editor's note: some readers may find the content of this report distressing but ongoing scams like the one outlined below prompted BleepingComputer to report on this case, to caution everyone.*

## Users approached by bruised, "beaten up" victims

In what can be described as one of the most wicked catfishing schemes out there, users of dating apps such as Tinder and Grindr are being approached by attractive-looking profiles.

Except, in these cases, as the conversation progresses, this good-looking person claims they had been a victim of physical assault and abuse; that an ex-date beat them, and shares disturbing pictures attesting to the claim.

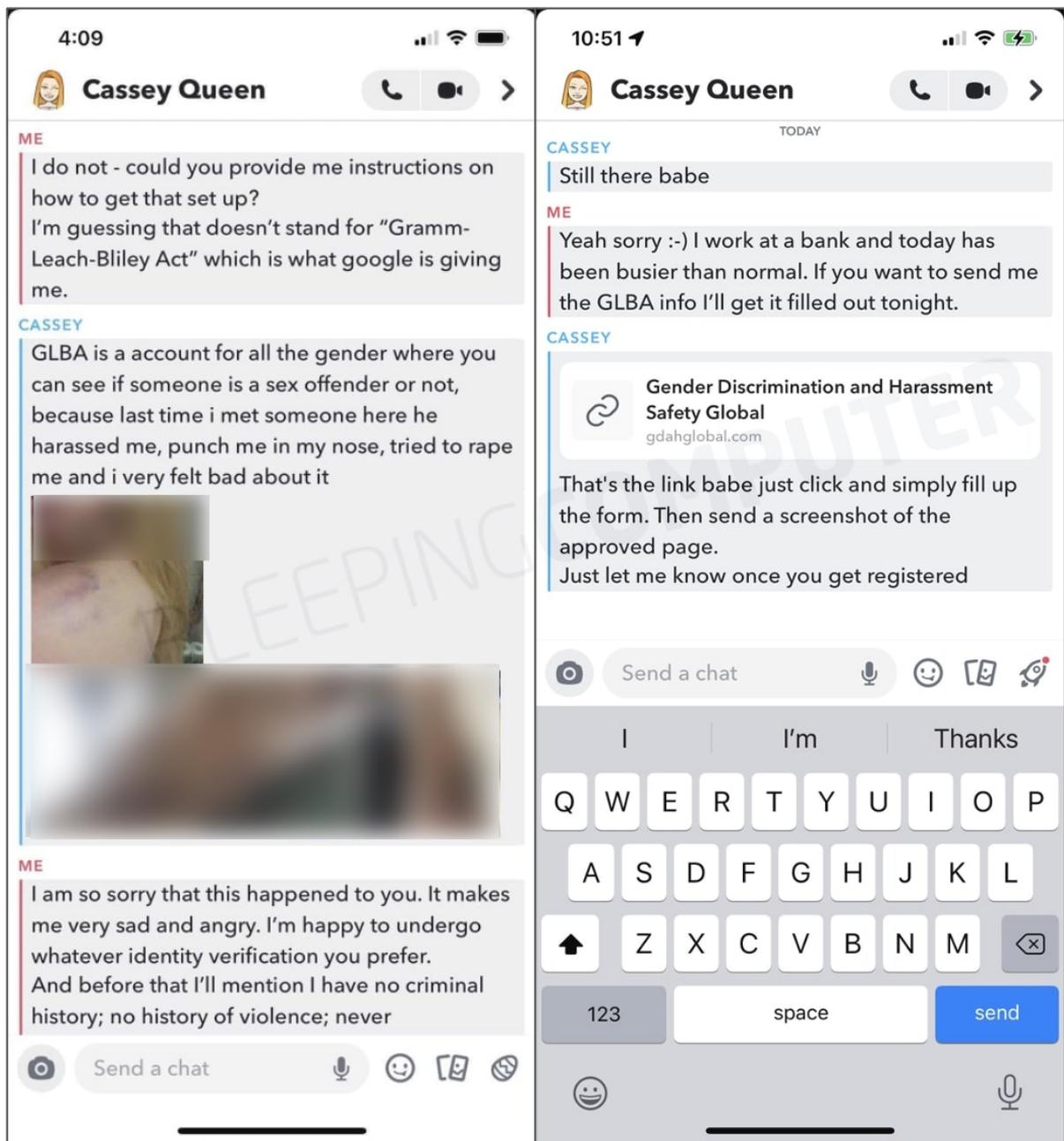
One of the people to have almost fallen for the scam, Michael (pseudonym) approached BleepingComputer with these pictures.

"I almost fell victim to a uniquely cruel catfishing scheme," Michael told BleepingComputer.

Michael had created a Tinder profile and matched with a "beautiful trans woman," in his words, and the two seemed to have hit it off quite easily.

As the conversation picked up, a new striking detail emerged. The woman Michael was chatting with requested him to use a third-party service to verify that Michael was not a former sex offender.

The woman, rather the person behind the profile, claimed that she had been assaulted before and shared some distressing pictures shown below to urge Michael to go along with the request. It should be noted that BleepingComputer blurred some of the images below due to their graphic nature.



**Scammer claims to be a battered victim (BleepingComputer)**

The request was simple—for Michael to navigate to a website called "GDAH" (Gender Discrimination and Harassment Safety Global) and verify his details.

The home page of *gdahglobal.com*, which is still up states, "it only takes your little time for your guaranteed safety and security," as seen by BleepingComputer.

The website is largely a landing page with just 'register' and 'sign in' buttons—the social media icons present in the footer lead nowhere:



**GDAH scam site homepage with minimal UI elements (BleepingComputer)**

Moreover, the registration process requires users to provide their credit card details and pay a nominal \$1.99/€2.99/£2.99 fee to sign up for an account.

The "GDAH" service claims to run the user's identity against known registered offender databases, but it is unclear if they actually perform this service as you are forced to enter payment information before being able to log into the site and learn more.

## Sign Up

Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve conditions. Your generous donation will fund our mission.

### Account Registration

By creating Gender Discrimination and Harassment Safety Global account or by using any Gender Discrimination and Harassment Safety Global service, whether through a mobile device, mobile application or computer (collectively, the "Service") you agree to allow us to verify your identity to avoid having fake members and make sure you are not a registered offender.

Signing up will cost \$1.99 / €2.99 / £2.99 / AUD 1.99 for processing Gender Discrimination and Harassment Safety Global account which will be donated directly to Harassment Victims Community Foundation(HVCF). **If you're signing as a Discreet Member, the transaction will be hidden to your bank account.**

**NOTE:** You can cancel your account anytime and refund the payment within 24hrs after signing up.

**\$1.99 / €2.99 / £2.99 / AUD 1.99 - Registration Fee**

**DISCREET MEMBER - Hide the charges** on your bank statement.

**NOTE:** If your country isn't in the country List, it means your country is still under investigation if it will be included. Choose **United States** with the **Zip Code of 10005** to access the site.

### Terms & Conditions

By submitting the form above and providing your credit card, you agree to allow us to verify your age identity to avoid having fake members and make sure you are not a registered sex offender.

We respect your privacy. This is a private and discreet service. Online payments are passed via a secure socket layer to a payment processor where your information is tokenized (whereby a random number is generated to represent your payment). The payment processor is PCI compliant which ensures that your information is being handled in accordance with industry security standards.

Your proper information such as Email and Card Details is extremely required for us to be able to verify and validate your account to prevent having fake members.

### FREE VERIFICATION PROCESS

Fill this form out for quick access:

Create A Username:

Choose A Password:

Email:

JOIN

**Registration requires a \$2-3 "donation" (BleepingComputer)**

BleepingComputer attempted to make contact with GDAH but we did not find contact information listed on any of the website's pages.

We additionally tried to trace some of the couples featured in the 'testimonials' section.

A reverse image search led us to stock photos [1, 2], of these couples, indicating these testimonials were fake.

## Testimonials



+1 to this legit website! I was swiping on Tinder and found this cute girl. Found her snap on her profile and added her. We talked for hours and damn fell inlove with her hot body. Asked her on a date but she asked me if I already have an account here. I made one and after that we banged all night. Thanks for this website I almost can't walk after that LOOOOL!

**Adrian & Samantha**

California, USA



The testimonial from 'Adrian & Samantha' contains a stock image (BleepingComputer)

## Over six dozen domains, link to a Cyprus office address

Further investigation by BleepingComputer led us to discover several user accounts that were approached in a similar fashion on Grindr and Tinder by "victims" claiming to be "beaten up" by their dates.

We also came across dozens of domains, which are still up, that claim to be online safety and ID check services and charge users the same nominal amounts in a similar fashion.

While these websites may actually perform the advertised services, there is no proof or guarantee that they do, and many of them have no contact information listed, which can certainly breed suspicion among users who are being led here by these dating profiles.

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violenceadvisory.com  
welfare-authentication.com  
women-protection.com  
worldwidesafetyadvisory.com  
wssp-ghr.online

One concern that arises among users is, if these websites may not only scam you for money but would also steal your identity.

Reddit user *raoulduke512* stated how they were approached by "someone who was 'beaten up' during his last Grindr encounter, supposedly," and led to one of these services.

"When I asked about it being a scam, I noticed his English suddenly became odd in a non-standard way. When I pointed out the site was just a portal for credit card info, I think he started to type another response but then blocked me a few minutes later," [wrote](#) the Redditor.

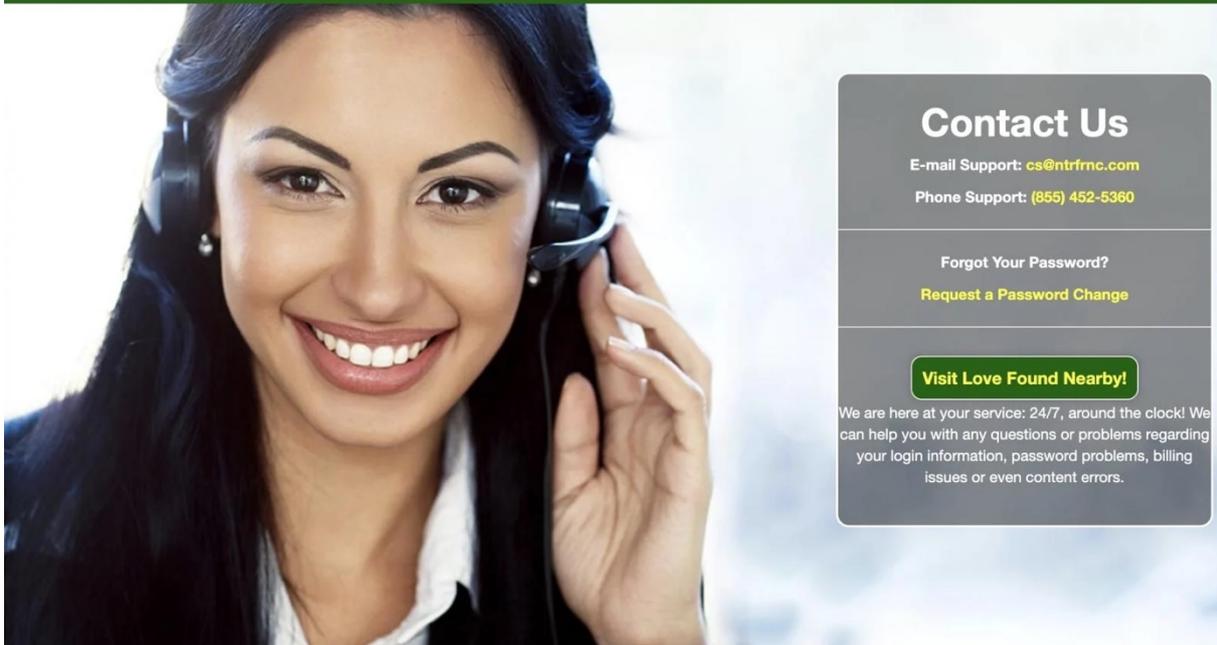
Another user reports [receiving](#) "a text message from a 'girl' sending me this link [datesafeplaysafe.com] to be able to 'hookup' with her."

Nearly all of these websites with many still up, implement the same workflow and lure—a single landing page collecting credit card details to "sign up" the user for a service that claims to rule out their sex offender status.

## **Dodgy "membership" options and billing agreements**

The credit card form embedded by virtually all of these websites is actually an HTML *iframe*, as a Redditor rightfully [pointed out](#).

These frames, we observed, are served by nonsensical-sounding domain names like *ndwhvl.com*, *ntrfrnc.com*, *pcngyh.com*, *slmtstfrs.com*, and *vrlstnglv.com* which feature an identical site design and list a Cyprus office address at the bottom.



## Welcome to Customer Support

I just looked at my credit card statement, what am I being billed for?

You purchased a membership or subscription from one of our pay sites. You should have received an email receipt at time of purchase. If you do not have your receipt please email us at: [cs@ntrfnc.com](mailto:cs@ntrfnc.com)

**Payment portal used by these sites claims to be Cyprus-based (BleepingComputer)**

The terms and conditions listed on these payment processing websites reveal something even more interesting. The user is apparently being enrolled into a recurring subscription with the following membership options:

- Full Access (€39.99) This allows you full access to the site and all messaging
- Limited Messaging Access (€19.99) This membership allows you to browse the site but only message 5 times per month
- Premium Messaging (€49.99) This allows you full access to the site and premium messaging
- Quarterly Membership, Full Access (€89.97) billed in 3 equal monthly installments of (€29.99) This allows you full access to the site and all messaging for 3 months at a discounted rate.

As such, with rising [online dating scams](#), users should be wary of profiles trying to lure them to use identity verification services, no matter how convincing their story may sound.

There is no indication of what the operators of these websites are actually up to. For all we know, in addition to charging your credit card arbitrary

amounts by enrolling you into "subscriptions," some of these web portals could very well be set up by actors attempting to collect and sell your personal information.

When approached by a scammer or a dubious profile, follow the steps set out by [Grindr](#) and [Tinder](#) to report the suspicious user to the platform.