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**QSI - Avoiding Scammers**

# What scams do I need to look out for? QSI



You are an early adopter of the crypto market. This is AMAZING and can provide you with never again seen types of returns on your investment. So, what's the catch? It's a new market (at least as far as adoption). All the issues haven't been worked out yet. You MUST educate yourself:

1. There are scammers out there who would like to steal your money
2. They use sneaky tricks to try to scam you

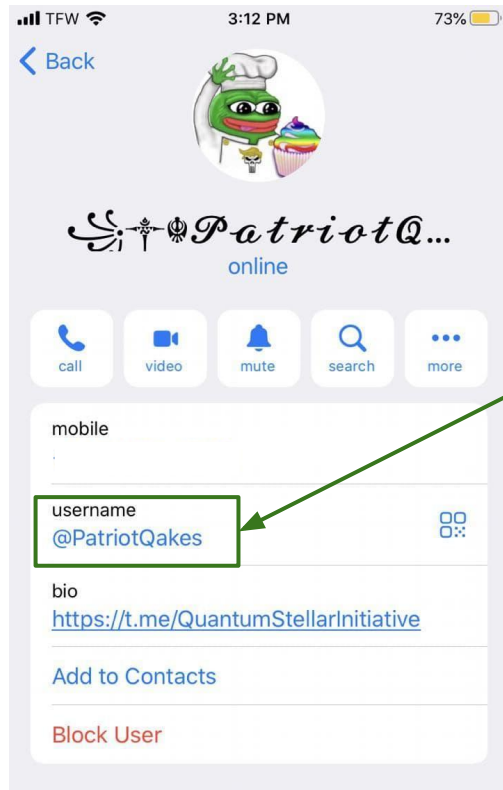
**Should I fear this and run away from crypto? NO!** You should educate yourself. Take the power back into your own hands and go forward to make your financial legacy creating generational wealth.

In this tutorial we will teach you all the (known at this time) tricks scammers are using to try to get you to send them your hard earned \$\$.

# Scam 1: Pretending to be a Telegram “personality”



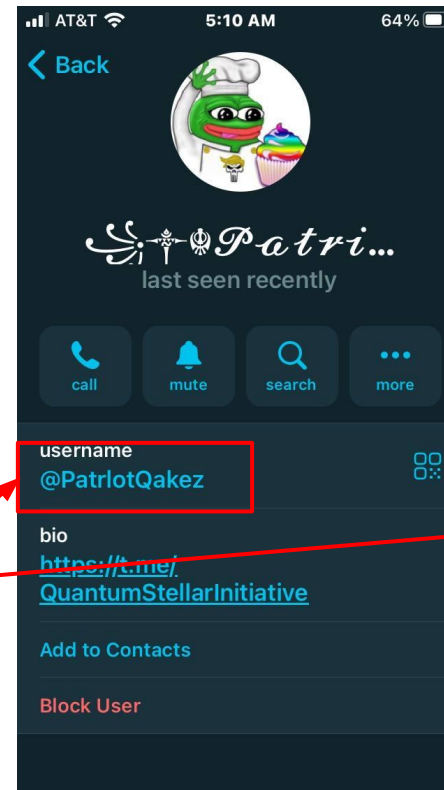
The most common scammer will pretend to be someone you view as an authority. They will take the profile picture and screen name of a Telegram group leader (or administrator) and make an @ name as close to the real persons @ name as possible. Then they will send a private message to you pretending to be the authority figure.



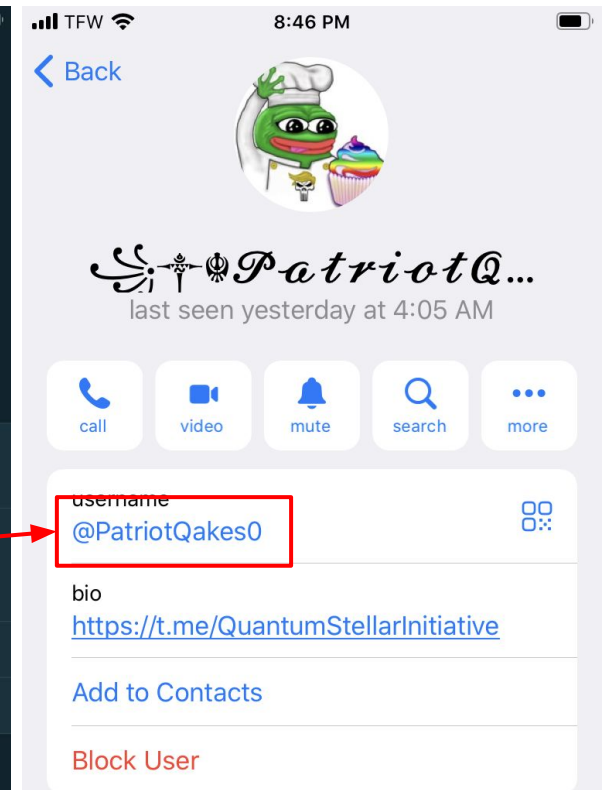
## Example:

Look closely at the @ names.  
See how they are different?

Real PatriotQakes

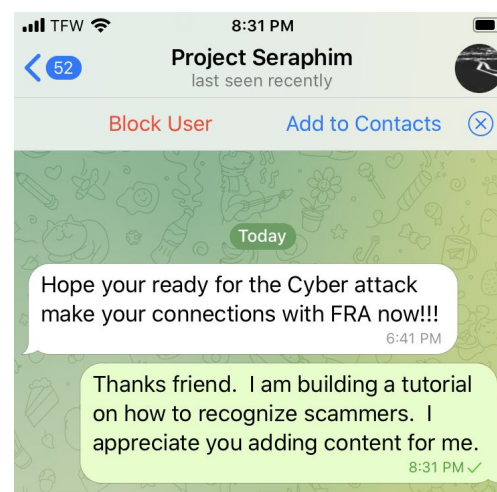
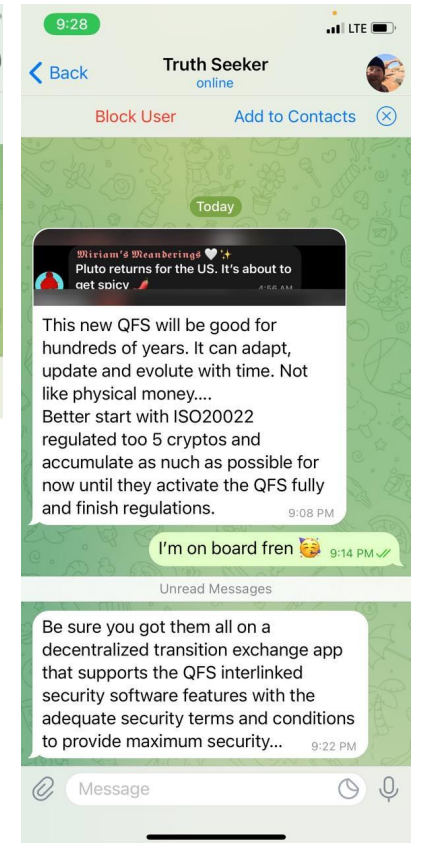
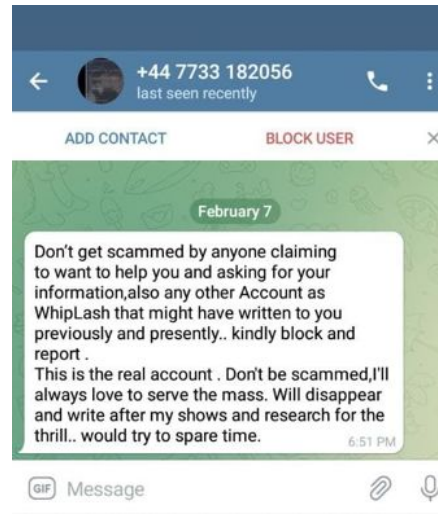


Fake PatriotQakes



# Scam 1 Cont'd

The scammer might send you a message like any of these....





# Scam 1 Continued



## Why are fake “personalities” messaging me?

They will have some script, pretending to help you, but really trying to get you to send your crypto to them or get you to tell them your private keys..

They will walk you through some process of where to send your crypto to saying it will keep it secure or be a more secure wallet. Or they may try to get your private keys to “help” you with something. Any address they give you to send crypto to is their, or their boss’s, wallet.

How do I avoid this scam?

1. **Do not private message with people you don’t know about crypto.** If you don’t respond to them, they can’t scam you. Keep it out in the open, in QSI supported chats. If you have questions, ask them there. Get help from administrators, in main chats, if you have questions.
2. **No “Authority” from any QSI** (or Whiplash, Project Seraphim, or any other crypto related channel) **will EVER private message you first.** These channels and their administrators are aware of scammers acting as copycats. Because of this, the vast majority have adopted the process of tagging you in the chat asking YOU to private message them first. This way you are clicking on the message, clicking on their name, and are private messaging with the right person and not a scammer. There are VERY few reasons someone from a channel would need to private message you. Either you have misbehaved in the chat, or you are speaking in the chat about a project you want to work on together. These people are busy and do not private message random users trying to help. That’s what the main chats are for!!
  - a. If you ever get a private message from any channel owner or administrator, go back to the main channel information. Look up the individuals @ screen name and see if they match. Look VERY closely and I bet you can spot the difference!
3. **NO person with good intentions will ever ask you to move your crypto into a different wallet and private message you with instructions to do so.** QSI has an [“ISO Wallets”](#) tutorial. This tutorial and any wallet recommendations will be posted on QSI.
4. **No person should EVER ask you for your private keys.** These are private and for no one else to know.

# Scam 2: Pretending to be a Channel

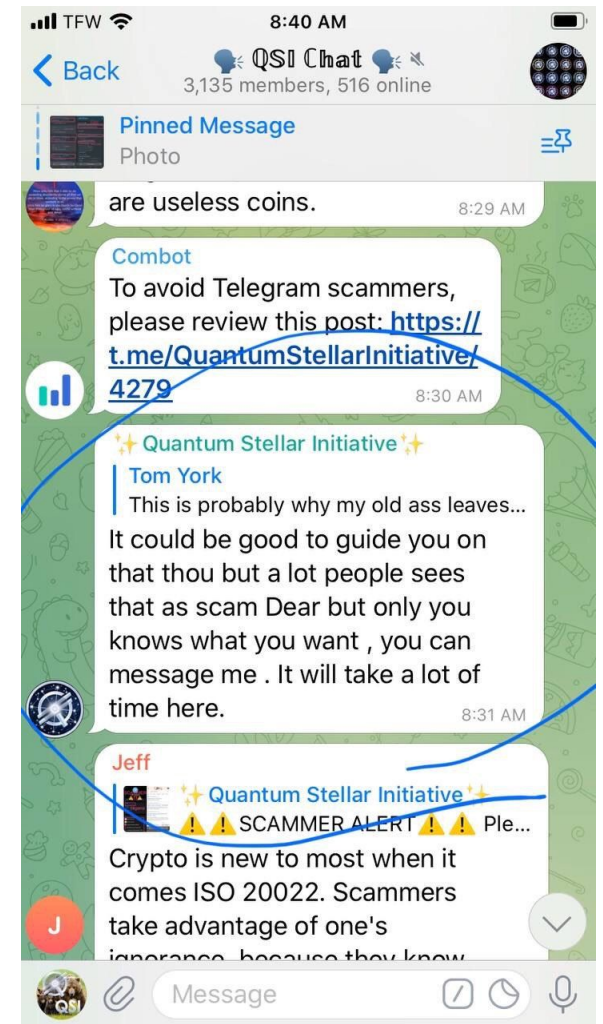


Instead of a scammer pretending to be an authority figure sometimes they will pretend to be a channel private messaging you.

**Channels can NOT private message you.** Only individual users. If you have a private message from a “channel” it is a scammer.

**A fake channel can also try to infiltrate a chat.** This one is trickier as channels do have the option to be able to posts in their chats as the channel (vs just as the screen name of whoever owns a channel). **QSI does NOT use this feature and will NEVER post in the chat as “QSI” but only as individual people who own, or act as admins, for the chat.**

**Golden Rule: QSI, Whiplash, or any admin/owner from most crypto channels will NEVER PM you first.** They are aware of scammers. Keep your chat in the open chat and its extremely unlikely you will ever get scammed.



Scammer pretending to be QSI

# Scam 3: I'm your friend



Scammer #3 is more sophisticated. This person might private message you out of nowhere or they might try to start making friends with you in main chats. They set up legitimate looking profiles and often speak more proper English. They may even seem to have real crypto knowledge. They will blend in with the chat “crowd”, answering questions and helping you at first.

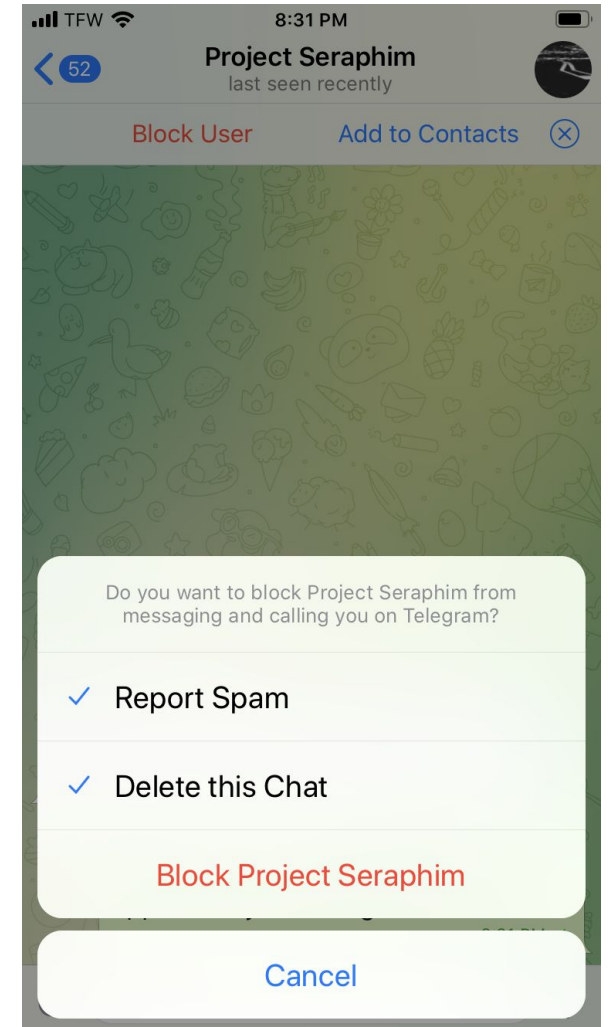
## How do I avoid this scammer?!

- **Don't private message people!** Keep everything in the main QSI chat and your quorum slice chats. This goes for token developer chats too. They are going to have a much harder time scamming anyone in a big chat with admins everywhere who are looking for this type of behavior!
- If you are going to private message people these should be people you know, trust already, and have met. Not new online friends.
- **Never send your crypto to an address a “friend”, “authority”, or “channel” asks you to.**
- **Never give your private keys to ANYONE EVER.** No one needs those to do anything but steal the contents of your wallet.

# Staying Safe & Reporting Scammers



- **NEVER** send crypto to a wallet address given to you. **There is NO such thing as backing up your wallet for safekeeping.** All recommended wallets are listed in the “[QSI - ISO Wallets](#)” document.
  - If you wanted to move your XLM from your LOBSTR wallet to a Ledger Wallet you would download the Ledger Wallet app. Open it up. Find the XLM address (to your PERSONAL Ledger wallet) and that is the address you send your XLM to. No one should be giving you an address to send your crypto to ever.
- **NEVER EVER EVER** give anyone your personal/secret keys to your wallet. This gives someone full access to your wallet to do as they wish. If someone has your secret keys they can steal everything in your wallet.
  - **If you have ever given out your private keys create a new wallet IMMEDIATELY.** Transfer everything from your old wallet to your new wallet and close your old wallet. You won't want to use your old wallet ever again.
- **Don't share your crypto holdings in groups.** If you are sharing how much you hold of an asset you are making yourself a target.
- **Report the scammer!**
  - In a private message you can click on the persons profile icon and then click “block”. Generally, you will get a pop up to report the profile.





# What if I have been Scammed?



- If you have read and understood this tutorial, it's very doubtful that will happen! You know what to look out for, you know not to send your crypto to addresses which aren't your own wallet addresses, and you know not to give out your private keys.
- LEARN FROM IT! You are not the first person to be scammed in the crypto world. After all many of us had to learn all of this before there were any tutorials available, any chats to ask questions, any guides to help keep us safe, any knowledge about scammers. Many of us had to press a lot of buttons and try things and get burned a few times along the way. But you have a choice. Learn from it, move past it, and don't make the same mistake again, or give up. If you've made it this far, I can't imagine you are in the "give up" category.
- KEEP IN MIND: At the end of the day, we are all extremely early to the adoption of the crypto market. You are part of the greatest transfer of wealth in human history. Very small sums of money invested well could possibly be all you need to create generational wealth. A scammer can steal your money, but they can't steal your knowledge and you CAN rebuild. If you have the knowledge QSI is bringing to you here, you will be successful. Learn all you can, study hard, and allow it to pay off. You have so many wonderful guides in QSI chats ready to help get you back on your feet and build that wallet back up! You've made it this far. Don't quit on something amazing just because it got hard, and you learned a not so fun lesson. Your attitude is everything!

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