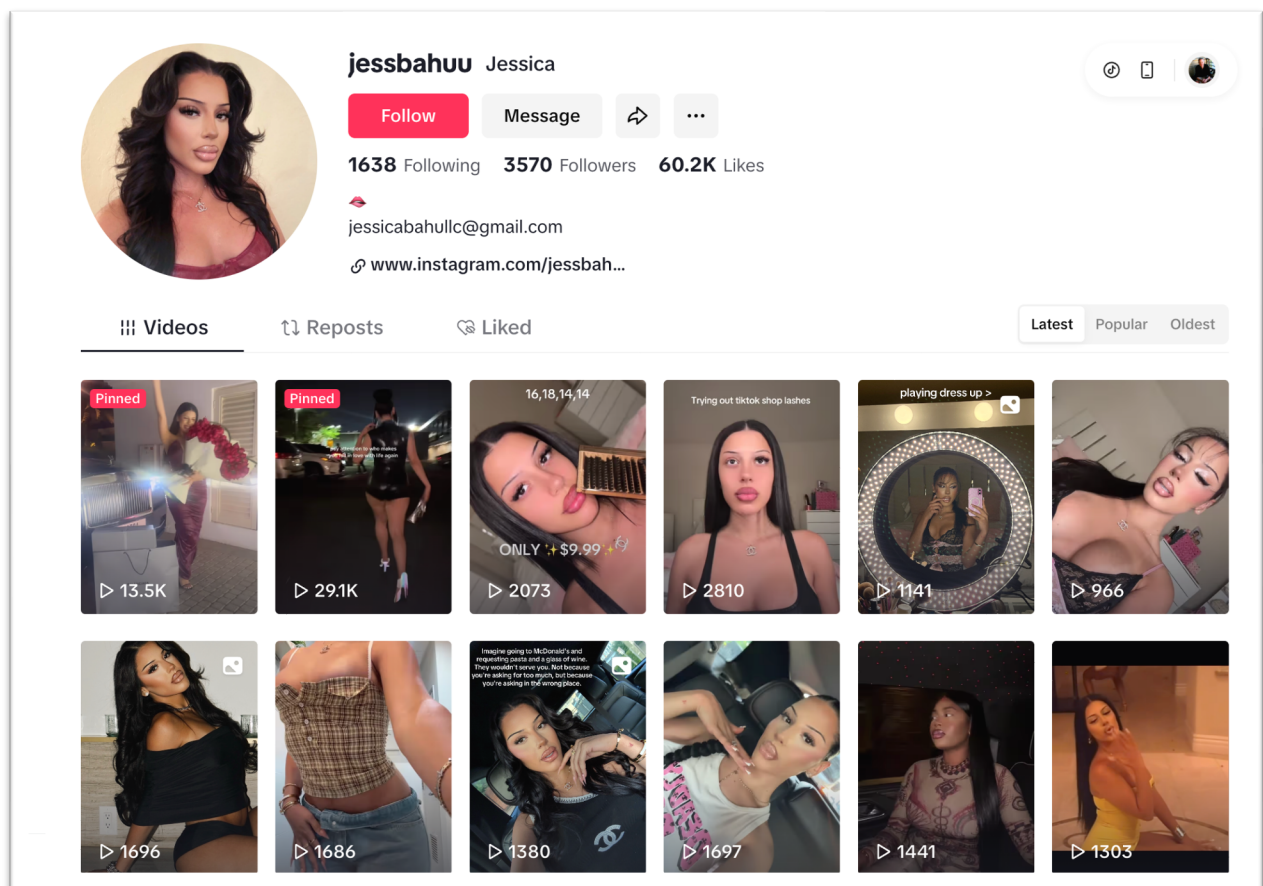


TikToker Allegedly Posed As FBI Agent And Stole Life Savings In Chase Bank Fraud Impersonation Scheme

22-year-old Jessica Bahu (an avid Tik Toker) certainly doesn't fit the profile of an FBI agent, but according to police in Texas, she allegedly helped steal the life savings of an elderly couple with her impersonation scam.

Police initially couldn't find her as spent two weeks on a yacht in Florida after stealing \$25,000 from the couple.

She certainly doesn't look like your average FBI agent.



The scheme began on August 6 when an 80-year-old Garland man and his 77-year-old wife received a phone call that would cost them everything they had saved. The caller claimed to be from Chase Bank, warning them about fraudulent activity on their account.

A Convincing Fraud Analyst Scam

"He was so convincing, and he kept me on the phone for hours," she told CBS news.

"He called and he said someone was trying to remove \$6,000 from my account, a wire transfer, and he was going to block it," she said.

What followed was an elaborate scam. The scammer told the couple they would be working with the Federal Reserve to catch the criminals, and that they needed to withdraw cash to test for "red flags" in the banking system.



"I want you to go to the bank; we're going to work with the Federal Reserve," she said. "We're going to put money in your account and you're going to take it out, and we're going to look for red flags."

At first, she says she withdrew \$9,500.

"I was getting notices from Chase with those code numbers that you get, and I would read it back to him," she said.

"Don't talk to anybody at the bank, don't talk to anybody," the caller warned, his voice in her ear through her phone as she stood at the teller window. After the first withdrawal, he instructed her to return for another \$15,500.

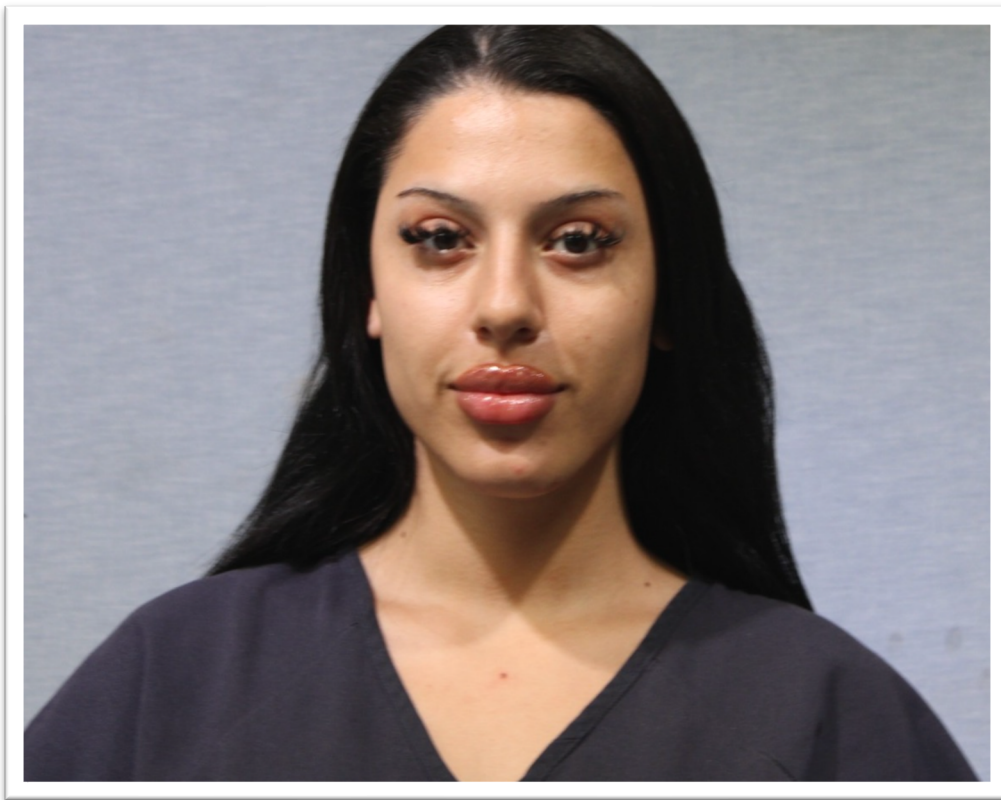
The Parking Lot Handoff To The "FBI Agent"

The couple was told to put the cash in a box and meet an FBI agent in a parking lot. That's apparently when Jessica Bahu drove up and was ready to take the money.

"Yes, that's her, give her the money," the man on the phone confirmed. That woman, police say, was Jessica Bahu.

Even after taking \$25,000, the scammer tried for more. He directed the victim back to the bank for a third withdrawal, but this time something broke through the spell.

"I saw that my savings account had \$2.98 left in it," the victim said. Standing in line at the bank, she finally realized what had happened.



She Was Arrested But Her Accomplice Remains At Large

Garland police tracked Jessica Bahu through her license plate after the couple reported the crime.

"Took our money and went to Florida and was on a yacht for two weeks," she told CBS news. "If that doesn't make you mad, I don't know what will."

Police believe others may be involved in the operation. The sophisticated nature of the scam, with one person maintaining phone contact while another collected the money, suggests a coordinated effort.