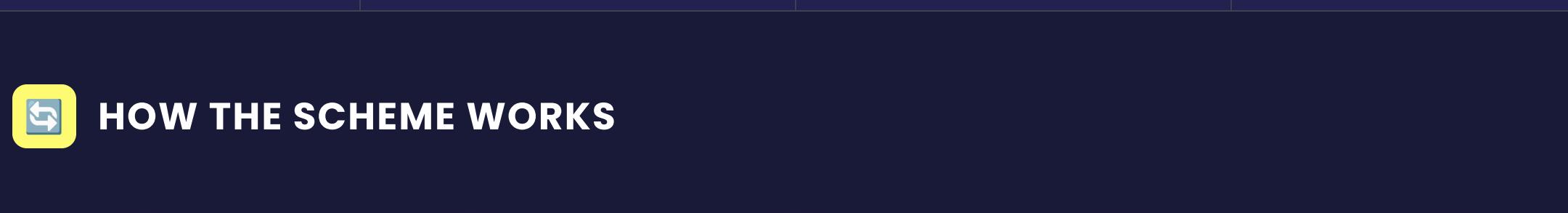
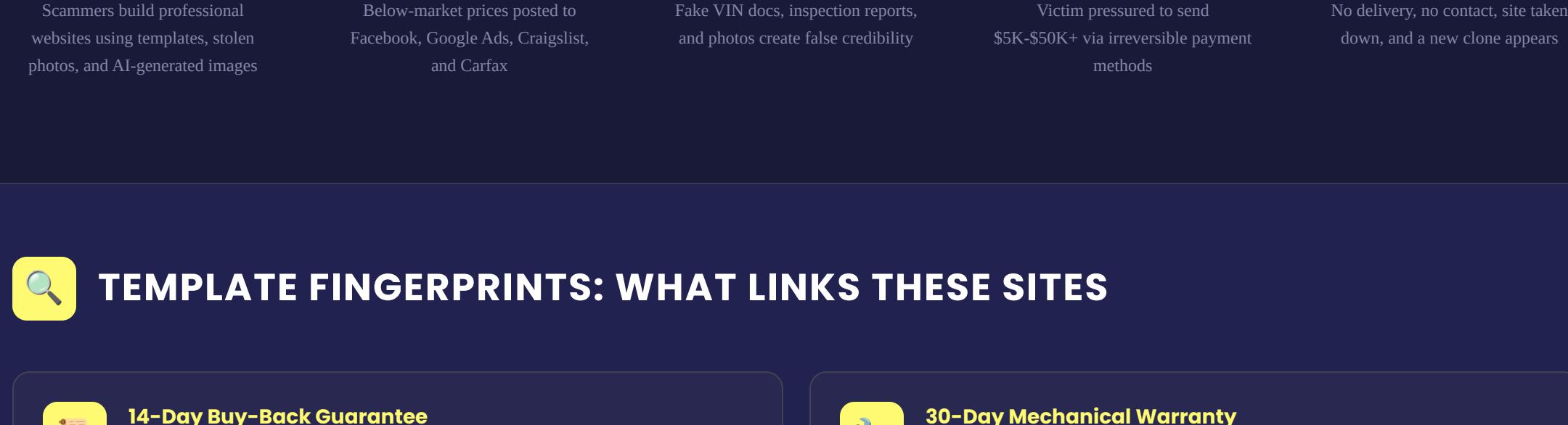


DEALER CLONING SCAM EXPOSED

International fraudsters are operating 50+ fake dealership websites selling tractors, heavy equipment, and classic muscle cars they don't own. Here's how the scheme works and how to protect yourself.



HOW THE SCHEME WORKS



TEMPLATE FINGERPRINTS: WHAT LINKS THESE SITES

14-Day Buy-Back Guarantee Every site promises full refund with "no questions asked" processed in 48 hours "Full refund, no questions asked, processed in 48 hours"	30-Day Mechanical Warranty Coverage on engine, transmission, and hydraulics mentioned identically "30-Day Warranty on engine, transmission, hydraulics"
"Trust Kit" Pre-Payment VIN verification, inspection reports, and photos sent to build false trust "We don't ask for blind trust, we earn it"	Warehouse Business Model Claims of low overhead, fast turnover, sourcing from auctions across 50 states "Fast turnover at low margins"
Nationwide Delivery Only No in-person visits allowed. Insured lowboy or enclosed shipping promised "Own transportation fleet, nationwide delivery"	Irreversible Payments Only Wire transfer, ACH, or cashier's check. Never credit cards or escrow "Complete your purchase through wire transfer"

CRITICAL RED FLAGS

NEW DOMAIN, OLD CLAIMS Site registered weeks ago but claims "years of experience" or "thousands of units sold" "WHOIS lookup shows domain is less than 6 months old"	BELOW-MARKET PRICES Equipment priced 30-50% below market value with vague excuses about "low overhead" "\$50,000 tractor listed for \$15,000"	NO IN-PERSON VISITS Seller refuses inspection and insists on delivery-only transactions "I cannot receive you until next week"
PRESSURE TACTICS Claims other buyers are interested, demands immediate wire transfer "Go to the bank in 30 minutes"	STOLEN/AI PHOTOS Images stolen from real dealers or AI-generated with artifacts like extra fingers "Reverse image search reveals source"	FAKE ADDRESSES Listed locations are public buildings, vacant lots, or ports with no affiliation "Google Street View shows no dealership"

THE REAL IMPACT

Farmers Delay planting seasons because equipment never arrives, losing entire crop cycles \$45,500 One victim's loss	Real Dealers Legitimate businesses have their identity stolen, reviews destroyed, and reputation ruined 100s Angry victims showing up	Older Adults Often targeted because they have savings and may be less familiar with online fraud tactics \$37,000 Another victim's loss
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KNOWN SCAM PHONE NUMBERS

970-500-3764 TractoMaxx Supply	320-633-2194 Five Acre Tractor	717-539-4744 Meadow Ridge	380-233-4981 Igal Autos
320-526-2024 Pentara Auto	318-666-5416 Horizon Car Sales	575-912-2490 Dude's Tractor	386-552-1277 Star Tractor
417-526-2432 Benton Tractor	580-741-2860 Pioneer Ridge	585-889-8458 Valley Tractor	659-204-1955 Ironwood Tractor
207-495-4082 QCA Equipment	430-507-7304 Salthouse Auto	507-905-1980 Sterling Wheels	419-345-1076 Silverline Auto

PROTECT YOURSELF

INSPECT IN PERSON Always view vehicles or equipment before sending money. Hire a local mechanic if you can't go yourself.	CHECK DOMAIN AGE Use WHOIS to verify when the site was created. New domains claiming years of history are red flags.	REVERSE IMAGE SEARCH Copy photos and search Google Images or TinEye. Stolen images expose the scam.	NEVER WIRE MONEY Use credit cards or escrow services with buyer protection. Wires are irreversible.
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