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Fraud Fighters In Action

Hello fellow fraud fighters,

We held the Consumer Protection Fraud Forum last evening. As we know, the scammer out there are sophisticated, relentless and ruthless. Now artificial intelligence may up the ante in fraudsters' capabilities even further. These scoundrels are now accessing the voice recordings of individuals from videos, etc., posted online via social media platforms to use in generating phone calls to Ohioans. An example provided: The scammers use as little as six words taken from online videos when impersonating grandchildren in the notorious grandparent scam. It is the actual grandchild's voice being used! This may very well open a new can of worms in the work we do. Spread the word.

**WATCH
OUT**



That panicky call from a relative?

Very well may be a **scammer** using a voice clone.

Sources: FTC & NPR

You get a call. There's a panicked voice on the line. It's your grandson. He says he's in deep trouble — he wrecked the car and landed in jail. But you can help by sending money. You take a deep breath and think. You've heard about grandparent scams. But darn, it sounds just like him. How could it be a scam? Voice cloning, that's how.

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Darktrace warns of rise in AI-enhanced scams since ChatGPT release

Cybersecurity firm notes emergence of sophisticated email scams featuring improved linguistic complexity

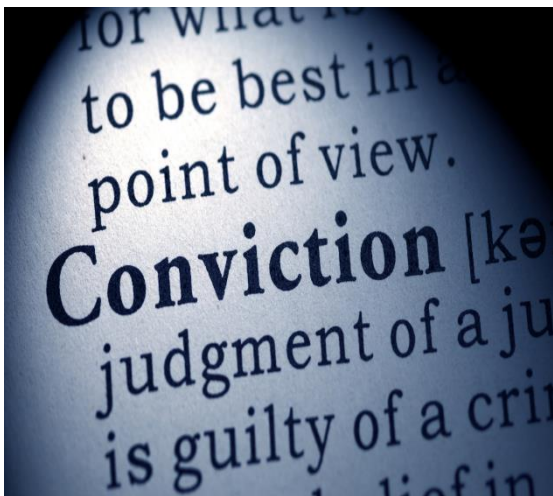
The cybersecurity firm Darktrace has warned that [since the release of ChatGPT](#) it has seen an increase in criminals using artificial intelligence to create more sophisticated scams to con employees and hack into businesses.

The Cambridge-based company, which reported a 92% drop in operating profits in the half year to the end of December, said AI was further enabling “hactivist” [cyber-attacks using ransomware to extort money from businesses](#).

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Jury Convicts Pair of Fraud and Health Care Fraud in Toledo

TOLEDO, Ohio - First Assistant United States Attorney Michelle M. Baeppler announced that a federal jury convicted Dr. Oliver Jenkins, age 60, and Sherry-Ann Jenkins, age 58, of Jessup, Georgia, of conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud, and health care fraud on Friday, March 17, in Toledo, Ohio following a two-week trial before Judge Jack Zouhary.

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