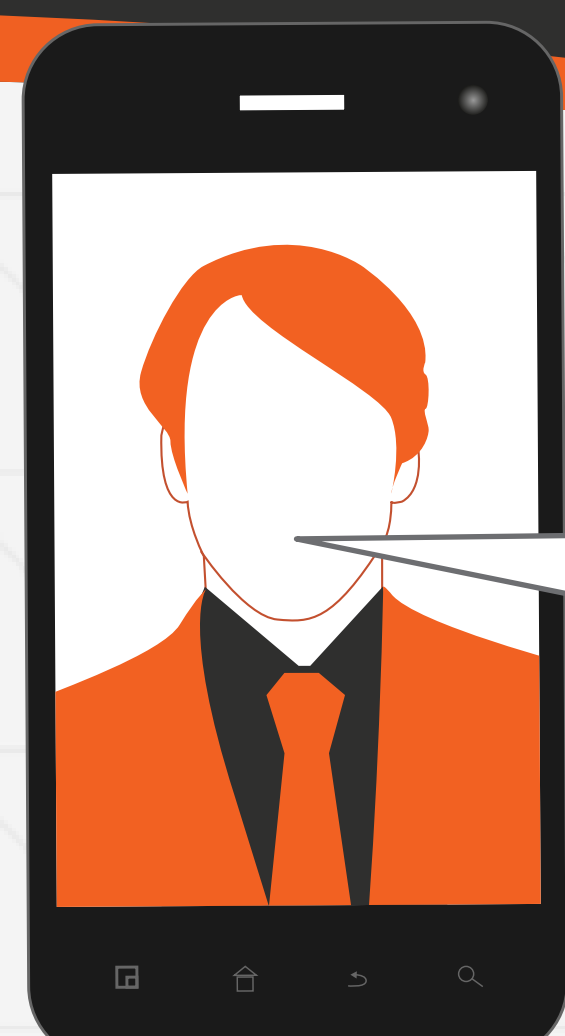


HUNTER WISE'S SILVERY SLOPE

Bob was a savvy investor who got taken by an elaborate silver investment scheme. Follow his story to learn how to spot the signs of fraud.



A BROKER CALLS

Silver is poised for a rise. I've got a great opportunity for you to maximize your profits.

RED FLAG

Say "no" to cold calls offering investments.

BOB RESEARCHES THE OPPORTUNITY

Looks up the company and silver prices online.

Flies to Palm Beach, meets the brokers and receives silver bars as a show of good faith.



RED FLAG

Be wary of brokers offering you tokens or favors to entice you to invest.



KEY MISSED STEP

Bob didn't check the broker's registration as part of researching the investment. Most fraudsters aren't registered. Always check registration status at [SmartCheck.gov](https://www.smartcheck.gov) before investing.



BOB MAKES AN INVESTMENT

Wires funds from his retirement savings.

Receives statements showing gains.

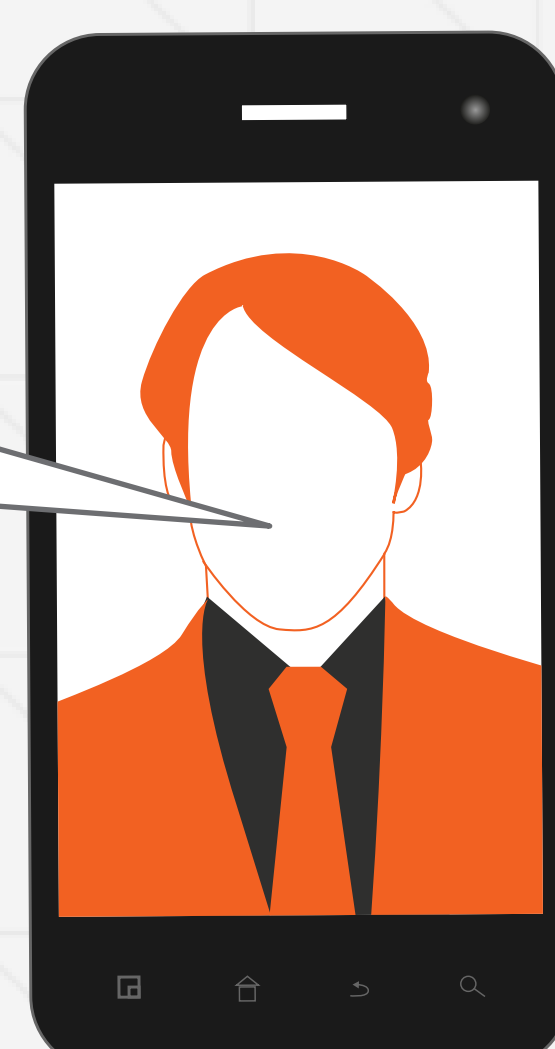
RED FLAG

Review statements thoroughly and take unusually big gains skeptically.

PRESSURE TO INCREASE INVESTMENT

Increase your investment to 10,000 ounces of silver to maximize profits.

Bob reluctantly wires more money.



RED FLAG

Resist the urge to invest more than you're comfortable with.



CHANGE IN TERMS

The broker suddenly informs Bob that automatic-stop protection is no longer available, but is reassured his money will be "watched like a hawk."

Bob continues to invest, but cautiously.

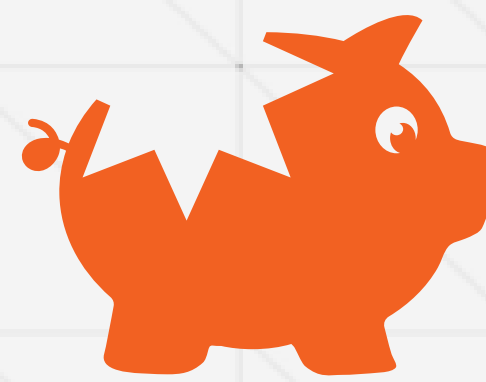
RED FLAG

Always question a sudden change of terms.

EVERYTHING IS GONE

The broker claims Bob's money is gone due to "market manipulation."

He realizes it was all a scheme.



FRAUDSTERS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE

Bob's records help the CFTC prosecute Hunter Wise.

Bob and other victims receive some restitution.



SMART MOVE

Bob kept all his documents and communications with the brokers who introduced him to the Hunter Wise scam. Always ask for disclosures and statements in writing. Be sure to keep everything on file in case something goes wrong.

LESSON LEARNED

Elaborate facades are created to hide the truth from even the smartest investors. Watch *True Fraud Stories: Hunter Wise's Silvery Slope* at [SmartCheck.gov](https://www.smartcheck.gov) to get Bob's full story.

And check back regularly to know the signs, check registration and submit a tip if you suspect fraud.

