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Thread: [Would this be considered valid or invalid reputation?](#)

Formant - June 5, 2016, 6:29 am

Hypothetically speaking, are we allowed to leave reps such as "User admitted to scamming [proof link here]" ?

If someone admitted to scamming, especially on site, surely the rep would be valid given there is a link to proof, no? I'd assume the rep would be invalid without proof (i.e., screenshot, thread/post id etc.)

Just curious.

Krule - June 5, 2016, 6:40 am

I think we can. I've never done such a thing so I'm not for certain.

Grammar Rays - June 5, 2016, 7:13 am

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Egregious Jr. - June 5, 2016, 10:35 am

Unless you were the one he scammed it is not valid. The link also must be a deal dispute thread.

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Exactly my point. Both are very valid perspectives...

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Totally understand that as well which is why I questioned the purpose of reporting such a post in the first place. If you're not breaking HF policy you shouldn't get closed.

StevesTrolls - June 5, 2016, 11:52 am

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Nostre - June 5, 2016, 1:12 pm

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I'm gonna be honest, I didn't even think of doing that lmao. I don't think I've ever gave out a "DWC" rep so I guess that's why haha. If I ever come across a situation like this, that is what I'll do. Thanks ?

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Suspense - June 5, 2016, 3:31 pm

Only reputations that link to a scam report created by the giving member are valid.

I believe this would fall under as an invalid reputation, as it does not follow the guidelines of the [Help Docs](#). However, I could be completely wrong.

Doctor Blue - June 5, 2016, 3:42 pm

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Thanks for clarifying. I think my answer has been more or less answered so I'm going to go a head and close this thread. A reputation with "Deal with caution" and a link for what ever reason will suffice, I guess.

Thanks everyone who replied ?