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Thread: Scammer gets $300k in Crypto

Omniscient - *December 16, 2024, 10:50 am*
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Holy shit. Never give your phone out to strangers, and if i did.. I'm standing over their shoulder making sure they are doing what they said they would do. I've seen that scam with Cash App/Venmo and other banking institutions. I had not heard of someone doing a crypto transaction though.

RangoWorld - *December 16, 2024, 10:54 am*
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Yep. Having $300K worth of crypto in just your mobile wallet is asking for trouble - specially if it is not protected well enough.

LSD - *December 16, 2024, 3:31 pm*

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Mewtwo - *December 16, 2024, 4:52 pm*

If you're an Apple user, and decide to give someone access to your phone, you can setup guided access so it pretty much sandboxes to what app you only want them to use. They can't exit without a passcode. You can also put a time limit until it locks out the iPhone as well.

Beaks - *December 16, 2024, 5:29 pm*

I thought when you sent on there you had to 2 factor. Don't you?

Edit: Hardware wallets all the way, but how did they get the 2FA? Shouldn't that be a 1PW or something secure as well anyways so even if you had device it doesn't matter.

StuffSneak - *December 16, 2024, 11:37 pm*

I have moved away from using exchanges & hot wallets completely. For regular use, I am keeping a Tangem card in my wallet & rest all crypto goes to Trezor. But giving your phone to a stranger or even an acquaintance is not a smart thing to do at all.