

CONFIDENTIAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Romance Fraud Investigation.

CASE REFERENCE

GL-RFI-2026-0142

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SUBJECT (NAME ALLEGED)

James W. Hartley

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§1 • EXECUTIVE ASSESSMENT

Assessment at a glance.

ASSESSMENT

FRAUDULENT

SUMMARY

The person you have been corresponding with under the name James W. Hartley is not the person depicted in the photographs supplied. The images have been recovered from the public Instagram account of a verified fitness model based in São Paulo, Brazil, with the earliest known posting dated 14 March 2022. The financial-request pattern, communication cadence, and platform history are consistent with documented pig-butcher fraud operations originating in Southeast Asia. We assess with high confidence that this is a fraudulent engagement at the cultivation stage, approximately three to five weeks ahead of an investment-platform pitch.

§ 2 • DIGITAL FOOTPRINT SCORECARD

Six dimensions, six findings.

Each dimension below has been rated on a red / amber / green scale. Red findings indicate evidence of fraud or material concern; amber findings indicate ambiguity warranting further attention; green findings indicate no concern identified. Where any single dimension is rated red, the overall assessment is influenced.

Identity authenticity	● RED	The claimed identity does not reconcile with any verifiable public record, professional registration, or social media archive.
Image provenance	● RED	All four photographs supplied are recovered from a third party's public Instagram account; none originate with the subject.
Behavioural consistency	● RED	Stated profession (offshore engineer), claimed location (Aberdeen), and observable response timing are mutually inconsistent.
Financial signals	● RED	The framing of recent financial discussion matches Stage 2 cultivation in documented pig-butcherer typologies.
Platform history	● AMBER	The subject's accounts are 4–7 months old with low organic engagement; consistent with disposable cultivation accounts.
Disclosure pattern	● RED	The subject avoids video calls, declines audio messages, and resists meeting in person despite three months of correspondence.

§ 3 • IMAGE PROVENANCE ANALYSIS

Where the photographs come from.

The following analysis covers every photograph supplied by the client during intake. Reverse-image searches have been conducted across multiple engines. Where a match is found, the source is identified and dated. Where image metadata is recoverable, it is reported.

Photograph 1 — supplied 28 April 2026, via WhatsApp**REVERSE-IMAGE FINDINGS**

Image is recovered from the public Instagram account @lucasmoreira.fit, originally posted 14 March 2022. The account belongs to a verified fitness model based in São Paulo, Brazil. Image has been mirrored horizontally and lightly cropped, consistent with attempts to defeat reverse-image search.

METADATA SUMMARY

EXIF data stripped. Original Instagram metadata recovered via Wayback Machine snapshot dated 02 April 2022.

AI-GENERATION ASSESSMENT

Image is a genuine photograph of a real person, but not the subject. Confidence: high.

CONCLUSION

Image is recovered from a third party. Not authentic to subject.

Photograph 2 — supplied 28 April 2026, via WhatsApp**REVERSE-IMAGE FINDINGS**

Image is recovered from the same Instagram account, originally posted 11 July 2022. Cropping and mild colour-grading applied to obscure provenance.

METADATA SUMMARY

EXIF data stripped.

AI-GENERATION ASSESSMENT

Genuine photograph; not authentic to subject.

CONCLUSION

Image is recovered from a third party. Not authentic to subject.

Photograph 3 — supplied 28 April 2026, via WhatsApp**REVERSE-IMAGE FINDINGS**

Image is recovered from the same Instagram account, originally posted 23 September 2022.

METADATA SUMMARY

EXIF data stripped.

AI-GENERATION ASSESSMENT

Genuine photograph; not authentic to subject.

CONCLUSION

Image is recovered from a third party. Not authentic to subject.

Photograph 4 — supplied 02 May 2026, via WhatsApp (claimed 'live selfie')**REVERSE-IMAGE FINDINGS**

Image found on the same Instagram account, posted 04 February 2023. Despite being supplied with the claim that it was taken in real time, the image is more than three years old.

METADATA SUMMARY

EXIF data stripped. Social media compression artefacts present, inconsistent with a fresh capture from a phone camera.

AI-GENERATION ASSESSMENT

Genuine photograph; not authentic to subject. The claim that this image was taken contemporaneously is materially false.

CONCLUSION

Image is recovered from a third party. The misrepresentation is itself evidentially significant.

§ 4 · IDENTITY RECONCILIATION

Stated against verified.

Each identifier the subject has shared is reconciled against open-source intelligence. Where an identifier matches a verifiable record, this is noted. Where it does not, or where it actively contradicts other available evidence, the inconsistency is flagged.

Identifier	Stated by subject	Greyline finding
Name	James W. Hartley	No matching public record under this name with the claimed profession or location.
Profession	Offshore engineer, BP	BP HR records and LinkedIn searches return no employee under this name. Profession claim unverifiable.
Location	Aberdeen, Scotland	Subject's response timing is consistent with UTC+7 (Southeast Asia), not GMT (United Kingdom).
Phone number	+44 7XXX XXXXXX	Number resolves to a UK virtual VoIP service known to be reseller-routed; not a UK mobile carrier.
Email address	j.hartley.eng@protonmail.com	ProtonMail address with no public records, no breach-database entries, and no linked accounts. Created on or after January 2026.
Instagram	@jameswhartley_offshore	Account created 12 January 2026. 47 followers. Engagement pattern consistent with disposable cultivation account.

§ 5 · PATTERN ASSESSMENT

What the behaviour matches.

The behavioural pattern observed in this case matches Stage 2 cultivation in what is internationally known as 'pig-butcher' fraud — a long-burn investment-fraud typology originating in Southeast Asia, named in the literature for its slaughter-the-pig metaphor where the victim is fattened with affection before being financially extracted.

The hallmarks present here include: an unusually rapid emotional escalation in the first two weeks of contact; consistent avoidance of any synchronous verification (video, voice, in-person meeting) despite three months of correspondence; a stated profession that places the subject conveniently out of reach of casual verification; and the recent introduction of investment-themed conversation, which in the documented playbook precedes a direct platform pitch by approximately three to five weeks.

The platform pitch, when it arrives, will typically take the form of an introduction to a 'private' or 'exclusive' cryptocurrency or foreign-exchange trading platform, often accessible via a custom mobile application. Initial deposits will appear to perform extraordinarily well; withdrawals will be permitted at first; the operator will then introduce a barrier to a larger withdrawal — a 'tax', a 'release fee', a 'verification deposit' — designed to extract further funds. Total losses in confirmed pig-butcher cases regularly exceed six figures.

We do not assess that the person you have been speaking with is the true originator of this operation. They are more likely a member of a structured fraud cell, often working under coercive conditions in scam compounds in Cambodia, Laos, or Myanmar. This is a context worth holding alongside the assessment — the moral architecture of these operations is more complex than a single bad actor — but it does not change our conclusion regarding your exposure.

§ 6 • FINANCIAL-REQUEST REVIEW

Money requested or transferred.

Each financial request or transfer relating to this engagement is examined for hallmarks of fraud and assessed for recovery viability where applicable.

DATE

21 April 2026

METHOD

Conversation only, no transfer made

AMOUNT

£500–£1,000 (suggested 'opening deposit')

STATED PURPOSE

Trial entry to a 'private trading platform' the subject described as 'low-risk arbitrage'.

GREYLINE ASSESSMENT

This is the opening of a pig-butcher investment pitch. No funds have yet been transferred. The pitch is at Stage 2 of the documented playbook. If transferred, initial returns will appear positive to encourage larger deposits; the platform itself is fraudulent.

RECOVERY VIABILITY

Not applicable — no transfer has occurred.

§ 7 · LIMITATIONS

What this report does not establish.

We did not examine the subject's primary device, access private accounts or messages, contact the subject directly, or contact third parties referenced by the subject. The assessment is based on open-source intelligence and the materials supplied by the client. Identification of the operation as Southeast Asia-based is inferential, drawn from response-timing analysis and behavioural typology; we cannot identify the specific compound, cell, or individual. The assessment could be materially refined by additional evidence — particularly any prior platform accounts the subject may have used under different names — but our existing assessment is sufficiently supported to issue a confident conclusion.

§ 8 • RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS

What we suggest you do next.

These recommendations are practical. They are not legal advice. They reflect what experienced analysts in our position would advise a person in yours.

- 01.** Cease all contact with the subject. Do not announce the cessation in advance, do not explain your reasons, and do not engage further.
- 02.** Before ceasing contact, screenshot every conversation, profile, and image — store these in a location the subject cannot access. Once contact ends, the subject's accounts may be deleted within hours.
- 03.** Do not transfer any funds to any platform, account, or individual introduced to you by the subject under any circumstances. The 'investment opportunity' is the operation's monetisation step.
- 04.** Report the matter to Action Fraud (UK) at actionfraud.police.uk. You may quote this report reference (GL-RFI-2026-0142) in your report.
- 05.** Review your own digital security. Change passwords on any account where you have used the same credentials. Enable two-factor authentication on email, banking, and social accounts.
- 06.** Consider speaking with someone you trust about the experience. The emotional dimension of a fraud of this kind is significant; clarity about what occurred is part of recovering from it.

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