

# SCAM SCENARIO: OTHER TRUSTED PARTY (DISASTER RELIEF DONATION)



1▶ Kelly receives an email that appears to be from a well-known disaster relief organization asking for a donation.

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The email contains a link to a website where she can make a donation by entering her bank account number and financial institution routing number.



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Kelly enters her account information and makes a \$75 donation.

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Later that day, Kelly checks her bank account through online banking and sees several pending unauthorized debits totaling \$6,200.



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She contacts her financial institution to report the unauthorized debits.

CLASSIFICATION:  
**SCAM**

UNAUTHORIZED  
PAYMENT

RELATIONSHIP  
AND TRUST

OTHER TRUSTED  
PARTY



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