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Catching A Scammer

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You've read the news and felt outrage over the devastating losses, caused by the most cold-hearted schemes of swindlers and scam rings across Asia.

Now, follow the hunt to bring these crooks to justice by police, prosecutors, and sometimes even ordinary concerned citizens.

This is a true crime series that reveals the untold details of the cat-and-mouse game between investigators and the craftiest criminals – and we hear it from the very people themselves.

We kick off in Taiwan, where sophisticated phone scam syndicates have made off with the life savings of countless victims. Taiwanese police and prosecutors bare the details on the near failures and the unseen devastation that victims suffer.

Also featured is the inside story of Singapore's own Tinder Swindler, who made the news for posing as the 'heir of a Korean billionaire'.

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Episode 1 – Taiwan’s Phone Syndicate

What does it take to catch a scammer?

The first episode takes us to Taiwan - home to some of the world’s most sophisticated phone scam syndicates. What have the police & prosecutors learnt after spending decades in a cat-and-mouse game with them?

One syndicate is now targeting Singapore. You might even have picked up a call like that – they first impersonate staff from Ministry of Health, but later discover that “China police” is looking for you. And once you are tricked, you’d be transferring your life savings to them for investigation.

Police and prosecutors across Taiwan and Singapore sit down with us to share the inside story. With just the victims’ phones, how do they weed out the scam call centres hidden deep within Taiwan? And why is it a nail-biting process to prove the crooks have done it, even after catching them in the act?

And more importantly, how do we get all that scammed money back?

Episode 2 – Singapore’s Serial Swindler

Jerald Low is not your typical scammer. He doesn’t hide behind screens, nor try to lure you in with anonymous phone calls.

He is an old schoolmate hoping to reconnect. Or the colleague who just started, eager to please. Or your new date from a dating app.

All seems usual until he reveals that he is a rich Korean heir, an up-and-coming young entrepreneur, and a promising business partner.

Who is Jerald Low really, and how did he cheat over 10 victims of more than US\$100,000?

Victims, police investigators and lawyers unravel and trace through the serial swindler’s web of lies to uncover: How did he engineer his schemes? What made him so believable to his victims? What did it take for the police to eventually nab him?

And, more shockingly: a rare inside look into the psyche of the conman himself. Speaking from within the confines of Changi Prison where he now serves his sentence, Jerald opens up about what drove him to committing these crimes, and what inspired them in the first place.

Episode 3 – Indonesia’s Spiritual Conman

Con man Dimas Kanjeng was once a figure of religious respectability and followed by many prominent personalities.

But the charismatic cult leader, who claimed the power to conjure money out of thin air, soon moved on from scams to murder, when cracks in his operations appeared.

To date, there are still people who believe in his mystical powers and await his release.

This third episode of Catching a Scammer will trace his rise to find out why the highly educated in his country fell for his schemes, when the tide turned against him, and what ultimately led to his downfall.

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