

ADVANCED MANAGING AND REPORTING ON FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CASES ONLINE COURSE

1, 8, 15 & 22 August 2024 (via Zoom)

SESSION 2: FRAUD AND CORRUPTION – OPERATIONS BIRKS

In 2022, a 24yo Melbourne woman was sentenced for her central role in a major international criminal syndicate, which stole millions of dollars from the superannuation and share trading accounts of innocent victims using fraud and identity theft.

Stolen identity information purchased from darknet marketplaces, together with single-use telephone SIM cards and fake email accounts, were used to undertake an ‘identity takeover’ of unsuspecting victims.

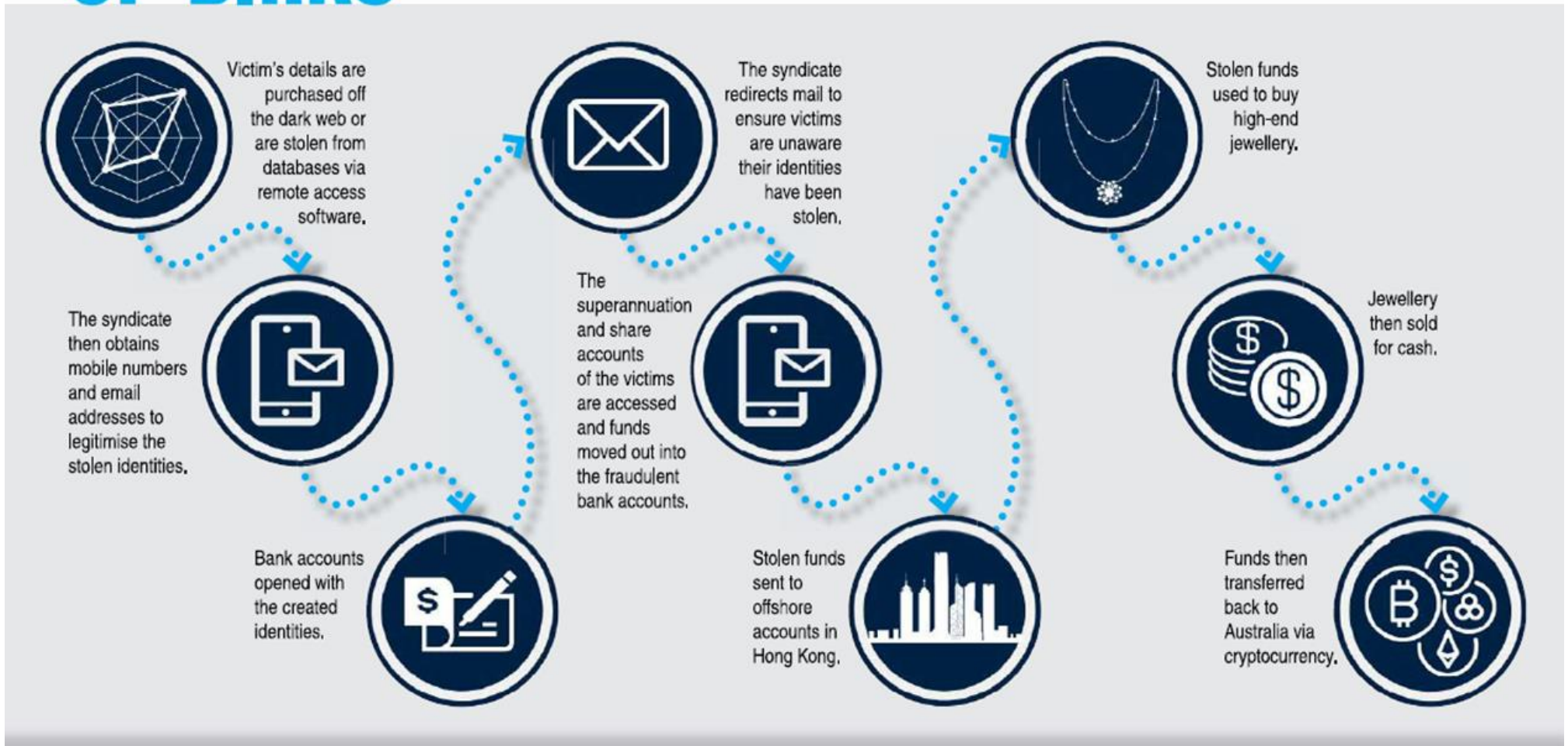
These false identities were created to mimic real individuals who unknowingly had their identities compromised and were then used to open bank accounts at various Australian institutions. Investigators found at least 60 bank accounts created using these mimicked identities.

The amount stolen through the fraudulent scheme is estimated to be in excess of \$3.3 million. Attempts were made to steal an additional \$7.5 million from the victims’ super and share accounts. The group also laundered an additional \$2.5 million through the purchase, and on-selling, of luxury goods in Hong Kong.



FOLLOW THE FRAUD: **OP BIRKS**

How millions of dollars were stolen from Australian superannuation accounts



QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION:

Where is the fraud?

Who was defrauded?

What is the evidence likely to be?

