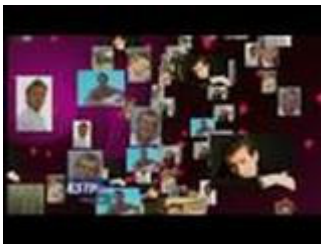


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## Burnsville Woman Warns of Internet Romance Scams

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Jody Buell hoped by joining the singles website eHarmony, she would meet the love of her life. Instead, she ran into an \$11,000 nightmare.

Buell says three years ago eHarmony connected her with who she thought was a businessman from Maryland. Later Buell learned the person she was corresponding with was really a West African scam artist.

Buell now works with a national organization that counsels others who have been victimized. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety says romance scams are on the rise.