

# nnn SCAM ALERT on adopting nnn

It has been brought to our attention of a very nasty scam going on via chat rooms on the internet. The following is an e-mail received on this subject:

Please be aware of a very recent scam. Here is the info collected so far:

This "biological mom" begins chatting in a chat room and comes across as the sweetest, kindest, most Christian person you will ever talk to. She also speaks very intelligently and seems to be a great mom to her already born children.

She is seeking out families in online chat rooms, IM and ICQ, and claims a friend recommended she talk to you in particular, to give herself credibility. She uses name Jessica, Jessy, JJ, Jasmine, Samantha, Curious and others and has multiple emails.

She claims to be in Florida or Nevada. She is actually in Florida, verified by calling her number (area code 407). Phone is actually registered to a different person in Orlando, she claims to be in Haines City.

Bio-mom is a heavy set redhead, bio-dad is Puerto Rican. She claims to have 4 children she is raising, and one she previously placed. She has two girls, by a previous marriage, both reddish blondes. Also has two sons, Cauc/PR by current boyfriend. Youngest is 9 months old. Has claimed to be due in Nov and Dec, with either a boy or girl.

Sends pictures, pics of belly, and pics of her kids very willingly. She claims to get help from her "Gramma." Claims to have sent the kids to her Gramma in NY for the remainder of pregnancy. States she is on bed rest and cannot work, and boyfriend is working at a minimum wage job for a contractor on Disney site. Claims she cannot get on WIC for at least 3 months. Claims to be very poor, will refuse financial assistance, then calls with sad

stories of being evicted and not having any food to eat which of course is not good for the baby, but has a computer, video cam, digital camera, etc. even though cannot pay utility bills or buy groceries.

She tells a lot of stories that when verified are not true, for example claims to have put 4 babies on a plane to send to her grandma unescorted, and the very airline she claims to have used denies it and states an absolute requirement of age 5 and above, her supposed children are all under 5. She is very willing to match quickly, claims to have been mistreated by several adoptive families in the past and is just wanting a family. Does want open adoption with visits.

Not interested in details about adoptive family, does not care if they have "blue dots" (her words). Wants adoptive mom in delivery room and at hospital with her until release.

Wants to spend hours on the phone or online talking, especially at night, which supports the theory that scammers do this for attention. Also has the bio-dad and the Gramma talk to you on the phone. Has "matched" with at least 4 families this week, who have compared notes and sadly discovered what is going on.

Claims to have had a bad experience with an agency for her last placement so does not want to use an agency. May be scamming agencies too, currently checking on that. States she would prefer to come to the adoptive family to deliver.

Bottom line, she may or may not be pregnant, but she is up to no good either way. Matching on line is possible, but very risky. Those of us who have compared notes suspect she was setting the stage to start asking us all for money. We caught her early, but there may be others out there who do not know yet that she is up to all this.

## Kid's & Teen's Pages Are HERE!

Be sure to log on to our website at [www.afpag.org](http://www.afpag.org) and check out the new Kid's & Teen's Pages! The Kid's Page is geared toward younger children and has several games and fun links your kids will enjoy. The Teen's Page contains games, safe chat rooms and other cool links for older kids and teenagers. Also, while you are there, check the website for updates!



We will hold a mock election at conference this year to test the feasibility of an in-person election process.

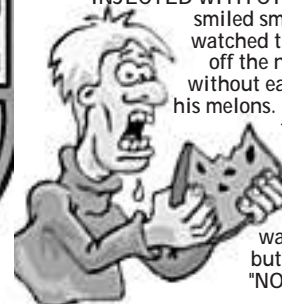
This was proposed long before the national election was in the news.

Members will see in person how they can elect all board members at our annual training conference.

Watch for the display near the conference registration area. Your comments are sincerely encouraged.

### "Just Desserts"

A watermelon farmer was determined to scare off the local kids who went into his watermelon patch every night to eat their fill. After some thought, he made a sign that read, "WARNING! ONE OF THESE WATERMELONS HAS BEEN INJECTED WITH CYANIDE!" He



smiled smugly as he watched the kids run off the next night without eating any of his melons. A week later, the farmer was surveying his field.

To his satisfaction, no watermelons were missing, but a sign next to his read, "NOW THERE ARE TWO!"

