CRYPTO SIGNAL SCAMS: 11 US ENFORCEMENT CASES

SEC · CFTC · DOJ · $6B+ in alleged losses · every fact cited to official sources

Mirror Trading International **CFTC 2022–23**
29,421 BTC (~$1.7B); "proprietary bot" + MLM; largest BTC fraud in CFTC history

Operation Token Mirrors / NexFundAI **DOJ/FBI 2024–25**
FBI built its own token; 18 charged for wash-trading-as-a-service; $25M+ seized

HyperFund / HyperVerse **SEC/DOJ 2024**
$1.7–1.89B; "0.5–1% daily rewards"; promoter pleaded guilty

BitConnect **SEC/DOJ 2021–22**
$2B+; "volatility software trading bot", 40%/month promises

EmpiresX **SEC/DOJ 2022**
$100M; fake bot + "head trader" (pleaded guilty); 1%/day claims

Trade Coin Club **SEC 2022**
82,000 BTC (~$295M); bot promising daily minimums; MLM recruiting

Control-Finance **CFTC 2019–21**
22,858 BTC; "expert traders, guaranteed profits"; $571M judgment

Circle Society **CFTC/DOJ 2019–24**
"17,000 trades/hour" bot, 300–600% promises; ~$32M judgment

IcomTech **DOJ 2023–25**
MLM Ponzi with expo shows; founder sentenced to 121 months

WhatsApp "investment clubs" **SEC 2025**
$14M; deepfaked experts, scripted "professors", advance-fee exit

Forsage **SEC 2022**
$340M on-chain pyramid; "the smart contract guarantees it"

The pattern across all eleven:

guaranteed/fixed returns · unverifiable bot or expert · custody of your funds · recruit-to-earn · manufactured social proof

Full casebook with sources & red-flag mapping:

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