

Horrorifying deepfake tricks employee into giving away \$25 million

A finance worker in Hong Kong was tricked into paying £20 million of his company's money to fraudsters because of an elaborate deepfake pretending to be his boss.

The employee joined a video call with who he thought was the business's chief financial officer.

He was initially suspicious after a message from the CFO mentioned a 'secret transaction', suggesting it was a phishing scam.

After joining the call he remained unsure, with the CFO apparently appearing to be 'a little off'.

However, after other colleagues dialled in and supported the move, the staffer agreed to make 15 transfers into five local bank accounts.

In a chilling glimpse of the future, it later transpired not only was the boss a deepfake, but so was everyone else on the call.

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