I was setting up a fresh install of macOS and noticed that they protect root access to system folders by default. Not even sudo will authenticate you for copying scam into the ~/usr/bin.

Option 1)
Instead, copy scam to ~/usr/local/bin. It is also in the default path and is the preferred location of user executables.

Option 2)
> csrutil disable //Disables system integrity protection checks
> reboot
Then copy scam to ~/usr/bin as you now have access to modify system folders.

Just wanted to add this in case anyone is starting fresh.

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