



## Police Department

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You recently filed a police report detailing theft of your wallet/purse. This letter is designed to help you take action to deal with the problems which may result from the loss or misuse of any of these items or from any resulting identity theft.

### **IF YOUR KEYS WERE TAKEN:**

Change or re-key whichever locks need to be changed for your protection.

### **IF YOUR CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS WERE TAKEN:**

Notify your bank if you have not already done so, and then call the three credit reporting bureaus to report the loss and ask them to put a **FRAUD ALERT** on your account so no new credit will be issued without contacting you.

<b>Experian</b>	<b>1-888-397-3742</b>	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
<b>Trans Union</b>	<b>1-800-680-7289</b>	<a href="http://www.tuc.com">www.tuc.com</a>
<b>Equifax</b>	<b>1-800-525-6285</b>	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>

### **IF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD WAS TAKEN:**

Call the Social Security Administration FRAUD HOTLINE to notify them of the loss and get information on how to get a duplicate card

**S.S.A. Fraud Hotline 1-800-269-0271**      [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### **IF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE WAS TAKEN:**

Apply for a new Driver's License as soon as possible and ask them if anyone has applied for a license since yours was stolen. They can refer you to an investigator.

### **IF YOUR CHECKS OR CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO A DIFFERENT ADDRESS:**

Call the U.S. Postal Inspectors about mail being falsely forwarded.  
**U.S.P.S. Inspection Service 1-800-372-8347** [www.framed.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.framed.usps.com/postalinspectors)  
**Local Postal Inspector: 651-293-3200**      **FAX: 651-293-3384**

### **IF YOUR STOLEN CHECKS OR CARDS HAVE BEEN USED:**

Contact the banks and/or businesses that accepted your checks or cards to notify them of the fraud and offer to sign any affidavits of forgery as needed. Encourage the banks and businesses to pursue charges against any suspects identified. The act of passing a forged check is a crime in that jurisdiction.

## **IF SOMEONE HAS STOLEN YOUR IDENTITY TO GET NEW CREDIT:**

Call the police department and make an Identity Theft report. In Minnesota, Identity Theft becomes a crime only when any victim (person or business) suffers a monetary loss. For a police department to investigate there must be a loss in their jurisdiction. Also, call the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline to notify them and get advice on how to proceed.

**FTC ID THEFT Hotline**                      **1-877-438-4338**                      [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)

To report fraud to the FTC **other than ID Theft**, call:                      1-877-382-4357

## **OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION:**

<b>Federal Bureau of Investigations</b>	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov">www.fbi.gov</a>
<b>Privacy Rights Clearinghouse</b>	<a href="http://www.privacyrights.org">www.privacyrights.org</a>
<b>PRC – Identity Theft Resources</b>	<a href="http://www.privacyrights.org/identity.htm">www.privacyrights.org/identity.htm</a>
<b>Internet Fraud Complaint Center</b>	<a href="http://www.ifccfbi.gov">www.ifccfbi.gov</a>
<b>Federal Trade Commission</b>	<a href="http://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a>
<b>Fraud Defense Network</b>	<a href="http://www.frauddefense.com">www.frauddefense.com</a>
<b>SCAMWATCH</b>	<a href="http://www.scamwatch.com">www.scamwatch.com</a>

## **OTHER PHONE RESOURCES FOR ADVICE AND INFORMATION:**

Federal Government Information Center (for agency phone numbers) 1-800-688-9889.

## **What you can do to protect yourself and your family from being victimized again:**

- **Don't put your D.L.# on your checks.** This makes it easy to get a false ID made.
- **Keep all credit card receipts safe.** Many criminals use numbers off receipts to defraud.
- **Shred credit card offers you get in the mail.** Thieves steal mail and trash to get these.
- **NEVER give your card # out to someone calling you.** Make charges only when you call, and remember, Card Fraud Investigators will **never** call and ask for your # and expiration date.

## **THE GOOD NEWS:**

**You are NOT responsible for monetary losses.** The banks and credit card companies must refund your money losses (if any), although they may hold your money while they are conducting an investigation in the case. Some can charge you up to \$50 per account, but most do not.