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★ *INVESTIGATIONS BULLETIN* ★

With the increasing number of fraud victims who have had their social security number or other identifiers compromised, our investigative unit has put together some information to assist victims.

If you find that you have been a victim of fraud:

➢ File an incident report with the police department.

➢ Get a copy of your credit report to check for any other fraudulent activity. Each bureau offers one free credit report each year.

Equifax	www.equifax.com	(888)548-7878
Transunion	www.transunion.com	(800)680-7289
Innovis	www.innovis.com	(800)540-2505
Experian	www.experian.com	(888)397-3742

OR get all credit reports or stagger the timing throughout the year.
www.annualcreditreport.com

➢ Get a Credit Freeze with each credit bureau. This will essentially lock down your credit history. To obtain any new credit cards, loans, etc. you will need to pre-authorize the release of your information to the specific company you are attempting to get credit with.
It is not necessary to pay for credit monitoring services once the credit freeze is in place.

➢ File a report with the Federal Trade Commission. They can help with a recovery plan.
www.identitytheft.gov

➢ The Ohio Attorney General's Office has an Identity Theft Unit whose members will work with you to help rectify the effects of identity theft. A consumer advocate will work with credit agencies, creditors, collectors or other organizations on your behalf. To participate, fill out a Notification and Affidavit form and submit a copy of your police report.
www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/files/forms
Consumer – ID Theft Notification and Affidavit Form

For those who were victims of **Unemployment Insurance Fraud** you can contact ODJFS – Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services to report identity theft.
    ODJFS   www.unemployment.ohio.gov   (833)658-0394
It is not necessary to file an incident report with the police department.

REMEMBER... it is very important to always monitor your credit.