

If the crime occurred in our jurisdiction and there are workable leads, such as witnesses and suspect information, a detective will be assigned to the case. Unfortunately, not all cases have significant leads to identify the suspect. Call the Iredell County Sheriff's Office at (704) 878-3183 to find out if a detective has been assigned to your case. Make note of the detective's name and phone number in the space provided below.

If the crime occurred outside of our jurisdiction, a copy of the crime report will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for further investigation.

Iredell County Sheriff's Office:

Detective: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IDENTITY THEFT

A Quick Reference Guide

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Identity theft involves acquiring key pieces of someone's identifying information, such as name, social security number, driver's license number, checking and savings account number, credit and debit card numbers, personal identification number (PIN), and mother's maiden name, in order to impersonate them. This information enables the identity thief to commit numerous forms of fraud which include, but are not limited to, taking over the victim's financial accounts, purchasing automobiles, applying for loans, credit cards, and social security benefits, renting apartments and establishing services with utility and phone companies.

**What to do if you become a victim:**

- Set up a folder to keep a detailed history of this crime.
- Keep a log of all your contacts and make copies of all documents.
- Notify the US Postal Inspector if your mail has been stolen or tampered with at 1-877-876-2455 [www.usps.com/postalinspectors](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors)
- Notify the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC is the federal clearinghouse for complaints by the victims of identity theft. The FTC helps victims by providing information to help resolve financial and other problems that could result from identity theft. Their hotline telephone number is 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) or [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint)
- Contact all creditors, by phone and in writing to inform them of the problem.
- Call each of the three credit bureaus' fraud units to report identity theft. Ask

to have a "Fraud Alert" placed in your credit file asking that creditors call you before opening any new accounts.

- Request that a copy of your credit report be sent to you.

**Credit Bureaus**

**Equifax**

P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30348  
1-800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**

P.O. Box 9532, Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742)  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**Trans Union**

P.O. Box 6790, Fullerton, CA 92834  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

**Free Annual Credit Report**

1-877-322-8228 or  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

- Alert your banks to flag your accounts and contact you to confirm any unusual activity. Request a change of PIN and a new password. If you have any checks stolen or bank accounts set up fraudulently, report it to the following companies:

**National Check Fraud Center**  
(843)571-2143 or [www.ckfraud.org](http://www.ckfraud.org)

**Scan** 1-800-262-7771 or  
[www.scan-checks.com](http://www.scan-checks.com)

**TeleCheck** 1-800-710-9898 or  
[www.firstdata.com/telecheck](http://www.firstdata.com/telecheck)

**Certegy** 1-800-437-5120 or  
[www.askcertegy.com](http://www.askcertegy.com)

**ChexSystems** 1-800-428-9623 or  
[www.consumerdebit.com](http://www.consumerdebit.com)

- **Contact** the Social Security Administration's Fraud Hotline 1-800-269-0271 or [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)
- **Contact** the state office of the DMV to see if another license was issued in your name.
- **Obtain** description of suspect (if known).
- **Obtain** witness information: Person who accepted application  
Salesperson  
Apartment managers  
Employers
- **Evidence:** Gather all documents and supply them to the Iredell County Sheriff's Office at the time of the initial report or supplemental report.

**Sample "Courtesy Notice"**

(Date)

Dear (Creditor Name/Collection Agency)

On (Date), I received your letter demanding payment of (\$\$amount). I did not open this account and incur this unpaid balance. Someone, other than myself, wrongfully used my personal information to obtain a line of credit/service. Your company extended a line of credit/services to someone, other than myself.

You are hereby notified that on (Date), I filed an identity theft report with the Iredell County Sheriff's Office. A copy of this report can be obtained by contacting the ICSO records section at (704) 878-3180.

Regards,  
(Your name and address)