

IDENTITY THEFT

JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VICTIM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

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The following information and internet links can be found at the Johnson County web site located at www.johnson-county.com, Departments, Sheriff, and News.

Identity theft is a serious crime. It can disrupt your finances, credit history, and reputation. It can and will take time, money, and patience to resolve. Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission. It is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. Technological advances of the 21st century present an increased risk for identity theft. Each year, many unsuspecting members of the general public become victims of this crime. It adversely affects consumers' credit ratings and is responsible for billions of dollars in financial losses to individuals and businesses each year. The Johnson County Sheriff's Office works with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in an effort to investigate crimes and enforce laws concerning identity theft.

If you are a victim of identity theft it is very important that you do not procrastinate. The sooner you take action to limit the damage the better off you will be. Your initial step should be to visit the Federal Trade Commission web site www.identitytheft.gov. It is the federal government's one-stop resource for identity theft victims. The site provides streamlined checklists and sample letters to guide you through the recovery process. It is necessary to go to the web site and file an *identity theft complaint*. In addition, there are other valuable services provided by the FTC web site. They include; aiding you in placing fraud alerts and/or a credit freeze with the credit reporting agencies; assisting you in taking the necessary steps to repair your identity and credit; and protecting you from further loss and damage.

The additional links below are provided for your information. They have been disseminated by the FTC and the Iowa Attorney General's Office.

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0009-taking-charge.pdf

www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-consumers/general-consumer-information/identity-theft/

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office will investigate identity theft crimes. In order for us to do so the **Identity Theft Victim's Complaint and Affidavit** form below will need to be completed and returned to the Sheriff's Office. At that time a Detective will be assigned to investigate your specific case.

The complaint and affidavit below is identical to the one supplied by the Federal Trade Commission and can also be found in the "taking-charge" pdf link listed above. The form can be filled out on-line and then printed and returned to the Sheriff's Office. To fill out the form on-line within the PDF file it is necessary to first click on the "Fill and Sign" tab located on the upper right corner. A box will then open allowing text to be added into the form. Once complete you can save and or print the form.

There are specific instructions for victims of **INCOME TAX FRAUD**. They can be found here: www.johnson-county.com/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=17751

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office can be reached at (319) 356-6020.

(Nothing herein is intended to be considered the giving of legal advice)



Identity Theft Victim's Complaint and Affidavit

A voluntary form for filing a report with law enforcement, and disputes with credit reporting agencies and creditors about identity theft-related problems. Visit ftc.gov/idtheft to use a secure online version that you can print for your records.

Before completing this form:

1. Place a fraud alert on your credit reports, and review the reports for signs of fraud.
2. Close the accounts that you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

About You (the victim)

Now

- (1) My full legal name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix
- (2) My date of birth: _____
mm/dd/yyyy
- (3) My Social Security number: _____ - _____ - _____
- (4) My driver's license: _____
State Number
- (5) My current street address:

- (6) I have lived at this address since _____
- (7) My daytime phone: (____) _____
 My evening phone: (____) _____
 My email: _____

Leave (3) blank until you provide this form to someone with a legitimate business need, like when you are filing your report at the police station or sending the form to a credit reporting agency to correct your

At the Time of the Fraud

- (8) My full legal name was: _____
First Middle Last Suffix
- (9) My address was: _____
Number & Street Name Apartment, Suite, etc.
- _____ City State Zip Code Country
- (10) My daytime phone: (____) _____ My evening phone: (____) _____
 My email: _____

Skip (8) - (10) if your information has not changed since the fraud.

The Paperwork Reduction Act requires the FTC to display a valid control number (in this case, OMB control #3084-0047) before we can collect – or sponsor the collection of – your information, or require you to provide it.

About You (the victim) (Continued)

Declarations

- (11) I did OR did not authorize anyone to use my name or personal information to obtain money, credit, loans, goods, or services — or for any other purpose — as described in this report.
- (12) I did OR did not receive any money, goods, services, or other benefit as a result of the events described in this report.
- (13) I am OR am not willing to work with law enforcement if charges are brought against the person(s) who committed the fraud.

About the Fraud

- (14) I believe the following person used my information or identification documents to open new accounts, use my existing accounts, or commit other fraud.

Name: _____
 First Middle Last Suffix

Address: _____
 Number & Street Name Apartment, Suite, etc.

 City State Zip Code Country

Phone Numbers: (_____) _____ (_____) _____

Additional information about this person: _____

(14):
Enter what you know about anyone you believe was involved (even if you don't have complete information).

(15) Additional information about the crime (for example, how the identity thief gained access to your information or which documents or information were used):

(14) and (15):
Attach additional sheets as needed.

Documentation

(16) I can verify my identity with these documents:

- A valid government-issued photo identification card (for example, my driver's license, state-issued ID card, or my passport).
If you are under 16 and don't have a photo-ID, a copy of your birth certificate or a copy of your official school record showing your enrollment and legal address is acceptable.
- Proof of residency during the time the disputed charges occurred, the loan was made, or the other event took place (for example, a copy of a rental/lease agreement in my name, a utility bill, or an insurance bill).

(16): Reminder:
Attach copies of your identity documents when sending this form to creditors and credit reporting agencies.

About the Information or Accounts

(17) The following personal information (like my name, address, Social Security number, or date of birth) in my credit report is inaccurate as a result of this identity theft:

(A) _____
(B) _____
(C) _____

(18) Credit inquiries from these companies appear on my credit report as a result of this identity theft:

Company Name: _____
Company Name: _____
Company Name: _____

(19) Below are details about the different frauds committed using my personal information.

Name of Institution	Contact Person	Phone	Extension
Account Number	Routing Number	Affected Check Number(s)	
Account Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Credit <input type="checkbox"/> Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Phone/Utilities <input type="checkbox"/> Loan <input type="checkbox"/> Government Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Internet or Email <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Select ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> This account was opened fraudulently. <input type="checkbox"/> This was an existing account that someone tampered with.			
Date Opened or Misused (mm/yyyy)	Date Discovered (mm/yyyy)	Total Amount Obtained (\$)	

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(19):
 If there were more than three frauds, copy this page blank, and attach as many additional copies as necessary.

Enter any applicable information that you have, even if it is incomplete or an estimate.

If the thief committed two types of fraud at one company, list the company twice, giving the information about the two frauds separately.

Contact Person:
 Someone you dealt with, whom an investigator can call about this fraud.

Account Number:
 The number of the credit or debit card, bank account, loan, or other account that was misused.

Dates: Indicate when the thief began to misuse your information and when you discovered the problem.

Amount Obtained:
 For instance, the total amount purchased with the card or withdrawn from the account.

Your Law Enforcement Report

(20) One way to get a credit reporting agency to quickly block identity theft-related information from appearing on your credit report is to submit a detailed law enforcement report ("Identity Theft Report"). You can obtain an Identity Theft Report by taking this form to your local law enforcement office, along with your supporting documentation. Ask an officer to witness your signature and complete the rest of the information in this section. It's important to get your report number, whether or not you are able to file in person or get a copy of the official law enforcement report. Attach a copy of any confirmation letter or official law enforcement report you receive when sending this form to credit reporting agencies.

Select ONE:

- I have not filed a law enforcement report.
- I was unable to file any law enforcement report.
- I filed an automated report with the law enforcement agency listed below.
- I filed my report in person with the law enforcement officer and agency listed below.

(20):
Check "I have not..." if you have not yet filed a report with law enforcement or you have chosen not to. Check "I was unable..." if you tried to file a report but law enforcement refused to take it.

Automated report:
A law enforcement report filed through an automated system, for example, by telephone, mail, or the Internet, instead of a face-to-face interview with a law enforcement officer.

Law Enforcement Department

State

Report Number

Filing Date(mm/dd/yyyy)

Officer's Name (please print)

Officer's Signature

Badge Number

(_____)_____
Phone Number

Did the victim receive a copy of the report from the law enforcement officer? Yes OR No

Victim's FTC complaint number (if available): _____

Signature

As applicable, sign and date **IN THE PRESENCE OF** a law enforcement officer, a notary, or a witness.

(21) I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this complaint is true, correct, and complete and made in good faith. I understand that this complaint or the information it contains may be made available to federal, state, and/or local law enforcement agencies for such action within their jurisdiction as they deem appropriate. I understand that knowingly making any false or fraudulent statement or representation to the government may violate federal, state, or local criminal statutes, and may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

Signature

Date Signed (mm/dd/yyyy)

Your Affidavit

(22) If you do not choose to file a report with law enforcement, you may use this form as an Identity Theft Affidavit to prove to each of the companies where the thief misused your information that you are not responsible for the fraud. While many companies accept this affidavit, others require that you submit different forms. Check with each company to see if it accepts this form. You should also check to see if it requires notarization. If so, sign in the presence of a notary. If it does not, please have one witness (non-relative) sign that you completed and signed this Affidavit.

Notary

Witness:

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Telephone Number