



NEW LONDON POLICE DEPARTMENT

IDENTITY THEFT SUPPLEMENT

VICTIM INFORMATION



Fraud crimes and identity theft are two of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. Unfortunately, you are reading this because you have become a victim. Thoroughly reading and following these instructions will make the investigation, and potential prosecution of the criminals who perpetrated this crime against you, much easier.

You may be saying to yourself, "Hey... I came to the police station to report a crime and they gave me this letter to read? Why doesn't a Police Officer just take my report?" The answer to this is straightforward. Fraud crimes are very complicated. The person who knows the facts and details of this case best is YOU.

The ability to solve these crimes is usually contained in the details. When one person tells another person a story, especially a complicated story, the person hearing the story usually gets the gist of the story, but leaves out the details. This is often what happens when a Police Officer takes a report of fraud from a victim. Often the details the victim provides are not the ones the detective needs to make an arrest.

When a Detective reads the report there are crucial details that are often left out. The result is that a Detective may determine that the case is not workable, when in fact it may be. This is why we request that you, as the victim, take the time to write down the story of how you became a victim. Because you know the story the best, you will give the best version and help us catch the person who committed the crime.

Before reporting a crime of identity theft, it is important for the victim to know a few things about the crime and the way it is prosecuted in this county. First we must determine if a crime has been committed and then where should you go to report that crime considering jurisdictional lines.

According to the Connecticut General Statutes/Penal Code:

Sec. 53a-129a. Identity theft defined. (a) A person commits identity theft when such person intentionally obtains personal identifying information of another person without the authorization of such other person and knowingly uses that personal identifying information of another person to obtain or attempt to obtain, in the name of such other person, money, credit, goods, services, property or medical information in the name of such other person without the consent of such other person.

(b) As used in this section, "personal identifying information" means any name, number or other information that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific individual including, but not limited to, such individual's name, date of birth, mother's maiden name, motor vehicle operator's license number, Social Security number, employee identification number, employer or taxpayer identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, health insurance identification number, demand deposit account number, savings account number, credit card number, debit card number or unique biometric data such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation.

The Connecticut Chief States Attorney has mandated that police departments accept a report in the jurisdiction where the victim resides or where the offense has been committed. However, crimes may have been committed in multiple jurisdictions and would therefore be best handled by one department; the one where you reside.

The first few steps you should take:

- Call the 3 credit reporting agencies, obtain copies of the credit reports, place a fraud alert, and identify open fraud accounts and inquiries from companies that have received fraudulent applications. *Credit Bureau phone numbers listed on the last page of this document.*
- Notify affected credit card companies and banks, etc. and obtain account numbers and other pertinent information if possible. Get copies of all documents and conversations associated with the account.
- Identify fraudulent home addresses and other information on your credit report.

Please complete the following form and return to a patrol officer at the New London Police Department Headquarters. Please bring a birth certificate, Social Security card, and Driver's License, Passport, or Naturalization ID. Several answers may be lengthy; please use additional sheets of paper to answer questions completely and accurately. Please print neatly, type or use a word processor for your responses.

1. How did you first become aware of the theft of your identity? Who told you and under what circumstances?
2. What is the name of the company or companies where the personal identifying information is being used?
3. What is the contact information for this company? Please include address, telephone and fax numbers, as well as e-mail addresses if applicable.
4. Does this company have security or investigative personnel working on the case? The names of any companies, investigators or customer service representatives, phone numbers, emails and fax numbers of anyone you have contacted about a potential fraud. Include what dates and time you spoke to them and a brief summary of the conversation. You should ask each of these people for a letter to include in your file.
5. What is the suspect receiving or attempting to receive by using your personal information? (*Check all that apply.*)

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> money | <input type="checkbox"/> services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> credit | <input type="checkbox"/> property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> goods | <input type="checkbox"/> medical information |

After checking boxes, please list any known merchandise and account information. Attach itemized bills or order forms, account numbers and other correspondence.

6. What personal identifying information has the suspect acquired? *(Check all that apply.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your name | <input type="checkbox"/> Taxpayer identification number | <input type="checkbox"/> Debit card number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date of birth | <input type="checkbox"/> Alien registration number | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprint |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother's maiden name | <input type="checkbox"/> Government passport number | <input type="checkbox"/> Voice print |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle operator's license number | <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance identification number, | <input type="checkbox"/> Retina image |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security number | <input type="checkbox"/> Demand deposit account number | <input type="checkbox"/> Iris image |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee identification number | <input type="checkbox"/> Savings account number | <input type="checkbox"/> Other unique physical representation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employer identification number | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card number | <input type="checkbox"/> Other identifying information not listed |

7. What is the total value of the money, credit, goods, services or property obtained or that the suspect attempted to obtain.

8. What are the exact locations (street addresses) where fraudulent applications were presented in your name?

9. What are the addresses attached to the fraudulent accounts?

10. What type of documentation do you have to corroborate the statement you are providing police? (e.g. bank records, credit card bills, utility bills, correspondence received by you from investigators or the representatives of the company.) Please bring copies that you can leave with the police as evidence to use in your case. If you have no documentation, please obtain it prior to returning to Police Headquarters.

11. Do you have any idea who might have been involved in the theft of your Personal Identifying Information? If yes, please explain.

12. Do you know how this person, or anyone, would have obtained this information?

13. Do you want the person arrested and would you pursue charges against the person who stole your identity?

14. From time to time, the suspect in Identity theft cases turns out to be a family member or other person known to the victim. Would you pursue charges/arrests against a person you know or are related to?

CHART YOUR COURSE OF ACTION

USE THIS FORM TO RECORD THE STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO REPORT THE FRAUDULENT USE OF YOUR IDENTITY.
KEEP THIS LIST IN A SAFE PLACE FOR REFERENCE.

Credit Bureaus – Report Fraud

Bureau	Phone number	Date contacted	Contact person	Comments
Equifax	1-800-525-6285			
Experian	1-888-397-3742			
TransUnion	1-800-680-7289			

Banks, Credit Card Issuers and Other Creditors

(Contact each creditor promptly to protect your legal rights.)

Creditor	Address and phone number	Date contacted	Contact person	Comments

Law Enforcement Authorities – Report Identity Theft

Agency/ Department	Phone number	Date contacted	Contact person	Report Number	Comments
Federal Trade Commission	1-877-IDTHEFT				
Local Police Department					