

IDENTITY THEFT UPDATES:

This alert is intended to update all clients with regard to the continuing need to exercise extreme diligence with regard to identity theft.

We have previously reported that fraudulent Federal Income Tax returns have been submitted using the social security numbers of police officers and firefighters, as part of an identity theft scheme.

We have now learned of at least one Florida city where the debit cards of public safety officers have apparently been impacted.

For this reason, we recommend that any suspicious activity should immediately be reported.

If a governmental entity or third party administrator thinks that its employees/retirees may have been affected by the previously reported Federal Income Tax scam, we recommend, in an abundance of caution, that all employees/retirees should be advised that they may want to:

- 1) Review their debit card accounts for suspicious activity;
- 2) Review their credit record for suspicious activity;
- 3) Consider closing or replacing debit cards.