

FRAUD ALERT!

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If Your Social Security Number is Stolen

The theft of Social Security numbers continues to rise in Denver including:

- Social Security cards from stolen purses and wallets
- Phony e-mails and phone calls purporting to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) that ask you to confirm your number
- Dumpster diving and mail theft of financial, medical and employment info
- Security breaches such as the theft of the Metro State lap top computer

Thieves can use your SSN to obtain credit and employment. What should you do if you're a victim? Act quickly and assertively, and keep records/copies of all contacts and reports.

- File a report with your local police substation and get a copy of the report. Or complete the ID Theft Affidavit from the Federal Trade Commission: www.consumer.gov/idtheft/ or **1-877-438-4338**.
- Request that the credit reporting agencies flag your credit file for fraud.
Equifax 1-800-525-6285, www.equifax.com
Experian 1-888-397-3742, www.experian.com
Trans Union 1-800-680-7289, www.transunion.com
- Get your free credit report once a year from each of the three agencies at www.annualcreditreport.com (the official site) or **1-877-322-8228**.
- Consider subscribing to a credit report monitoring service (available from the credit reporting agencies and insurance providers) that includes fraud-watch e-mails and frequent credit reports.
- Request your free SSA *Earnings & Benefit Estimate Statement* quarterly at www.ssa.gov/mystatement or **1-800-772-1213**.



For more assistance call the
Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179

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