

Peyton C. Grinnell, Sheriff



Lake County Sheriff's Office Identity Theft/Fraud Packet

ABOUT YOU/VICTIM INFORMATION

Full name _____

Full name if different when the event took place _____

Date of birth _____ Social security number _____

Driver license state and number _____

Current physical address _____

Lived at address since _____

Address if different when the event took place _____

Lived at this address from _____ until _____

Best contact phone number _____

Best email contact _____

ABOUT THE FRAUD

In order to investigate your case in a timely manner we require certain information depending on the type of fraud involved. It is absolutely necessary to have this information to avoid any unnecessary delays in initiating the investigation. **More information can be found on the LCSO Economic Crimes Brochure located at www.lcso.org/fraud.**

Does your case involve (check all that apply):

- Identity Theft, a new account was fraudulently opened without your authorization **Proceed to ID Theft Section**
- Credit Card Fraud, fraudulent purchases on an existing account you own using a credit or debit card **Proceed to CC Fraud Section**
- Check Fraud, fraudulent checks were written against an existing account you own **Proceed to Check Fraud Section**
- General Scam, you received a phone call, text message, email, website popup, or other form of communication from someone telling you to send them money by gift card, wire transfer, cash, or other means **Proceed to Scam Section**
- Other, please explain briefly **Proceed to Other Fraud Section**

ID THEFT SECTION

Note: Typically, once you alert a bank, credit card company, lender, etc. that an account was fraudulently opened using your personal information they will not provide you with any information regarding that account. Make every effort to obtain as much information from them when first reporting the fraudulent account. This will save valuable time as it may bypass the lengthy subpoena process. See the LCSO Economic Crimes brochure

In order to investigate cases of identity theft the detective will need the following information:

- A copy of the portion of your credit report showing both your name and the fraudulent account(s). Your full credit report is not necessary
- Fraudulent account numbers and/or card numbers; if not known make every effort to obtain these
- Make every effort to obtain statements for the fraudulent account showing all transactions made
- Copies of any collection notices, bills, or account statements you have received for the fraudulent account

CREDIT CARD FRAUD SECTION

Note: If your bank or credit card company reimburse you and/or release you from responsibility for the fraudulent transactions, then they will be considered the victim since they will have assumed the financial loss. See the LCSO Economic Crimes brochure for additional information.

In order to investigate cases of credit card fraud the detective will need to following information:

- Name of the financial institution the account is with, full account number, full card number
- A copy of the account statement indicating the fraudulent transactions

CHECK FRAUD SECTION

Note: If your bank reimburses you and/or releases you from responsibility for the fraudulent check then they will be considered the victim since they will have assumed the financial loss. See the LCSO Economic Crimes brochure for additional information.

In order to investigate cases of check fraud the detective will need to following information:

- Name of the financial institution the account is with, full account number
- A copy of the fraudulent check, your bank can provide you with a copy of the front and back which is preferred

SCAM SECTION

Note: You should contact your bank, the gift card company, and any other entity you used to make these scam payments in an effort to recoup any of your losses if at all possible. Unfortunately, these cases are extremely unlikely to result in a perpetrator being arrested since they most often originate outside the United States. You should make every effort to recover any of your losses.

In order to investigate cases of scams the detective will need to following information:

- The method of communications used in the scam (i.e. phone, email, website, etc.)
 - Provide all phone numbers, email addresses, websites, etc. the suspect used
 - Provide copies of written correspondence such as text messages, emails, Facebook messages, etc.
- The method of payment to the suspect (i.e. cash, gift cards, wire transfer, bitcoin, etc.)
 - Provide gift card numbers, wire transfer recipient accounts, etc.

OTHER FRAUD SECTION

Provide all available information regarding other types of fraud not covered. Once a detective reviews your case they will request any additional information needed.

INFORMATION SECTION

Provide all the applicable information depending on which type of crime you are reporting. Leave it blank if the information requested does not apply to your case.

- Financial institutions involved (i.e. bank, credit union, credit card company, lender, gift card, etc.)

- Account numbers involved (indicate who the account belongs to)

- Card numbers involved and card issuer or brand (debit cards, credit cards, gift cards, etc.)

Provide the following if you were contacted by a **POSSIBLE SUSPECT** related to the crime. This section will typically only apply to scams. Please do not provide people you spoke with at banks, credit card companies, or other legitimate companies involved.

- Names provided to you _____

- Phone numbers the suspect used to call or text you along with the first and last date and time of the contact related to each phone number _____

- Email addresses, websites, social media accounts, etc. the suspect used to facilitate the scam along with the first and last date and time of the contact related to each _____

FINAL SECTION

Victim's Law Enforcement Actions **(CHECK ONLY ONE)**

- I am willing to assist in the prosecution of the person(s) who committed this fraud, if identified, and understand this could entail court appearances
- I am NOT willing to assist in the prosecution of the person(s) who committed this fraud and understand there will not be an investigation. **CHECK THIS IF YOU ARE REPORTING THIS INCIDENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR A CASE NUMBER OR TO CLEAR YOUR CREDIT REPORT AND/OR TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO YOU BY YOUR BANK, CREDITOR, ETC. TO SEEK REVERSAL OF FRAUDULENT CHARGES AND YOU DO NOT REQUIRE AN INVESTIGATION.**

SIGNATURE

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UNTIL ASKED TO DO SO BY THE RESPONDING DEPUTY SHERIFF

VICTIM SIGNATURE

Sworn to and *Subscribed* before me

this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Circle One: Notary Public - Certified Officer

_____ **Personally known to me**

_____ **Produced identification**

Type: