



DESOTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Fraud Packet / Affidavit

Identity Theft, Forgery, and Credit Card/Debit Card Abuse are among the most difficult, untimely, invasive, and damaging offenses citizens encounter. In an ongoing effort to combat these criminal activities, the following information is being offered by the DeSoto Police Departments Criminal Investigation Division.

The attached Identity Theft Affidavit packet has been given to you because you may have been a victim of identity theft. Identity theft is defined as the theft or misuse of personal or financial identifiers in order to gain something of value and/or to facilitate other criminal activity. Identity theft is a violation of the Texas Penal Code section 32.51 and is a State Jail Felony. Please note that due to criminal jurisdiction, we may not pursue charges against violators.

The DeSoto Police Department is diligent in its efforts to apprehend and stop those individuals responsible for committing identity theft. This packet is essential in helping the investigator understand, evaluate, and ultimately bring your case to a close. It is important that you take the time to complete this packet and return it to the DeSoto Police Department. Upon the return of your completed, signed, and notarized affidavit, it will be assigned to an investigator and a case number will be assigned. However, if it is determined that the DeSoto Police Department is not the appropriate agency to investigate your case or the department does not have jurisdiction, then the affidavit may be forwarded to the appropriate agency. You will be notified of the transfer of the affidavit.

The DeSoto Police Department is authorized to investigate all penal offenses that occur within the territorial boundaries of the city. Credit Card Debit Card Abuse and Fraudulent Use Possession of Identifying Information can be prosecuted in either the county the offense occurred or the victim's county of residence. **Unemployment Fraud / IRS Fraud:** Neither the Texas Workforce Commission nor IRS will provide local law enforcement with any information about an individual, even if police have a court order. Due to this municipal police departments aren't able to investigate those cases. If you are reporting Unemployment Fraud or Tax Fraud you should make a report with the Texas Workforce Commission or IRS.

The attached **Identity Theft Affidavit** is a sworn statement and will be used as evidence in court should an arrest be made. It is essential that the information you provide be accurate and true. Affidavits must be signed in front of a Notary.

If you believe you are the victim of Identity Theft, take the following steps to protect yourself and your credit. Keep a log of all conversations with authorities and financial entities. Also, know that businesses may release information to you, but law enforcement will be required to subpoena the information. Faster investigation and resolution may occur if you obtain as much information as possible, and provide it to your assigned investigator, allowing your investigator to bypass the difficult process of obtaining a subpoena.



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Act fast to limit personal damage caused by fraudulent activity. Security video is used in the prosecution of most cases. Unfortunately, some businesses do not keep videos for extended periods of time. It is important that you make every effort to complete and return this Financial Fraud Packet as soon as possible.

Complete the attached **Identity Theft Affidavit** and return it to the **DeSoto Police Department**

1. Contact all three major credit bureaus and place a "security freeze" on your credit.
2. Obtain your credit report from annualcreditreport.com, and check for unauthorized accounts.
3. Contact the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov and make a fraud report.
4. File a fraud report at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/
5. Contact the creditor, bank, or business where fraudulent accounts/charges were made and dispute charges/accounts.
6. Visit the Texas Attorney General's website www.oag.state.tx.us and click on Identity Theft Victim's Kit for assistance in correcting problems created by fraud.

Identity Theft Complaint Form

Please fill out this form and return it to the DeSoto Police Department as soon as possible. The form should be notarized and delivered to, **714 E. Belt Line rd., DeSoto, TX 75115** with a copy of your credit report and all writings/evidence associated with your case or call **972-223-6111** to have an officer respond to your residence. The information provided will be used to investigate your case.

Victim (Complainant) Information

Full Name: _____ DOB: _____ Race: ____ Sex: ____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____ Work phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

State ID/DL: _____ Issue State: ____ SSN: _____ POB: _____

Occupation/School Employer/Grade: _____

Suspect Information

Full Name: _____ DOB: _____ Race: ____ Sex: ____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____

Home phone # _____ Cell phone # _____ Work phone # _____

Eyes Color: _____ Hair Color: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

State ID/DL: _____ Issue State: ____ SSN: _____ POB: _____

Occupation/School Employer/Grade: _____



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1. Do you know the suspect? _____ Relationship to suspect? _____
2. How did you become aware of the reported fraud? _____
3. What date did you first become aware of the fraud? _____
4. When did the fraudulent activity begin? _____

5. List all fraudulent activity in chronological order with the locations and addresses of the fraudulent applications or purchases (retailers, banks, etc.):

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

6. What documents or identifying information was stolen and/or compromised?

- a. ___ **Passport** Number: _____ Issued by (country): _____
- b. ___ **State ID/ DL** Number: _____ State: _____
- c. ___ **Social Security** Number: _____
- d. ___ **Birth Certificate** State: _____ County / Parish: _____
- e. Resident Alien Card, green card, or other immigration documents; Specify below:

7. Specify any documents fraudulently obtained in your name (driver license, social security card, deed etc.): _____

Remember to keep a detailed log of all correspondence and contact with creditors, since realizing you were the victim of Fraud. Remember to make a copy of this completed form for your records. The following documents, forms, and information should be submitted with this affidavit.

1. Bank statements or bills showing where the transactions occurred
2. The physical address, dates, and times of the fraudulent transactions from your bank
3. Bills from companies showing merchandise ordered
4. Address where items were delivered
5. Phone numbers that are associated with the fraudulent activity
6. Any information from the creditor that shows how or where the account was used
7. The names and phone numbers of any representatives from the business you speak with
8. Credit reports showing the accounts that are not yours
9. Bills from utility companies for accounts that you did not open
10. Letters or documentation from creditors or utility companies that contain copies of applications for credit



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11. How the account was opened (in person, over the phone, over the internet)
12. Where the account was opened if done in person
13. Where the account is being used (addresses of transactions)
14. Address where any cards, bills, merchandise, or other correspondence was mailed
15. Any phone numbers associated with the fraudulent account

Initial if you agree with the following:

- _____ I am willing to assist in the prosecution of the person(s) who committed this fraud.
- _____ I am authorizing the release of any information to law enforcement for the purpose of assisting them in the investigation and prosecution of the person(s) who committed this fraud.
- _____ I **DID / DID NOT** authorize anyone to use my name or personal information to see employment, money, credit, loans, goods, or services.
- _____ I **DID / DID NOT** you receive any benefit, money, goods or services as a result of the crime committed against you?

Affidavit of Fact

I, _____ understand that I am not under arrest, nor am I being detained for criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to the DeSoto Police Department. Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state, I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.



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Initials: _____

Intent to Prosecute

It is my intent to press charges and aid in the prosecution of this case. I do request that charges be filed. I realize that I may be called to testify in court regarding this case, and I am willing to testify if asked to do so. I will swear to the acts alleged in the proper office for the purpose of initiating prosecution. I **WAIVE the right to “drop charges”** in a criminal case, and I **AGREE** to testify in future hearings that may be necessary for successful prosecution. I understand that only the State’s Attorney and the Judge can cause this case to be dismissed.

No one has mistreated, threatened, or forced me in any way to make this statement, and no one gave me anything or promised me anything to make this statement.

I declare all the provided information in this affidavit is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand making a false statement is a violation of Texas Penal Code, section 37.08 and that I may be prosecuted if it is determined that any portion of this affidavit is knowingly false.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notary or Witnessing Peace Officer: _____ Date: _____



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Additional Resources

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/victim-employment-support-services-vess/identity-theft-information-guide>

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/identity-theft>

<https://www.twc.texas.gov/reporting-fraud>

<https://www.irs.gov/compliance/criminal-investigation/tax-fraud-alerts>

<https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/>

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>

<https://www.equifax.com/>

<https://www.transunion.com/?atvy=%7B%22191010%22%3A%22Experience+A%22%7D>

<https://www.experian.com/>

<https://www.identitytheft.gov/#/>

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