

Identity Theft & Tax Fraud

TOWN HALL

Boca Raton P.D. Training Center
6500 Congress Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida

February 20, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Richard Lawson, Florida Attorney General's Office
Division Director, Consumer Protection Unit

9:20 – 9:40 a.m.

Program Introduction

Cindy Liebes, Federal Trade Commission
Regional Director, Southeast Region

- Overview of the ID Theft/Tax Refund Fraud Problem
- Recent Statistics and Impact
- How ID Theft/Tax Fraud Occurs
- Introduction of Program Participants' and Agenda

9:40 – 10:30 a.m.

Law Enforcement Panel

David Aronberg, State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit
Blanca Alvarez, Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Miami
Stephen Carlton, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida
Michael J. DePalma, National ID Theft Coordinator, Internal Revenue Service
Criminal Investigations
Michael Driscoll, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement
Jennifer Minton, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Observations by Law Enforcement Concerning Problem in South Florida
- Description of Law Enforcement Agency's Role and Response to the Problem
- Applicable Laws, Statutes, Penalties, and Cases of Note

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Consumer Experience

Recounting Experience with Tax ID Theft and Aftermath

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Consumer Advocacy Group Panel

Dama Brown, Federal Trade Commission

William Casement, AARP Foundation Tax Aide Regional Coordinator

Wayne Picone, Regional Director, Seniors vs. Fraud

Theresa Ronnebaum, Program Specialist, Victim Services,
Florida Attorney General's Office

- How to Avoid Tax ID Theft and Other ID Theft
 - Where to File Consumer Complaints
 - Advice to Consumers on Preventing and Dealing with ID Theft
 - Advice on Filing Tax Returns When Your Identity has been Stolen
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11:30 – 11:50 a.m.

Keynote Speaker

Congressman Ted Deutch, Congressman for the 21st District of Florida

11:55 – 12:00 p.m.

Conclusion

Richard Lawson, Florida Attorney General's Office
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Cindy Liebes, Federal Trade Commission
Director of the Southeast Region

****Post-Program Roundtable for Law Enforcement Participants and Attendees****
