

FPD FRAUD ALERT



Never Put Mail in Your Mailbox for Pickup!

In a recent case under investigation, a victim living in Georgia compiled his State Income Tax returns complete with a check for payment, put them in an envelope and then put the envelope in his mailbox with the "flag up" for pickup by his letter carrier.

The victim's check never cleared his account and the last week of March 2008 two counterfeit checks bearing his checking account routing and account numbers were [cashed at a Franklin retailer's service counter](#). What's more, all the victim's personal ID information was on his tax forms so his credit may be compromised for months or even years. Additionally, the suspect created a Driver License from Virginia in another victim's name and used it to prove he was the person the counterfeit checks were made payable to. He then signed the name on the DL on the backs of the checks to complete the transactions.

If you put your outgoing bill payments in your mailbox and put the flag up to alert the letter carrier you are also alerting Identity Thieves there is valuable information inside, so NEVER DO IT! Take your mail to the post office for posting or to an official USPS mailbox from now on and avoid becoming an Identity Theft victim.

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT

For more information about how to avoid being victimized contact any of the Franklin Police Dept. Crime Prevention Unit Officers by phone at 414-425-2522, or by email through our website: <http://franklinpdcrimeprevention.info/>