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Fraud Alert



ID Theft Ring Operating in the Northwest

A credit union with locations in Oregon, and Washington is reporting that an ID theft ring is operating in those two state, and possibly Idaho.

The individual is entering branches and requesting a loan using a fraudulent ID and a social security number that belongs to someone else in order to obtain loans. The individual states that he is relocating for a new job and needs the loan for automotive repairs. The credit union that is reporting the fraud states that the IDs being used, while all containing different names, are consistently Washington State driver licenses (WADLs) that have some tell-tale signs of being fraudulent. For example, the license feels thicker

than normal WADLs and the photo seems to be closer to the edge of the license than a photo on a legitimate license would appear.

The suspect is described as a white male that weighs about 250 pounds and stands 6 feet 3 inches tall. He has a tattoo of Marilyn Monroe on his forearm. The suspect is also often accompanied by a female. The pair has been seen driving either a red Dodge Challenger or Toyota Highlander (color unknown at this time).

They have also been attempting to open fraudulent accounts online as well as applying for loans at car dealerships.

Credit unions should be on the lookout for individuals matching this description, using a WADL for identification, and stating that the loan purpose is for vehicle maintenance. The credit union reporting the fraud has had success in contacting the legitimate individual that the suspect is attempting to impersonate.

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