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**MISSOURI**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Missouri Consumers = 10,303



Fraud Complaints from Missouri Consumers = 6,398

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Missouri Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	1,622	25%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	714	11%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	599	9%
4	Foreign Money Offers	539	8%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	477	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Missouri consumers (6,398).

*Amount Paid Reported by Missouri Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
6,398	\$7,100,808	5,227	82%	\$1,358

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Missouri consumers (5,227). One consumer reported an amount paid of over \$2.1 million.

*Top Missouri Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
St. Louis	1,048
Kansas City	596
Springfield	266
Columbia	171
Independence	167



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
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Identity Theft Complaints from Missouri Victims = 3,905

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Missouri Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	1,055	27%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	915	23%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	771	20%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	261	7%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	237	6%
6	Loan Fraud	212	5%
	Other	916	23%
	Attempted Identity Theft	281	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 3,905 victims reporting from Missouri. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 20% of victims from Missouri reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Missouri Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
St. Louis	856
Kansas City	489
Independence	135
Springfield	105
St. Charles	92

**MONTANA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Montana Consumers = 1,465



Fraud Complaints from Montana Consumers = 1,101

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Montana Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	257	23%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	157	14%
3	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	124	11%
4	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	105	10%
5	Foreign Money Offers	104	9%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Montana consumers (1,101).

*Amount Paid Reported by Montana Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
1,101	\$2,111,363	877	80%	\$2,407

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Montana consumers (877).

*Top Montana Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Missoula	137
Billings	119
Great Falls	88
Helena	60
Bozeman	57



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
*Data Clearinghouse*



Identity Theft Complaints from Montana Victims = 364

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Montana Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	110	30%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	63	17%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	62	17%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	29	8%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	21	6%
6	Loan Fraud	21	6%
	Other	107	29%
	Attempted Identity Theft	28	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 364 victims reporting from Montana. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 22% of victims from Montana reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers

*Top Montana Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Billings	58
Missoula	42
Bozeman	35
Great Falls	30
Helena	24

**NEBRASKA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Nebraska Consumers = 2,790



Fraud Complaints from Nebraska Consumers = 2,002

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Nebraska Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	482	24%
2	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	309	15%
3	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	265	13%
4	Foreign Money Offers	149	7%
5	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	141	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Nebraska consumers (2,002).

*Amount Paid Reported by Nebraska Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
2,002	\$2,072,733	1,438	72%	\$1,441

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Nebraska consumers (1,438).

*Top Nebraska Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Omaha	642
Lincoln	316
Bellevue	91
Grand Island	36
Fremont	35
North Platte	35



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
 Data Clearinghouse

Identity Theft Complaints from Nebraska Victims = 788

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Nebraska Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	205	26%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	165	21%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	121	15%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	111	14%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	53	7%
6	Loan Fraud	32	4%
	Other	175	22%
	Attempted Identity Theft	60	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 788 victims reporting from Nebraska. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Nebraska reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Nebraska Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Omaha	344
Lincoln	82
Bellevue	33
Grand Island	27
Norfolk	16

**NEVADA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Nevada Consumers = 6,467



Fraud Complaints from Nevada Consumers = 3,532

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Nevada Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	843	24%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	494	14%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	350	10%
4	Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	302	9%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	267	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Nevada consumers (3,532).

*Amount Paid Reported by Nevada Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
3,532	\$7,079,741	2,797	79%	\$2,531

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Nevada consumers (2,797). One consumer reported an amount paid of \$1 million.

*Top Nevada Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Las Vegas	1,987
Reno	405
Henderson	357
Carson City	134
Sparks	124



Identity Theft Complaints from Nevada Victims = 2,935

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Nevada Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	737	25%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	604	21%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	580	20%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	362	12%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	199	7%
6	Loan Fraud	188	6%
	Other	749	26%
	Attempted Identity Theft	189	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 2,935 victims reporting from Nevada. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 23% of victims from Nevada reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Nevada  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Las Vegas	1,971
Reno	279
Henderson	271
Sparks	94
Carson City	65

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from New Hampshire Consumers = 2,277



Fraud Complaints from New Hampshire Consumers = 1,734

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for New Hampshire Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	431	25%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	258	15%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	194	11%
4	Foreign Money Offers	168	10%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	161	9%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from New Hampshire consumers (1,734).

*Amount Paid Reported by New Hampshire Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
1,734	\$3,344,590	1,398	81%	\$2,392

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by New Hampshire consumers (1,398). One consumer reported an amount paid of \$2 million.

*Top New Hampshire Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Manchester	142
Nashua	106
Dover	59
Salem	51
Concord	49



Identity Theft Complaints from New Hampshire Victims = 543

*Identity Theft Types Reported by New Hampshire Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	191	35%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	100	18%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	93	17%
4	Loan Fraud	33	6%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	29	5%
6	Employment-Related Fraud	23	4%
	Other	117	22%
	Attempted Identity Theft	41	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 543 victims reporting from New Hampshire.

Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 16% of victims from New Hampshire reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers

*Top New Hampshire Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Manchester	49
Nashua	45
Concord	16
Dover	16
Salem	16

**NEW JERSEY**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from New Jersey Consumers = 16,447



Fraud Complaints from New Jersey Consumers = 9,917

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for New Jersey Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	2,795	28%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,530	15%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	889	9%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	772	8%
5	Foreign Money Offers	746	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from New Jersey consumers (9,917).

*Amount Paid Reported by New Jersey Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
9,917	\$8,912,708	7,977	80%	\$1,117

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by New Jersey consumers (7,977)

*Top New Jersey Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Jersey City	244
Toms River	156
Newark	155
Edison	140
Trenton	122



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
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Identity Theft Complaints from New Jersey Victims = 6,530

*Identity Theft Types Reported by New Jersey Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	2,299	35%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,073	16%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	849	13%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	607	9%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	463	7%
6	Loan Fraud	408	6%
	Other	1,484	23%
	Attempted Identity Theft	578	9%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 6,530 victims reporting from New Jersey. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from New Jersey reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top New Jersey Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Newark	269
Jersey City	254
Paterson	113
Elizabeth	93
Trenton	93

**NEW MEXICO**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from New Mexico Consumers = 3,953



Fraud Complaints from New Mexico Consumers = 2,365

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for New Mexico Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	477	20%
2	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	248	10%
3	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	204	9%
4	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	186	8%
5	Foreign Money Offers	174	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from New Mexico consumers (2,365).

*Amount Paid Reported by New Mexico Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percent R	Average Amount Paid
2,365	\$6,759,533	1,589	67%	\$4,254

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by New Mexico consumers (1,589). Two consumers reported an amount paid of over \$2.5 million.

*Top New Mexico Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Albuquerque	713
Deming	385
Santa Fe	159
Las Cruces	125
Rio Rancho	86



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
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Identity Theft Complaints from New Mexico Victims = 1,588

*Identity Theft Types Reported by New Mexico Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	342	22%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	314	20%
3	Employment-Related Fraud	296	19%
4	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	284	18%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	132	8%
6	Loan Fraud	106	7%
	Other	411	26%
	Attempted Identity Theft	64	4%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 1,588 victims reporting from New Mexico. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 22% of victims from New Mexico reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top New Mexico Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Albuquerque	663
Las Cruces	102
Santa Fe	93
Rio Rancho	69
Los Lunas	36

**NEW YORK**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from New York Consumers = 38,379



Fraud Complaints from New York Consumers = 20,699

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for New York Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage <sup>1</sup>
1	Internet Auctions	5,811	28%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	2,832	14%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	2,116	10%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	1,569	8%
5	Foreign Money Offers	1,508	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from New York consumers (20,699).

*Amount Paid Reported by New York Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
20,699	\$20,256,516	16,801	81%	\$1,206

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by New York consumers (16,801). One consumer reported an amount paid of \$1 million.

*Top New York Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
New York City <sup>3</sup>	7,238
Rochester	654
Buffalo	316
Syracuse	247
Yonkers	183

<sup>3</sup>"New York City" includes the five boroughs: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island.



Identity Theft Complaints from New York Victims = 17,680

*Identity Theft Types Reported by New York Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	6,312	36%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	3,973	22%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>1</sup>	2,147	12%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	1,624	9%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	1,279	7%
6	Loan Fraud	926	5%
	Other	1,258	18%
	Attempted Identity Theft	1,402	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 17,680 victims reporting from New York. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from New York reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top New York  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
New York City <sup>3</sup>	9,951
Rochester	394
Buffalo	232
Yonkers	195
Syracuse	113

<sup>3</sup>"New York City" includes the five boroughs: Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from North Carolina Consumers = 13,914



Fraud Complaints from North Carolina Consumers = 8,291

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for North Carolina Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	2,101	25%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,075	13%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	871	11%
4	Foreign Money Offers	669	8%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	582	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from North Carolina consumers (8,291).

*Amount Paid Reported by North Carolina Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
8,291	\$8,879,773	6,596	80%	\$1,346

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by North Carolina consumers (6,596).

*Top North Carolina Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Charlotte	770
Raleigh	543
Durham	321
Greensboro	317
Fayetteville	243



Identity Theft Complaints from North Carolina Victims = 5,623

*Identity Theft Types Reported by North Carolina Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	1,491	27%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,070	19%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	930	17%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	561	10%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	495	9%
6	Loan Fraud	359	6%
	Other	1,448	26%
	Attempted Identity Theft	306	5%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 5,623 victims reporting from North Carolina.

Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from North Carolina reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top North Carolina  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Charlotte	723
Raleigh	354
Fayetteville	213
Durham	212
Greensboro	206

**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from North Dakota Consumers = 759

  
**Consumer Sentinel**

Fraud Complaints from North Dakota Consumers = 571

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for North Dakota Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	180	32%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	71	12%
3	Foreign Money Offers	56	10%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	49	9%
5	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	33	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from North Dakota consumers (571).

*Amount Paid Reported by North Dakota Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
571	\$471,184	459	80%	\$1,027

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by North Dakota consumers (459).

*Top North Dakota Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Fargo	129
Bismarck	55
Grand Forks	48
Minot	48
Dickinson	15



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
 Data Clearinghouse



Identity Theft Complaints from North Dakota Victims = 188

*Identity Theft Types Reported by North Dakota Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	53	28%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	42	22%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	27	14%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	12	6%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	11	6%
6	Loan Fraud	9	5%
	Other	52	28%
	Attempted Identity Theft	11	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 188 victims reporting from North Dakota. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 15% of victims from North Dakota reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top North Dakota  
 Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Fargo	42
Grand Forks	22
Bismarck	17
Minot	17
Cavalier	6
Dickinson	6
Mandan	6
Minot AFB	6

**OHIO**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Ohio Consumers = 20,022



Fraud Complaints from Ohio Consumers = 13,066

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Ohio Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	3,123	24%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,591	12%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,198	9%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	1,145	9%
5	Foreign Money Offers	973	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Ohio consumers (13,066).

*Amount Paid Reported by Ohio Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
13,066	\$12,765,255	10,120	77%	\$1,261

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Ohio consumers (10,120).

*Top Ohio Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Columbus	944
Cincinnati	810
Westerville	679
Cleveland	599
Dayton	303



Identity Theft Complaints from Ohio Victims = 6,956

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Ohio Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,911	27%
2	Credit Card Fraud	1,828	26%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	1,164	17%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	445	6%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	368	5%
6	Loan Fraud	314	5%
	Other	1,733	25%
	Attempted Identity Theft	446	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 6,956 victims reporting from Ohio. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 20% of victims from Ohio reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Ohio  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Cleveland	697
Columbus	620
Cincinnati	469
Toledo	305
Dayton	214

**OKLAHOMA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Oklahoma Consumers = 5,417



Fraud Complaints from Oklahoma Consumers = 3,444

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Oklahoma Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	900	26%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	407	12%
3	Foreign Money Offers	349	10%
4	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	328	10%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	292	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Oklahoma consumers (3,444).

*Amount Paid Reported by Oklahoma Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
3,444	\$5,786,088	2,686	78%	\$2,154

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Oklahoma consumers (2,686).

*Top Oklahoma Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Oklahoma City	614
Tulsa	415
Norman	165
Edmond	163
Broken Arrow	91



Identity Theft Complaints from Oklahoma Victims = 1,973

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Oklahoma Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	478	24%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	414	21%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	392	20%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	200	10%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	149	8%
6	Loan Fraud	106	5%
	Other	514	26%
	Attempted Identity Theft	91	5%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 1,973 victims reporting from Oklahoma. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from Oklahoma reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Oklahoma  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Oklahoma City	418
Tulsa	298
Edmond	63
Norman	60
Broken Arrow	59

**OREGON**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Oregon Consumers = 7,912



**Consumer Sentinel**

Fraud Complaints from Oregon Consumers = 4,756

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Oregon Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	1,146	24%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	588	12%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	575	12%
4	Foreign Money Offers	551	12%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	273	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Oregon consumers (4,756).

*Amount Paid Reported by Oregon Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
4,756	\$2,793,274	3,530	74%	\$791

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Oregon consumers (3,530).

*Top Oregon Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Portland	1,057
Eugene	255
Salem	248
Beaverton	210
Bend	152



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
*Data Clearinghouse*

Identity Theft Complaints from Oregon Victims = 3,156

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Oregon Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	815	26%
2	Credit Card Fraud	814	26%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	568	18%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	242	8%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	185	6%
6	Loan Fraud	136	4%
	Other	705	22%
	Attempted Identity Theft	264	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 3,156 victims reporting from Oregon. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from Oregon reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Oregon  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Portland	851
Salem	169
Eugene	158
Beaverton	145
Gresham	84

**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Pennsylvania Consumers = 22,349



Fraud Complaints from Pennsylvania Consumers = 14,786

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Pennsylvania Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	3,858	26%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,967	13%
3	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	1,519	10%
4	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,387	9%
5	Foreign Money Offers	1,020	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Pennsylvania consumers (14,786).

*Amount Paid Reported by Pennsylvania Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
14,786	\$19,044,634	11,876	80%	\$1,604

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Pennsylvania consumers (11,876). Two consumers reported an amount paid of over \$1 million (\$1.3 and \$2.5 million).

*Top Pennsylvania Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Philadelphia	1,353
Pittsburgh	1,036
York	249
Harrisburg	231
Erie	198



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
*Data Clearinghouse*



Identity Theft Complaints from Pennsylvania Victims = 7,563

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Pennsylvania Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	2,403	32%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,435	19%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	1,129	15%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	609	8%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	516	7%
6	Loan Fraud	456	6%
	Other	1,768	23%
	Attempted Identity Theft	638	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 7,563 victims reporting from Pennsylvania. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from Pennsylvania reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Pennsylvania Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Philadelphia	1,871
Pittsburgh	453
Allentown	124
Reading	112
York	112

**RHODE ISLAND**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Rhode Island Consumers = 1,636

  
**Consumer Sentinel**

Fraud Complaints from Rhode Island Consumers = 1,089

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Rhode Island Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	337	31%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	141	13%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	94	9%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	85	8%
5	Foreign Money Offers	72	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Rhode Island consumers (1,089).

*Amount Paid Reported by Rhode Island Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
1,089	\$1,049,409	875	80%	\$1,199

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Rhode Island consumers (875).

*Top Rhode Island Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Providence	225
Warwick	119
Cranston	77
Pawtucket	57
Newport	52



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
*Data Clearinghouse*



Identity Theft Complaints from Rhode Island Victims = 547

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Rhode Island Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	171	31%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	107	20%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	73	13%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	54	10%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	42	8%
6	Loan Fraud	35	6%
	Other	121	22%
	Attempted Identity Theft	43	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 547 victims reporting from Rhode Island. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Rhode Island reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers

*Top Rhode Island  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Providence	161
Warwick	61
Pawtucket	42
Cranston	41
Woonsocket	27

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from South Carolina Consumers = 6,736



Fraud Complaints from South Carolina Consumers = 4,588

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for South Carolina Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	1,057	23%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	442	10%
3	Foreign Money Offers	416	9%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	393	9%
5	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	366	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from South Carolina consumers (4,588).

*Amount Paid Reported by South Carolina Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
4,588	\$3,968,913	3,126	68%	\$1,270

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by South Carolina consumers (3,126).

*Top South Carolina Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Chapin	659
Columbia	351
Charleston	281
Greenville	219
Myrtle Beach	129



Identity Theft Complaints from South Carolina Victims = 2,148

*Identity Theft Types Reported by South Carolina Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	561	26%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	449	21%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>1</sup>	409	19%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	177	8%
5	Loan Fraud	151	7%
6	Employment-Related Fraud	143	7%
	Other	528	25%
	Attempted Identity Theft	140	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 2,148 victims reporting from South Carolina.

Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from South Carolina reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top South Carolina  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Columbia	225
Charleston	133
Rock Hill	110
Greenville	108
Summerville	56

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from South Dakota Consumers = 842



Fraud Complaints from South Dakota Consumers = 663

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for South Dakota Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	236	36%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	100	15%
3	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	81	12%
4	Foreign Money Offers	48	7%
5	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	38	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from South Dakota consumers (663).

*Amount Paid Reported by South Dakota Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
663	\$482,559	518	78%	\$932

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by South Dakota consumers (518).

*Top South Dakota Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Sioux Falls	128
Rapid City	115
Aberdeen	28
Brookings	21
Pierre	21



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
 Data Clearinghouse



Identity Theft Complaints from South Dakota Victims = 179

*Identity Theft Types Reported by South Dakota Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	50	28%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	31	17%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	26	15%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	13	7%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	12	7%
6	Loan Fraud	8	4%
	Other	50	28%
	Attempted Identity Theft	17	9%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 179 victims reporting from South Dakota. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 15% of victims from South Dakota reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers

*Top South Dakota  
 Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Sioux Falls	50
Rapid City	39
Watertown	6
Yankton	5
Brandon	4
Huron	4
Spearfish	4
Sturgis	4

**TENNESSEE**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Tennessee Consumers = 8,652



Fraud Complaints from Tennessee Consumers = 5,406

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Tennessee Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	1,512	28%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	698	13%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	535	10%
4	Foreign Money Offers	467	9%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	369	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Tennessee consumers (5,406).

*Amount Paid Reported by Tennessee Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
5,406	\$4,232,494	4,347	80%	\$974

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Tennessee consumers (4,347).

*Top Tennessee Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Memphis	511
Nashville	461
Knoxville	337
Chattanooga	185
Murfreesboro	135



Identity Theft Complaints from Tennessee Victims = 3,246

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Tennessee Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	919	28%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>1</sup>	682	21%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	524	16%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	294	9%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	229	7%
6	Loan Fraud	170	5%
	Other	770	24%
	Attempted Identity Theft	236	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 3,246 victims reporting from Tennessee. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from Tennessee reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Tennessee  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Memphis	635
Nashville	301
Knoxville	179
Chattanooga	108
Clarksville	67

**TEXAS**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Texas Consumers = 47,889



Fraud Complaints from Texas Consumers = 21,435

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Texas Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage <sup>1</sup>
1	Internet Auctions	5,350	25%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	2,584	12%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	2,208	10%
4	Foreign Money Offers	1,938	9%
5	Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	1,531	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Texas consumers (21,435).

*Amount Paid Reported by Texas Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
21,435	\$23,590,903	16,930	79%	\$1,393

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Texas consumers (16,930). One consumer reported an amount paid of \$5 million.

*Top Texas Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Houston	2,501
Dallas	1,410
Austin	1,325
San Antonio	1,228
Fort Worth	694



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
*Data Clearinghouse*



Identity Theft Complaints from Texas Victims = 26,454

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Texas Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Employment-Related Fraud	6,976	26%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	5,640	21%
3	Credit Card Fraud	5,607	21%
4	Phone or Utilities Fraud	3,982	15%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	2,353	9%
6	Loan Fraud	1,300	5%
	Other	4,900	19%
	Attempted Identity Theft	1,129	4%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 26,454 victims reporting from Texas. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 20% of victims from Texas reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Texas*

*Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Houston	3,850
Dallas	1,848
San Antonio	1,826
Fort Worth	970
Austin	927

**UTAH**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Utah Consumers = 4,758



Fraud Complaints from Utah Consumers = 2,927

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Utah Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	806	28%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	349	12%
3	Foreign Money Offers	307	10%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	294	10%
5	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	253	9%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Utah consumers (2,927).

*Amount Paid Reported by Utah Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
2,927	\$4,354,258	2,248	77%	\$1,937

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Utah consumers (2,248).

*Top Utah Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Salt Lake City	567
Ogden	152
Sandy	138
Provo	130
Layton	107



Identity Theft Complaints from Utah Victims = 1,831

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Utah Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	465	25%
2	Credit Card Fraud	452	25%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	322	18%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	239	13%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	95	5%
6	Loan Fraud	93	5%
	Other	374	20%
	Attempted Identity Theft	110	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 1,831 victims reporting from Utah. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Utah reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Utah*

*Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Salt Lake City	391
West Valley City	105
Sandy	102
Ogden	96
West Jordan	78

**VERMONT**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Vermont Consumers = 887



Fraud Complaints from Vermont Consumers = 679

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Vermont Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	No. of Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	201	30%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	94	14%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	66	10%
4	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	55	8%
5	Foreign Money Offers	51	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Vermont consumers (679).

*Amount Paid Reported by Vermont Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
679	\$318,656	529	78%	\$602

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Vermont consumers (529).

*Top Vermont Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Burlington	77
Rutland	24
Milton	18
Essex Junction	16
St. Albans	15



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
 Data Clearinghouse



Identity Theft Complaints from Vermont Victims = 208

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Vermont Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	70	34%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	38	18%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	34	16%
4	Loan Fraud	14	7%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	12	6%
6	Employment-Related Fraud	4	2%
	Other	60	29%
	Attempted Identity Theft	18	9%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 208 victims reporting from Vermont. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Vermont reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Vermont*

*Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Burlington	15
Barre	10
St. Albans	8
Essex Junction	7
Bennington	5
Rutland	5
Shelburne	5

**VIRGINIA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Virginia Consumers = 14,765



Fraud Complaints from Virginia Consumers = 10,023

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Virginia Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	No. of Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	2,366	24%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,290	13%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	1,129	11%
4	Foreign Money Offers	826	8%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	726	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Virginia consumers (10,023).

*Amount Paid Reported by Virginia Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
10,023	\$9,203,277	7,704	77%	\$1,195

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Virginia consumers (7,704).

*Top Virginia Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Virginia Beach	642
Richmond	601
Alexandria	553
Arlington	423
Norfolk	283



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
 Data Clearinghouse



Identity Theft Complaints from Virginia Victims = 4,742

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Virginia Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	1,597	34%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	916	19%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	802	17%
4	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	303	6%
5	Loan Fraud	269	6%
6	Employment-Related Fraud	253	5%
	Other	1,097	23%
	Attempted Identity Theft	340	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 4,742 victims reporting from Virginia. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Virginia reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Virginia*

*Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Richmond	373
Alexandria	318
Virginia Beach	292
Arlington	235
Norfolk	150

**WASHINGTON**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Washington Consumers = 15,032



Fraud Complaints from Washington Consumers = 9,378

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Washington Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	2,333	25%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	1,117	12%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	951	10%
4	Foreign Money Offers	940	10%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	928	10%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Washington consumers (9,378).

*Amount Paid Reported by Washington Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
9,378	\$7,657,680	7,168	76%	\$1,068

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Washington consumers (7,168).

*Top Washington Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Seattle	1,214
Vancouver	507
Spokane	460
Tacoma	355
Everett	226



Identity Theft Complaints from Washington Victims = 5,654

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Washington Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	1,604	28%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	1,377	24%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	1,030	18%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	438	8%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	369	7%
6	Loan Fraud	214	4%
	Other	1,230	22%
	Attempted Identity Theft	413	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 5,654 victims reporting from Washington. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from Washington reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Washington Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Seattle	753
Vancouver	329
Tacoma	26
Spokane	240
Bellevue	141

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from West Virginia Consumers = 2,456

  
**Consumer Sentinel**

Fraud Complaints from West Virginia Consumers = 1,835

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for West Virginia Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage <sup>1</sup>
1	Internet Auctions	459	25%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	258	14%
3	Foreign Money Offers	238	13%
4	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	137	7%
5	Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	123	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from West Virginia consumers (1,835).

*Amount Paid Reported by West Virginia Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
1,835	\$1,882,418	1,398	76%	\$1,347

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by West Virginia consumers (1,398).

*Top West Virginia Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Martinsburg	176
Charleston	128
Huntington	75
Morgantown	74
Parkersburg	57



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
*Data Clearinghouse*



Identity Theft Complaints from West Virginia Victims = 621

*Identity Theft Types Reported by West Virginia Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	175	28%
2	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	125	20%
3	Phone or Utilities Fraud	115	19%
4	Loan Fraud	46	7%
5	Employment-Related Fraud	33	5%
6	Government Documents or Benefits	33	5%
	Other	163	26%
	Attempted Identity Theft	39	6%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 621 victims reporting from West Virginia. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from West Virginia reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers

*Top West Virginia  
Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Charleston	47
Huntington	33
Morgantown	22
Martinsburg	18
Wheeling	17

**WISCONSIN**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Wisconsin Consumers = 9,289



Fraud Complaints from Wisconsin Consumers = 6,643

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Wisconsin Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage <sup>1</sup>
1	Internet Auctions	1,793	27%
2	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	897	14%
3	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	865	13%
4	Foreign Money Offers	559	8%
5	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	546	8%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Wisconsin consumers (6,643).

*Amount Paid Reported by Wisconsin Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>1</sup>
6,643	\$5,654,072	5,180	78%	\$1,092

<sup>1</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Wisconsin consumers (5,180).

*Top Wisconsin Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Milwaukee	778
Madison	449
Kenosha	338
Green Bay	182
Racine	136



**IDENTITY THEFT**  
 Data Clearinghouse



Identity Theft Complaints from Wisconsin Victims = 2,646

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Wisconsin Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	725	27%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	644	24%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	402	15%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	262	10%
5	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	169	6%
6	Loan Fraud	110	4%
	Other	578	22%
	Attempted Identity Theft	183	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 2,646 victims reporting from Wisconsin. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 18% of victims from Wisconsin reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Wisconsin Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Milwaukee	700
Madison	127
Racine	83
Green Bay	79
Kenosha	59

**WYOMING**  
**Consumer Sentinel Complaint Statistics and Trends**  
*January 1 - December 31, 2004*

Total Number of Fraud and Identity Theft Complaints from Wyoming Consumers = 862



Fraud Complaints from Wyoming Consumers = 648

*Top Fraud Complaint Categories for Wyoming Consumers*

Rank	Top Categories	Complaints	Percentage
1	Internet Auctions	182	28%
2	Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	79	12%
3	Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	66	10%
4	Foreign Money Offers	60	9%
5	Internet Services and Computer Complaints	47	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of fraud complaints from Wyoming consumers (648)

*Amount Paid Reported by Wyoming Consumers*

Total No. of Complaints	Total Amount Paid Reported	Total Complaints Reporting Amt Pd	Percentage of Complaints Reporting Amount Paid	Average Amount Paid <sup>2</sup>
648	\$1,420,307	519	80%	\$2,737

<sup>2</sup>Average amount paid is based on the total number of fraud complaints where amount paid was reported by Wyoming consumers (519).

*Top Wyoming Consumer Locations for Fraud Complaints*

Consumer City	No. of Complaints
Cheyenne	101
Casper	75
Laramie	40
Cody	33
Gillette	29



Identity Theft Complaints from Wyoming Victims = 214

*Identity Theft Types Reported by Wyoming Victims*

Rank	Identity Theft Type	No. of Victims	Percentage
1	Credit Card Fraud	68	32%
2	Phone or Utilities Fraud	38	18%
3	Bank Fraud <sup>2</sup>	34	16%
4	Employment-Related Fraud	17	8%
5	Loan Fraud	15	7%
6	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	11	5%
	Other	60	28%
	Attempted Identity Theft	14	7%

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the 214 victims reporting from Wyoming. Percentages add to more than 100 because approximately 19% of victims from Wyoming reported experiencing more than one type of identity theft.

<sup>2</sup>Includes fraud involving checking and savings accounts and electronic fund transfers.

*Top Wyoming Identity Theft Victim Locations*

Victim City	No. of Victims
Cheyenne	37
Casper	25
Gillette	21
Cody	14
Laramie	11

## Appendix A: The Sentinel Network



The Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse was launched in November 1999 and is the sole national repository of consumer complaints about identity theft. The Clearinghouse provides specific investigative material for law enforcement and larger, trend-based information providing insight to both private and public sector partners on ways to reduce the incidence of identity theft. Information in the Clearinghouse is available to law enforcement members via Consumer Sentinel, the secured, password-protected government Web site. This access enables law enforcers to readily spot identity theft problems in their own backyards, and to coordinate with other law enforcement officers where the data reveals common schemes or perpetrators.



Econsumer.gov was created in April 2001 to gather and share cross-border e-commerce complaints in order to respond to the challenges of multinational Internet fraud, and enhance consumer confidence in e-commerce. The multilingual public Web site provides general information about consumer protection in all countries that belong to the International Consumer Protection and Enforcement Network (formerly called the International Marketing Supervision Network), contact information for consumer protection authorities in those countries, and an online complaint form. All information is available in English, French, German, Korean, and Spanish. Using the existing Consumer Sentinel network, the incoming complaints are shared through the government Web site with participating consumer protection law enforcers from 19 nations.



Military Sentinel, which was established in September 2002, is a project of the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense to identify and target consumer protection issues that affect members of the United States Armed Forces and their families. Military Sentinel also provides a gateway to consumer education materials covering a wide range of consumer protection issues, such as auto leasing, identity theft, and work-at-home scams. Members of the United States Armed Forces can enter complaints directly into Consumer Sentinel. Through Consumer Sentinel, the government password-protected Web site, this information is used by law enforcement agencies, members of the JAG staff, and others in the Department of Defense to help protect armed services members and their families from consumer protection-related problems.

## Appendix B: Sentinel Complaint Categories

<p><b>Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair Offers:</b> The promise of a loan that requires you to pay a fee first; worthless credit card loss protection and insurance programs; the promise that accurate negative information can be removed from your credit file for a fee, etc.</p>
<p><b>Business Opportunities and Work-at-Home Plans:</b> Medical billing scams; misleading franchise and Internet-based business opportunities; wealth building plans that don't make good on their promises, etc.</p>
<p><b>Debt Management/Credit Counseling:</b> Unfulfilled promises by credit counseling organizations to provide free services, send payments to creditors in a timely manner, or reduce interest rates on credit card debt, eliminate late and over-the-limit fees, etc.</p>
<p><b>Foreign Money Offers:</b> Letters or e-mails offer the "opportunity" to share in a percentage of millions of dollars that a self-proclaimed government official is trying to transfer illegally out of a foreign country in return for money, bank account numbers or other identifying information from the victim.</p>
<p><b>Health Care:</b> Fraudulent, misleading or deceptive claims for vision correction procedures; dietary supplements; weight loss products or services; impotency treatments; health spas and equipments; infertility services; sunscreens; HIV test kits, etc.</p>
<p><b>Identity Theft:</b> When someone appropriates your personally identifying information (like your Social Security number or credit card account number) to commit fraud or theft.</p>
<p><b>Internet Auctions:</b> Non-delivery of goods, delivery of goods that are less valuable than advertised; lack of delivery in a timely way; failure to disclose all the relevant information about the product or terms of the sale, etc.</p>
<p><b>Internet Services and Computers:</b> Trial offers from ISPs; difficulty canceling an ISP account; undisclosed Web site charges; problems with computer software and equipment purchases; and spyware.</p>
<p><b>Investments:</b> Promises of riches in day trading, oil and gas leases, gold and gems, FCC licenses, etc. that don't pan out.</p>
<p><b>Magazines and Buyers Clubs:</b> Pitches for "free," "pre-paid" or "special" magazine subscription deals and offers for club memberships that claim to help you save money when buying a particular product or service (CDs, books, etc.).</p>
<p><b>Multi-Level Marketing/Pyramids/Chain Letters:</b> Network plans that offer commissions on the sale of goods by you and distributors you recruit.</p>
<p><b>Office Supplies and Services:</b> Fraudulent or deceptive offers for toner, copier paper, maintenance supplies, equipment maintenance contracts; classified advertising and yellow page invoice scams; website cramming schemes, etc.</p>
<p><b>Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries:</b> Promotions for "free" prizes for a fee; foreign lotteries and sweepstakes offered through the phone, fax, e-mail or mail, etc.</p>
<p><b>Shop-At-Home/Catalog Sales:</b> Problems, such as undisclosed costs, failure to deliver on time, non-delivery and refusal to honor a guarantee, with purchases made via the Internet (not including auction sales), telephone or mail.</p>
<p><b>Telephone Services:</b> Charges for calls to "toll-free" numbers; unauthorized charges such as charges for calls you didn't make, unauthorized switching of your phone service provider; misleading pre-paid phone card offers, etc.</p>
<p><b>Travel, Vacation and Timeshare Plans:</b> Deceptive offers for "free" or low-cost vacations; cut-rate student travel packages; misleading timeshare offers, etc.</p>
<p><b>"Other" complaint categories are:</b> Employment agencies/job counseling, charitable solicitations, government services, real estate, scholarships/educational grants, modeling agencies/services, green card application services, dating services, property/inheritance tracers, water purifiers, living trusts and viaticals.</p>



## Appendix C: Sentinel Top Complaint Categories<sup>1</sup> Three-Year Trends *Calendar Years 2002 through 2004*

Sentinel Categories	CY 2002		CY 2003		CY 2004	
	No. of Complaints	(Percentage)	No. of Complaints	(Percentage)	No. of Complaints	(Percentage)
1 Advance-Fee Loans and Credit Protection/Repair	20,878	(5%)	19,195	(4%)	19,103	(3%)
2 Business Opps and Work-at-Home Plans	13,376	(3%)	13,990	(3%)	14,311	(2%)
3 Debt Management/Credit Counseling <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	—	4,142	(1%)
4 Foreign Money Offers	16,862	(4%)	21,616	(4%)	35,371	(6%)
5 Health Care	7,158	(2%)	5,123	(1%)	5,960	(1%)
6 Identity Theft	161,896	(40%)	215,093	(40%)	246,570	(39%)
7 Internet Auctions	51,003	(13%)	83,161	(15%)	98,653	(16%)
8 Internet Services and Computer Complaints	25,705	(6%)	34,455	(6%)	37,094	(6%)
9 Investments	2,515	(1%)	2,663	(<1%)	2,622	(<1%)
10 Magazines and Buyers Clubs	7,658	(2%)	8,704	(2%)	7,455	(1%)
11 Multi-Level Mktg/Pyramids Chain Letters	2,296	(1%)	2,458	(<1%)	2,680	(<1%)
12 Office Supplies and Services	5,925	(1%)	6,953	(1%)	7,649	(1%)
13 Prizes/Sweepstakes and Lotteries	18,785	(5%)	25,789	(5%)	30,064	(5%)
14 Shop-at-Home/Catalog Sales	31,356	(8%)	52,722	(10%)	49,539	(8%)
15 Telephone Services	9,191	(2%)	13,339	(2%)	14,276	(2%)
16 Travel, Vacations and Timeshare	4,533	(1%)	5,069	(1%)	4,621	(1%)

<sup>1</sup>Percentages are based on the total number of Sentinel complaints for each calendar year: CY 2002 = 403,658; CY 2003 = 542,378; CY 2004 = 635,173.

<sup>2</sup>Fraud category added for CY 2004.



## Appendix D: Other Sentinel Data Contributors

Calendar Year 2004

### Federal Agencies

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Attorneys Office for the Eastern District  
of New York  
U.S. Social Security Administration

### Attorneys General Offices

Alabama  
Arkansas  
District of Columbia  
Indiana  
Kansas  
Louisiana  
Maine  
New Mexico  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Texas  
Vermont

### Other State & Local Agencies

California, Stanislaus County District Attorney  
California, Monterey County District Attorney  
Georgia Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs  
Kansas, Johnson County District Attorney  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
Washington Securities Division  
Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions  
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture

### Others

Better Business Bureaus  
National Fraud Information Center  
Xerox Corporation

### Local Police/Sheriff Departments

Arizona, Phoenix Police Department  
California, Roseville Police Department  
Connecticut, West Haven Police Department  
Florida, Pasco Sheriff's Office  
Illinois, Lincolnshire Police Department  
Iowa, Clinton Police Department  
Idaho, Chubbuck Police Department  
Indiana, White County Sheriff's Office  
Kansas, Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office  
Michigan, Genesee County Sheriff's Office  
Michigan, Port Huron Police Department  
Minnesota, Morris Police Department  
Missouri, Taney County Sheriff's Office  
Montana, Lake County Sheriff's Office  
New Jersey, Moorestown Township Police Department  
New York, Newark Police Department  
North Carolina, Wilson County Sheriff's Office  
Pennsylvania, Dallas Township Police Department  
Texas, Dalhart Police Department  
Virginia, Front Royal Police Department  
Washington, Mount Vernon Police Department  
Washington, Washougal Police Department

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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/21/05

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IN TO OFFICE: 2 May 2005

Finance Committee considered

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

## HB 131 ACCESS DEVICE & I.D. DOCUMENT CRIMES

"An Act increasing the criminal classification of theft of an access device and of obtaining an access device or identification documents by fraudulent means; increasing the criminal classification for certain cases of fraudulent use of an access device; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**CS Senate Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 New Title

**SCS House Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 Technical Title Change  
 New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Incl.	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Incl.	Zero	FN#
Corrections	2/25/05			✓	#1
Law	2/22/05			✓	#2
DPS	2/22/05			✓	#3
Admin	2/22/05		*		#4

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
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COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	X			
COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			

MAY 2 2005

SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: HB 131  
(H) Publish Date: 3/21/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Corrections  
Title: "An act increasing the criminal classification of theft of an access device and of obtaining an access device..." RDU: Institutional Facilities  
Sponsor: Representatives Stoltze, McGuire Component: Institution Director's Office  
Requester: Judiciary, Finance Component No.: 524

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Due to the estimated small number of successful prosecutions that may occur as a result of the changes contained in the legislation, the department does not anticipate a significant fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
Bill Version: HB 131  
(H) Publish Date: 3/21/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: LAW  
Title "An Act increasing the criminal classification RDU CRIMINAL  
of theft of an access device and of obtaining an access... Component CDCO  
Sponsor Representative Stolze  
Requester House Judiciary Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill amends sections of AS 11.46, and would protect citizens, businesses, and financial institutions by increasing the penalty for certain types of identity theft and fraud crimes. The bill would increase the penalty from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony for (1) theft of an access device, such as a credit card or bank account number, (2) the crime of fraudulent use of an access device if the value of the property or services obtained is \$50 or more, and (3) the crime of obtaining an access device or identification document by fraudulent means. The Department of Law does not anticipate a fiscal impact from passage of this legislation.

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Fiscal Note Number: 4  
 Bill Version: HB 131  
 (H) Publish Date: 3/21/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title An act increasing criminal class. for RDU Legal and Advocacy Services  
access device crimes... Component Public Defender Agency  
 Sponsor Reps. Stoltze, McGuire  
 Requester House Judiciary Component No. 1631

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 00  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill seeks to amend several offenses related to access devices, like credit cards and bank account numbers, and ID documents to raise the penalty from a misdemeanor to a felony for the theft of, fraudulent use of, and for fraudulently obtaining an access device or ID document. This increase in penalties will increase the workload of the Agency. It is far more costly to defend a person charged with a felony than a misdemeanor. Some of these offenses are currently prosecutable by municipalities as misdemeanors, and if they become felonies, they will be prosecuted by the state resulting in more public defender appointments. It is not possible to predict how many current PD-appointed cases will be affected or new cases appointed, therefore an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## REPRESENTATIVE BILL STOLTZE

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### House Bill 131

#### Access Device & I.D. Document Crimes

*"An Act increasing the criminal classification of theft of an access device and of obtaining an access device or identification documents by fraudulent means; increasing the criminal classification for certain cases of fraudulent use of an access device; and providing for an effective date."*

Identity theft is on the increase in Alaska and our country as a whole. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) reported that identity theft was up 33 percent in 2003. The State of Alaska ranks second in the number of complaints per 100,000 people.

These types of theft average \$500; however, this does not take into consideration the countless hours a victim may spend tracking down and stopping the imposter, as well as time and legal costs to repair credit ratings and fight collection efforts. These changes would bring the penalties for such crimes closer in line with federal criminal laws, which provide for as much as 15 years in prison for similar crimes.

The provisions of HB 131:

- Increase the penalty from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony for:
  1. Theft of an access device, such as a credit card or bank account number.
  2. The crime of fraudulent use of an access device if the value of the property or services obtained is \$50 or more.
  3. The crime of obtaining an access device or identification document by fraudulent means.

I ask for your consideration and support of HB 131 to take a step towards meaningful deterrence and punishment for such crimes, which can impact all Alaskans.

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March 1, 2005

### Sectional Analysis of HB 131 (ID Theft)

*(Prepared by the Department of Law, March 1, 2005)*

HB 131 would increase the criminal classification of theft of an access device, of fraudulent use of an access device, and for fraudulently obtaining an access device or identification document.

Section 1 classifies theft of an access device as theft in the second degree, a class C felony.

Section 2 is a conforming amendment that deletes a statutory reference to the provision repealed in sec. 5 of the bill.

Section 3 raises fraudulent use of an access device to a class C felony from a class A misdemeanor when the value of the property or services obtained is between \$50 and \$25,000; it raises fraudulent use of an access device to a class A misdemeanor when the value of property or services obtained is less than \$50.

Section 4 raises fraudulently obtaining an access device or identification document to a class C felony from a class A misdemeanor.

Section 5 repeals the statutory provision classifying theft of an access device as theft in the third degree.

Section 6 would make the bill applicable to offenses occurring on or after the effective date.

Section 7 sets out an effective date of July 1, 2005.

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March 18, 2005

Representative Bill Stoltze  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Stoltze:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I would like to thank you for introducing House Bill 131, relating to access devices and identity theft.

The APOA Legislative Committee recently reviewed this proposed legislation and decided to unanimously support this bill.

This legislation increases the penalties for fraudulent use of an access device and identity theft. These crimes are only increasing with expanded use of the Internet as a tool of commerce. The damage done to victims of these types of crimes can take months and even years to recover from and, in some cases, is irreparable. This bill is a step in the right direction in addressing these types of crimes.

Thank you for addressing this issue. Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at (907) 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

Angella Long  
State President

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April 20, 2005

The Honorable Ralph Seekins, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 125  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: HB 131 (Stoltze)--Support

Dear Chair Seekins:

On behalf of the AARP members in Alaska, we ask that you and your colleagues on the Senate Judiciary Committee support HB 131, authored by Representative Bill Stoltze and co-sponsored by Representatives McGuire, Kelly, Meyer and Foster.

The intent of HB 131 is to increase the penalties for some crimes associated with identity theft, including credit cards and bank accounts fraudulently accessed. Although violent crime receives the most media attention, fraud and identity theft are becoming increasingly more serious and more prevalent and older people are often the targets. The loss of even modest amounts of money may be devastating to a retired victim living on a low, fixed income.

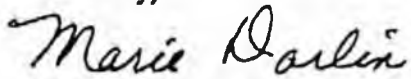
In surveys of AARP members, they report that identity theft is one of their major concerns. As with any crime, we cannot completely control being victimized. However, HB 131 does increase the penalties for criminals who commit these crimes.

AARP urges an "AYE" vote on HB 131.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact me or Patrick Luby (907-762-3314), AARP Alaska Advocacy Director.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Capital City Task Force  
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Senator Gene Therriault  
Senator Hollis French  
Senator Gretchen Guess  
Representative Bill Stoltze

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/14/05

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4/21/05

Judiciary Committee considered      HOUSE BILL NO. 131

## HB 131 ACCESS DEVICE & I.D. DOCUMENT CRIMES

"An Act increasing the criminal classification of theft of an access device and of obtaining an access device or identification documents by fraudulent means; increasing the criminal classification for certain cases of fraudulent use of an access device; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**CS Senate Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 New Title

**SCS House Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 Technical Title Change  
 New Title w/ SCR # \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
COR	2/25/05			✓	1
LAW	4/22/05			✓	2
DPS	2/28/05			✓	3
ADM	2/22/05		✓		4

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
French			X	
Huggins	X			
Guess			X	
Seakins <b>CHAIR:</b>	✓			

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPC T

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: March 3, 2005

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/5/05

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 132

HOUSE BILL NO. 132

CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY

"An Act relating to sentencing for certain crimes committed against the elderly; and providing for an effective date."

Recommends it be replaced with  HCS or  CS for HB 132 (JUD)  
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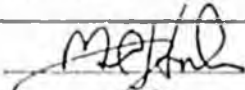
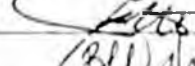
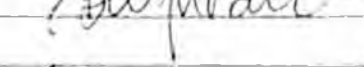
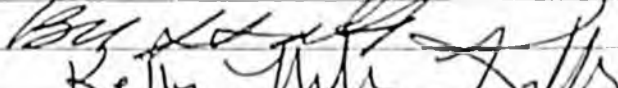
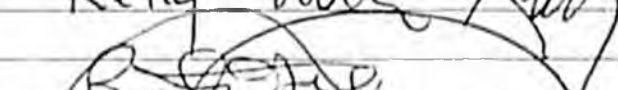
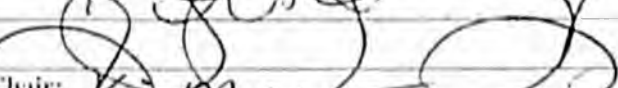

- attach amendments
- add new referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- Letter of Intent \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:

- ADM
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- CRT
- EED
- DEC
- DEG
- GOV
- HSS
- LEG
- LAW
- LWF
- MVA
- DNR
- DPS
- REV
- DOT
- CA

<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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AK CRT		✓		
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<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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law	#1			✓
DPS	#2			✓
DOC	#3		✓	

<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
	Hawker	x			
	Holm	✓			
	Weyrauch			x	
	Stutz	x			
	Kelly	x			
	Foster	x			
Chair: 	Meyer	✓			
Clk: _____					

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: CSHB 132 (JUD)  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Crimes Against the Elderly BRU Alaska Court System  
Component Trial Courts  
Sponsor Representative Stoltz Component No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5
Travel	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Contractual	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousand. of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	54.2	54.2	54.2	54.2	54.2	54.2
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>54.2</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 00

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

House Bill 132 increases the penalties for certain crimes if the victim is a person 65 years of age or older. Although the bill raises the offense levels for many crimes against the elderly, the ones likely to impact the court system are those that will raise an offense from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony. Felony crimes are more resource intensive for the court system because there are grand jury costs, they have a higher trial rate than misdemeanors and, because defendants are subject to supervised probation by the Department of Corrections, they are more likely to be back before the court for petitions to revoke probation. According to the Public Defender Agency, they were appointed in 4851 misdemeanor cases in 2004 that would be felonies under HB 132 in those cases where the victim was 65 years old or older. The Public Defender also notes that census data shows that roughly 6% of Alaska's population is 65 years of age or older. Assuming that crime victims

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Division Alaska Court System Date/Time 3/8/05 11:54 AM  
Approved by Doug Wooliver for Stephanie Cole, Administrative Director Date 3/8/2005  
Agency Alaska Court System

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BILL NO. CSHB 132 (JUD)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

are represented proportionally across age categories, the Public Defender numbers suggest that roughly 291 (6% of 4851) crimes against the elderly would rise from misdemeanors to felonies under this bill. Because the Public Defender Agency represents slightly over 60% of felony defendants, the number of new felony offenses filed in the court system is likely to be roughly 450 cases a year.

However, notwithstanding the fact that those 65 years of age or older represent 6% of the state's population, it is not clear what percentage of crime victims actually fall into that category. Because of that uncertainty and because of proof problems associated with the defendant having to act with reckless disregard for the age of the victim, this note will conservatively assume that the passage of HB 132 will result in 200 (rather than 450) new felony cases filed with the court each year. Because roughly 4% of felony cases go to trial, this note reflects the trial costs associated with 8 new felony trials a year. This note does not reflect the additional grand jury time that will be required for these new felonies nor does it include extra costs associated with petitions to revoke probation.

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: HB 132  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
Title: An Act relating to sentencing for RDU: Legal and Advocacy Services  
certain crimes against elderly... Component: Public Defender Agency  
Sponsor: Reps. Stoltze, McGuire  
Requester: House Judiciary Component No.: 1631

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0	94.0
Travel	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Contractual	23.9	23.9	23.9	23.9	23.9	23.9
Supplies	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Equipment	6.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	129.6	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6	123.6
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>123.6</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 00  
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
This bill seeks to enhance penalties for numerous crimes against a person 65 years or older. From the 2002 census, it indicates people over 65 comprise 6% of Alaska's population. There are more than 25 crimes listed for enhancement if a victim is 65 or older. The Agency was appointed in over 6600 of these crimes in 2004 (6% of 6605 = 396 crimes against elderly, but some reduction in this number would be appropriate for crimes where the state would not be able to prove that the defendant was reckless with regard to the victim being 65 or older), with over 73% (4851) of them involving misdemeanor crimes that would become felonies. Felonies are much more costly to defend than misdemeanors. American Bar Association national standards provide that an attorney should not handle more than 400 misdemeanor cases a year, or 150 felonies a year. This shift from misdemeanor to felony will increase the Agency workload by one 2/3 attorney position, factoring in support staff.

Prepared by: Linda K. Wilson, Deputy Director Phone: (907)334-4416  
Division: Public Defender Agency Date/Time: 2/25/05 2:26 PM  
Approved by: Michael Tibbles, Deputy Commissioner Date: 2/25/2005  
Agency: Department of Administration

# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSHB 132(JUD)  
(H) Publish Date: 3/3/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: LAW  
Title: "An Act relating to sentencing for certain crimes committed against the elderly..." RDU: CRIMINAL  
Sponsor: Representative Stolze Component: CDCO  
Requester: House Judiciary Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
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Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

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1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would enhance penalties for persons convicted of committing certain crimes against the person, or a theft or related financial crime, against a person 65 years of age or older. The bill raises the level of these offenses if the defendant was reckless in regard to the victim being 65 years of age or older. The Department of Law does not anticipate a fiscal impact from passage of this legislation.

Prepared by: Kathryn Daughmetee, Director Phone: 465-5427  
Division: Administrative Services Date/Time: 2/22/05 4:10 PM  
Approved by: K. Daughmetee for Scott Nordbrand, Acting Attorney General Date: 2/22/2005  
Agency: Department of Law

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
Bill Version: CSHB 132(JUD)  
(H) Publish Date: 3/3/05

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
Title An Act relating to sentencing for certain crimes RDU Alaska State Troopers  
committed against the elderly Component AST Detachments  
Sponsor Representatives Stoltze, McGuire  
Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. 2325

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill adds a new penalty section for crimes committed against the elderly. The new section outlines an increase in criminal classifications (B misdemeanor is a class A misdemeanor, etc.) which apply to a number of specific Title 11 offenses listed in the bill when the victim was 65 years of age or older at the time of the crime.

No fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety is anticipated.

Prepared by Lieutenant Todd Sharp Phone 907-465-3223  
Division Alaska State Troopers Date/Time 2/22/05 5:34 PM  
Approved by Commissioner William Tandeske Date 2/22/2005  
Agency Department of Public Safety



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## REPRESENTATIVE BILL STOLTZE

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### House Bill 132

#### Crimes Against Elderly

*"An Act relating to sentencing for certain crimes committed against the elderly; and providing for an effective date."*

The population of older citizens in Alaska is growing rapidly, as are the crimes that affect them. The physical, emotional, and financial impact of crimes against the person, and theft and related crimes, on the elderly can be devastating. House Bill 132 would increase the penalty one level for certain crimes against a person and for theft and related crimes, if the perpetrator acted with reckless disregard that the victim was an older citizen.

The provisions of HB 132:

- Increase the penalties for crimes against the elderly one level. For example, assault in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor, would be a class C felony if the assault was committed to a person 65 years of age or older.

Ask for your consideration and support of HB 132 to better protect the older citizens of our state.

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### Sectional Analysis of CS HB 132 (JUD) Crimes Against Seniors

*(Prepared by the Department of Law, March 4, 2005)*

CS HB 132 (JUD) would increase the penalties for certain offenses committed against persons 65 or older.

**Sec. 1: Intent and findings.** Section 1 sets out the intent and findings.

**Sec. 2: Increase in penalty for certain crimes against seniors.** Section 2 adds a new chapter regarding enhanced penalties, and a new section regarding penalties for crimes against the elderly. The seriousness of the offense is raised one level if the offender committed the offense with reckless disregard that the victim was a person 65 years of age or older. For example, assault in the fourth degree, normally a class A misdemeanor, would be a class C felony if the offender acted with reckless disregard that the victim was 65 years of age or older.

**Sec. 3: Applicability.** Section 3 makes the changes set out in sec. 2 applicable to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2005.

**Sec. 4: Effective date.** Section 4 sets out an effective date of July 1, 2005.

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February 23, 2005

The Honorable Lesil McGuire, Chair  
House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 118  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: HB 132 (Stoltze)--Support

Dear Chair McGuire:

On behalf of the AARP members in Alaska, we ask that you and your colleagues on the House Judiciary Committee support HB 132, authored by Representative Bill Stoltze and co-sponsored by you.

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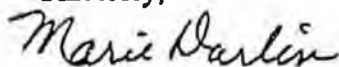
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Sincerely,



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March 18, 2005

Representative Bill Stoltze  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau AK 99801-1182

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Thank you for addressing this issue. Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at (907) 277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to assist in the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angella Long", is written over a horizontal line.

Angella Long  
State President

**HB**

**132**

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FILE

HB 132

was referred to the  
Senate Finance  
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move  
from Committee

Withdrawn

SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #1  
Bill Number: HB 132  
Sponsor: Dyson Date: 5/1/09  
Logged In By: Mindy

Amendment to CSHB 132(JUD):

Add a new subsection AS 11.32.100(c) to section 1 of the bill, as follows:

(c) In addition to any other penalty imposed by law, a person sentenced to an increased sentence under (a) of this section for a crime specified in (b)(9) of this section must immediately surrender any business license issued by the State of Alaska and may not obtain, possess, or hold a business license in the state for two years from the date of sentencing.

Sponsored by Sen. Dyson  
on behalf of Sen. Burke

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
5/1/2005 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	HB 132		
Amendment	#1		
Motion	adpt		
<u>Motion by</u>	Dyson		
<u>Objection by</u>	Green		
<u>Removed</u>			
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Stedman			
Senator Bunde			
Senator Dyson			
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Olson			
Co-Chair Wilken			
Co-Chair Green			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	Removed		

**Mindy Rowland**

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From: Traci Carpenter  
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2005 10:03 AM  
To: Mindy Rowland  
Subject: FW: HB 132 fiscal notes

Attachments: HB132CS-LAW-05-04-05.pdf; HB132SCS(FIN)-COM-OL-05-04-05.pdf



HB132CS-LAW-05-04-05.pdf; HB132SCS(FIN)-COM-OL-05-04-05.pdf

I'm not sure if we're bringing this up again, but here 'yar just in case. I'm putting a note in my files with the amendment and fiscal notes so I don't forget in committee :-)

-----Original Message-----

From: Darwin Peterson [mailto:Darwin\_Peterson@gov.state.ak.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2005 11:41 AM  
To: Ben Mulligan; Traci Carpenter  
Subject: HB 132 fiscal notes

Traci,  
If Sen. Dyson's amendment to HB 132, dealing with business license revocations, is passed by the committee the fiscal notes from Law and DCCED will be zero. In the interest of expediency, they are attached for the next committee hearing on this bill.

Thanks,  
Darwin

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: HB132CS-LAW-CDCO-5  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: LAW  
Title "An Act relating to sentencing for certain crimes RDU CRIMINAL  
committed against the elderly..." Component CDCO  
Sponsor Representative Stolze  
Requester Senate Finance Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would enhance penalties for persons convicted of committing certain crimes against the person, or a theft or related financial crime, against a person 65 years of age or older. The bill raises the level of these offenses if the defendant was reckless in regard to the victim being 65 years of age or older. The Department of Law does not anticipate a fiscal impact from passage of this legislation.

Prepared by: Kathryn Daughhoteo, Director Phone 465-5427  
Division Administrative Services Date/Time 5/4/05 10:12 AM  
Approved by: Kathryn Daughhoteo for David Marquez, Attorney General Date 5/4/2005  
Agency Department of Law

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: SCS HB132(FIN)  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Commerce  
Title Crimes Against Elderly RDU Occupational Licensing (117)  
Component Occupational Licensing  
Sponsor Stoltze, McGuire, Anderson, et al  
Requester Senate Finance Component No. 2360

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1156 - Receipt Supported Services						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

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**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

New funds are not required to implement the provisions of SCS HB132(FIN).

Prepared by: Jennifer Strickler, Administrative Manager Phone (907) 465-2144  
Division: Occupational Licensing Date/Time 5/4/05 11:10 AM  
Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 5/4/2005  
Agency: Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: CSHB 132(JUD)  
 () Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Crimes Against the Elderly RDU Alaska Court System  
 Component Trial Courts  
 Sponsor Representative Stoltz  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2
Travel	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Contractual	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6	23.6
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>

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1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	54.9	54.9	54.9	54.9	54.9	54.9
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1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type—Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>54.9</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

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**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

Committee Substitute for HB 132 increases the penalties for certain crimes of the victim is a person 65 years of age or older. Although the bill raises the offense levels for many crimes against the elderly, the ones likely to impact the court system are those that will raise an offense from a class A misdemeanor to a class C felony. Felony crimes are more resource intensive for the court because there are grand jury costs, they have a higher trial rate than misdemeanors and, because defendants are subject to supervised probation by the Department of Corrections, they are more likely to be back before the court for petitions to revoke probation. According to the Public Defender Agency (the agency), the agency was appointed in 4851 misdemeanor cases in 2004 that would be felonies under HB 132 where the victim was 65 years or older. The agency also notes that census data shows that roughly 6% of Alaska's population is 65 years of age or older. Assuming that crime victims are represented proportionally across age categories, the agency's numbers suggest that roughly 291 (6% of 4851) crimes against the elderly would rise from misdemeanor to felonies under this bill.

Prepared by: Doug Wooliver, Administrative Attorney Phone 463-4750  
 Division Alaska Court System Date/Time 1/12/06 9:00 AM  
 Approved by: Doug Wooliver for Stephanie Cole, Administrative Director Date 1/12/2006  
 Agency Alaska Court System

## FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 132 (JUD)

### ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Because the agency represents slightly over 60% of felony defendants, the number of new felony offenses filed with the court system is likely to be roughly 450 cases a year.

However, notwithstanding the fact that those 65 years of age or older represent 6% of the state's population, it is not clear what percentage of crime victims actually fall into that category. Because of that uncertainty and because of proof problems associated with the defendant having to act with reckless disregard for the age of the victim, this note conservatively assumes that passage of HB 132 will result in 200 (rather than 450) new felony filings each year. Because roughly 4% of felony cases go to trial, this note reflects the trial costs associated with 8 new felony trials a year. This note does not reflect the additional grand jury time that will be required for these new felonies nor does it include extra costs associated with petitions to revoke probation.

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## REPRESENTATIVE BILL STOLTZE

Representative\_Bill\_Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us

### House Bill 132

#### Crimes Against Elderly

*"An Act relating to sentencing for certain crimes committed against the elderly; and providing for an effective date."*

The population of older citizens in Alaska is growing rapidly, as are the crimes that affect them. The physical, emotional, and financial impact of crimes against the person, and theft and related crimes, on the elderly can be devastating. House Bill 132 would increase the penalty one level for certain crimes against a person and for theft and related crimes, if the perpetrator acted with reckless disregard that the victim was an older citizen.

The provisions of HB 132:

- Increase the penalties for crimes against the elderly one level. For example, assault in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor, would be a class C felony if the assault was committed to a person 65 years of age or older.

I ask for your consideration and support of HB 132 to better protect the older citizens of our state.

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## Sectional Analysis of SCS CSHB 132(JUD) Crimes Against Seniors

*(Prepared by the Department of Law, April 22, 2005)*

SCS CSHB 132(JUD) would increase the penalties for certain offenses committed against persons 65 or older.

**Section 1: Increase in penalty for certain crimes against seniors.** This section would add a new chapter regarding enhanced penalties, and a new section regarding penalties for crimes against the elderly. The seriousness of the offense is raised one level if the offender committed the offense with reckless disregard that the victim was a person 65 years of age or older. For example, assault in the fourth degree, normally a class A misdemeanor, would be a class C felony if the offender acted with reckless disregard that the victim was 65 years of age or older.

**Sec. 2: Applicability.** This section would make the changes set out in sec. 1 applicable to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2005.

**Sec. 3: Effective date.** This section sets out an effective date of July 1, 2005.

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Sincerely,

Angella Long  
State President

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April 20, 2005

The Honorable Ralph Seekins, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 125  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: HB 132 (Stoltze)--Support

Dear Chair Seekins:

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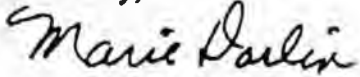
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CC: Vice-Chair Charlie Huggins  
Senator Gene Therriault  
Senator Hollis French  
Senator Gretchen Guess  
Representative Bill Stoltze

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/13/05

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4/21/05

Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 132(JUD)

## HB 132 CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY

"An Act relating to certain crimes committed against the elderly; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS CS HB 132 (JUD)
- adopt previous CS (        )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by          Committee
- further referral to          Committee

**CS Senate Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 New Title

**SCS House Bill:**  
 Same Title  
 Technical Title Change  
 New Title w/ SCR #         

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
LAW				✓	1
DPS	2/22/05			✓	2
COR	2/21/05		✓		3
ADM	2/25/05	✓			5
CRT	3/15/05	✓			6

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
French	X			
Guess			X	
Huggins	X			
CHAIR: <i>Szekins</i>	✓			

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

HB 132-CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY

NAME: Marie Carlin Subject/Bill No: HB 132  
Co./Dept./Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: Jessie Zip: Horseshoe  
Do you wish to testify?  Yes  No  Respond To Questions

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject/Bill No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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