

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Identity Theft presentation given by Senior Investigator Marshall Cox of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Identity Crimes Unit.

TOPIC DESCRIPTION

Training in identity theft related Federal and New York State laws. Identity theft defined. Schemes to commit identity theft, including the internet and identity theft. Federal and State enforcement activity, including case study. Security concerns to protect from identity theft discussed.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this section the student will be able to:

1. Define identity theft.
2. Identify Federal and State laws related to identity theft.
3. Identify types of fraudulent acts committed in the commission of identity theft.
4. Understand how Federal and State agents investigate identity theft cases and enforce identity theft related laws.
5. Have information on steps that taken to prevent identity theft.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

I. Introduction to the NYS DMV Division of Field Investigations

- a. Introduction to the License and Registration Crimes Unit
 - 1. Identity Theft investigations

II. Why engage in Identity Theft?

- 1. Multi-jurisdictional crime beyond the scope of local Law Enforcement
 - 2. Generally, not well understood by Law Enforcement community
 - 3. *Economic* and *non-economic* motives
 - 4. Cases can be complex and difficult to prosecute

III. How identity theft is committed and motives for committing identity theft.

- 1. Stolen identification documents and or information
- 2. Altered documents
- 3. Counterfeit documents
- 4. Illegally obtained documents

IV. Related NYS Penal laws discussed

- 5. 170.00 Forgery
- 6. 170.20 Criminal possession of a forged instrument
- 7. 175.35 Offering a false instrument for filing
- 8. 190.23 False personation
- 9. 190.25 Criminal Impersonation

V. Investigative Methodology

- 1. NYS DMV Case study

VI. NYS DMV Document Issuance Process and Internal Controls

- a. Requirements for obtaining a driver license or identification card
- b. To what extent are these documents examined for authenticity?
- c. How are original applications handled and stored by the agency and for how long?
- d. What data computer/electronic data regarding the transaction is captured, how is it stored and how long is it available?

VII. Question and Answer Period