Identity theft can happen through avenues as varied as computer hacking to a stolen purse or wallet.

But there is one common denominator: It can be a major hassle and cause significant stress for the victim.

Your Sheriff’s Office has put together a pamphlet outlining ways to monitor your accounts for identity theft, actions to take if you are targeted, and ways to try to prevent the crime in the first place.

We have also made this information available on our website and on our Facebook page.

Being vigilant and proactive is always a good strategy in combating crime. Sincerely,

Sheriff Larry R. Ashley

The Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office is currently working in conjunction with the Secret Service, FBI, and Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the computer hacking of personal information involving a security breach at Northwest Florida State College.

The investigation is expected to be intensive and time-consuming. In the meantime, the OCSO wants to share the following valuable educational material with those who could be potential victims of this crime, or others looking to protect themselves from identity theft.

Flag Your Credit Reports
Call the nationwide credit reporting companies and ask for a fraud alert on your credit report.
Equifax 1-800-525-6285
Experian 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion 1-800-680-7289

Order Your Credit Reports
Each company’s credit report is slightly different, so order a report from each company. Read your reports carefully to see if the information is correct. If you see mistakes contact the credit reporting company.
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Create an Identity Theft Report
An Identity Theft Report can help you get fraudulent information removed from your credit report, stop a company from collecting debts caused by identity theft, and get information about accounts a thief opened in your name. To create an Identity Theft Report:
File a complaint with the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint
Or 1-877-438-4338; TTY: 1-866-653-4261. Your completed complaint is called an FTC Affidavit.

Utilize the IC3 Web Site
The IC3 was established as a partnership between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) to serve as a means to receive Internet related criminal complaints and to further research, develop, and refer the criminal complaints to federal, state, local, or international law enforcement and/or regulatory agencies for any investigation they deem to be appropriate. The IC3 was intended, and continues to emphasize, serving the broader law enforcement community to include federal, as well as state, local, and international agencies, which are combating Internet crime and, in many cases, participating in Cyber Crime Task Forces. The IC3 web site is www.ic3.gov/

THE OCSO IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION PAMPHLET CAN BE ACCESSSED ONLINE AT:
The newest addition to the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office is a 15-month old German Shepherd. His name is “K9 Forg” and his moniker is in tribute to fallen Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Deputy Tony Forgione. Deputy Forgione was killed in July 2008 while trying to take into custody an individual wanted for mental evaluation.

K9 Forg’s handler, is Deputy Sterling Eslinger, a friend of the Forgione family who says it’s an honor to have his next crime-fighting partner named after his former co-worker.

Tony’s brother, Joey Forgione of Niceville, says he thinks K9 Forg will show the same drive and big heart as Tony demonstrated in his days as a law enforcement officer.

In coming months, Deputy Eslinger will be training K9 Forg in narcotics detection, tracking, criminal apprehension, and other valuable skills prior to his certification.

A video version of this story is available at: http://www.youtube.com/my_videos_edit?ns=1&video_id=PG1ThsPVy5Q
PLUMA BELL SANFORD

73 year old Pluma Bell Sanford could have been anybody’s grandmother. She was sweet-natured, caring, very active in her church, and a volunteer at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center.

Yet during a welfare check on August 15th, 1997, Okaloosa County Sheriff’s deputies discovered her badly beaten body in a bedroom at Sanford’s Pineview Boulevard home. They found evidence of a struggle inside and learned that someone had strangled Pluma Bell Sanford with a ligature.

Nothing inside appeared to be stolen, but her 1992 Dodge Sedan (shown above) was found in a parking lot near the intersection of Racetrack Road and Beal Parkway.

Investigators painstakingly collected the evidence, interviewed dozens of people, and in the years since, have re-examined the evidence numerous times. There is hope technology will provide a breakthrough.

Investigator Brad Embry said, “There is some light in the way of technology advancement in DNA, in the way that we process and development DNA profiles. It has made a difference in this case and we are working hard and diligently to find that piece of evidence, that one piece of evidence that we need. But I would like to believe that there’s somebody out there that has that one piece of information, that one piece of the puzzle, that we’re missing and I would really like for that person to come forward and just point us in the right direction. “

Anyone with information on the murder of Pluma Bell Sanford is asked to call the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office at 850-863-TIPS or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

“The family deserves closure and justice more than anything, “said Embry.
The Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office is now placing basic arrest information on its web page to provide better access to the public on the most recent arrests. The data, which will be updated daily at 6 a.m., will include entries entered into the OCSO computer system from the previous 24 hours. All records will remain on the site for a one week period before rotating out.

The web page includes a defendant’s name, race, sex, age on date of arrest, last known residence street and town name, and the charges filed. The most current mug shot will also be displayed if available from within a two year timeframe.

In addition, in order to streamline the public records process and avoid duplication of service, anyone seeking additional details on an arrest or a copy of a report should email our OCSO Records Division at records@sheriff-okaloosa.org.

The link to the new webpage is: [http://www.sheriff-okaloosa.org/arrests/](http://www.sheriff-okaloosa.org/arrests/)

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Shalimar resident Al London was a constant ray of sunshine and a much-loved volunteer during his nearly twelve years helping out at the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office. We are saddened by his passing, but cheered by his example and our many wonderful memories.
GETTING INVOLVED & GIVING BACK
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

HALLOWEEN TOP TEN SAFETY TIPS
FROM THE OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

* PICK A SAFE COSTUME THAT ALLOWS FOR GOOD VISION.
* NEVER TRICK OR TREAT ALONE. ADULTS SHOULD ACCOMPANY KIDS.
  * ACCEPT TREATS ONLY AT DOORWAYS. NEVER GO INSIDE.
    * GO ONLY TO HOMES WHERE THE LIGHTS ARE ON.
* CHAPERONES SHOULD CARRY A FLASHLIGHT AND CELL PHONE.
* PLAN A SAFE ROUTE AND STICK TO IT. NO SHORTCUTS THROUGH
  FIELDS OR BACK ALLEYS.
* STAY ON SIDEWALKS AND CROSS STREETS SAFELY.
* CHECK OCSD WEB SITE’S CRIMEREPORTS PAGE FOR SEX OFFENDER
  ADDRESSES AND STAY AWAY FROM THOSE HOMES.
  * CHECK ALL CANDY BEFORE EATING.
  * AND DON’T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR TREATS AWAY FROM YOUR PETS.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
Often in the fall you see geese heading south for the winter, flying in a "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily, because they are travelling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are heading the same way we are.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What message do we give when we honk from behind?

Finally - and this is important - when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of the formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies; and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their own group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.

As I travel through the Sheriff’s Office I see this theme time and time again. Life will come and pull at us, challenge us to think more of ourselves than the needs of others. But somehow, someway we reach deep inside and find a way to weather the storm “together”. This singular element sets us apart from the common organization to the professionals we are.

Chaplain Larry Carter