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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

01-25-05

Today Dickinson Police arrested two suspects involved in an on going identity theft investigation. In December a 46 year old Dickinson woman received a collection notice from on a credit account that she did not open. A credit report revealed several other accounts that were opened without the victim's knowledge. The police were called and a multi-agency investigation was begun. Eventual the Webster, Dickinson, Texas City, and Galveston Police Departments became involved.

The victim's identifying information had been used to purchase a big screen TV, clothing, electronic equipment, toys, residential phone service, cell phone service, and electrical service. One of the suspects even used the victim's identity to secure a loan to pay for breast augmentation surgery.

During the course of the investigation it was learned that the victims identifying information had been obtained from a credit application left on the counter at the Dickinson Partner's Rental Store. Over 30 credit accounts were opened, amassing a debt of over \$80,000.00.

The investigation revealed the involvement of an employee of the Dickinson Radio Shack. With the assistance of Radio Shack Loss Prevention department, additional victims were discovered.

The follow suspects were arrested:



Deborah Michele Douglas  
32 year old female  
Dickinson, Texas

Arrested by Dickinson Police on December 28, 2004 for the Webster Police Department. Charge: Credit Card Abuse – turned over to Webster PD

Used the victim's identity to purchase a big screen TV at a Webster electronics' store.



Simone Richelle Celestine  
22 year old female  
Galveston, Texas

Arrested by Dickinson Police on 01-05-05 for fraudulent use of identifying information. She had used the victim's identity to obtain 3 residential and 3 cell phones.

Also charged by Galveston Police with fraudulent use of identifying information with regards to electrical and phone service obtained in Galveston.



Crystal Nicole Garrett  
23 year old female  
Texas City, Texas

Arrested by Texas City Police for fraudulent use of identifying information 01-09-05. Garrett was employed at a Texas City department store and assisted Laquesha Harris in obtaining store credit to make clothing purchases using the victim's identity.

An additional charge was filed regarding a 2<sup>nd</sup> male victim.



Laquesha Fariece Harris  
22 year old female  
Dickinson, Texas

Arrested by Texas City Police for 2 counts of fraudulent use of identifying information 01-09-05. Harris used the victim's identity in obtaining store credit to make clothing purchases at a Texas City department store. An additional charge was filed regarding a 2<sup>nd</sup> male victim.

Harris was again arrested on 01-25-05 by Dickinson Police for using the victim's identity in obtaining a medical loan.



Monique Nicole Lazard  
22 year old female  
San Leon, Texas

Arrested by Dickinson Police on 01-25-05 for two counts of fraudulent use of identifying information. Lazard was working at Radio Shack and assisted in setting up phone service and credit in other people's name.



WINN, SHARONDA KAY

22 year old female  
Galveston, Texas

Arrested by Galveston Police for fraudulent use of identifying information with regards to electrical and phone service obtained in Galveston.

The investigation is continuing and other charges may be filed.