

Scam Log – March 2015

The Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation has compiled this monthly scam report of local news stories and calls/e-mails to our Consumer Hotline.

Sunday, March 1, 2015

- [Middlesex](#): Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian and Reading Police Chief James Cormier are warning the public about a continuing wave of scam calls in which perpetrators are posing as law enforcement and threatening victims with arrest for failure to pay fictional debts (full story in link).
- [Billerica](#): Billerica Police Chief Daniel Rosa, Bedford Police Chief Robert Bongiorno, and Concord Police Joseph F. O'Connor are teaming up to warn area residents about scams that have popped up with the recent snow storms, targeting unsuspecting seniors (full story in link).

Monday, March 2, 2015

- [Burlington](#): 11:53 a.m. - Caller reports a credit card that was issued to one of their customers of Federal Savings Bank was victimized of a security breach. A purchase was made at Best Buy with this card on Jan. 16 for \$2124.99.
- [Chelmsford](#): 12:37 p.m. - Attempted fraud reported.
- [Salem](#): At 2:34 p.m., identity theft on Essex Street. Reporting party stated that someone attempted to open three credit card accounts in her name in February. all three accounts were denied for various reasons. She believes the attempts were made in Tennessee.
- [Reading](#): At 6:38 p.m., a possible scam was reported.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

- [Swampscott](#): At 9:57 a.m., fraudulent use of a credit card was reported at Cheeburger Cheeburger.
- [Marblehead](#): At 4:13 p.m., an IRS scam phone call was reported.
 - [Chelmsford](#): 4:20 p.m. - Fraud report for Enterprise Bank.
- [Swampscott](#): At 6:27 p.m., identity theft was reported.
- [Braintree](#): Victim received a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS. They were told they had to wire money because they owed the government.
- [Braintree](#): Victim received a call from someone claiming they were from a state inspection service. They claimed they had to come to the house to inspect the flue pipes. Neither [Braintree Police] or the Braintree Fire Department have any reports of a state agency making these requests.
- [Braintree](#): Victim was told that a family member was in an accident and needed money sent for medical treatment.
- [Hotline call](#): Caller thought she might be a victim of identity theft.

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

- [Wayland](#): At 10:53 a.m., police responded to a report of identity theft
- [Marblehead](#): At 12:17 p.m., fraud costing the victim \$110 so far was reported.
- [Marlborough](#): At 12:46 p.m., police responded to a report of fraud, 62 Essex St.
- [Marblehead](#): At 1:35 p.m., an IRS scam call was reported.
- [Marblehead](#): At 2:23 p.m., a resident reported receiving a phone call scam from someone claiming to be with a police relief organization.
- [Tewksbury](#): 2:47 p.m.: Larceny/forgery/fraud – TPD headquarters. Party came into the station to report her ATM card was used all over town. C23 to assist. Officer spoke to the part and filed report.
- [Montague](#): 3:18 p.m. — Prior to shift change a reporting person came into lobby requesting to see an officer about an identity theft issue with his son, as they had already seen a particular officer in December; the officer will be in shortly, but found that the officer was missing information pertinent to the previous contact, and therefore the report wasn't complete at this time.
- [Easton](#): At 3:24 p.m., police reported identity fraud or theft on Lothrop Street.



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- [Greenfield](#): 3:40 p.m. — Walk-in from Elm Street would like to speak with an officer regarding identity theft; the reporting person got a letter from the IRS that she is not able to complete her electronic taxes, since someone already filed with her information; report issued.
- [Burlington](#): 4:48 p.m. - Person in station reports receiving phone message from 722-594-6554 stating it was the IRS and that she was being sued by them. Left a call-back number of 202-595-7034. Requested. same logged in case of further contact. The same occurred at 9:30 a.m. today.
- [Swampscott](#): At 4:56 p.m., a report came in of someone seeking donations at Stop & Shop for a scam nonprofit.
- [Beverly](#): At 8:11 p.m., identity fraud reported on Lake Shore Drive.
- [Marlborough](#): At 8:26 p.m., police responded to a report of fraud, The Heights

Thursday, March 5, 2015

- [Billerica](#): 10:12 a.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Kensington Drive.
- [Orange](#): 10:22 a.m. — Shelburne Control reports a person from West Myrtle Street would like an officer regarding a call she got from Delaware, stating her grandson owes money; she said her grandson is in Greenfield and has never been to Delaware, and she believes it to be a scam and fraudulent call; she was advised this would be logged.
- [Swampscott](#): 12:11 p.m., Shelton Road: Resident reports realty scam.
- [Peabody](#): At 1:10 p.m., fraud reported on Price Road. Female walked into the station and wanted to report fraud that someone had fraudulently filed a tax return using her name.
- [New Ipswich](#): Fraud: At 1:15 p.m., police received a report from a resident that someone was calling him and saying that he hit their vehicle. Police advised that this was a scam that had been going around. Police attempted to call the Milford-area number but no one answered.
- [Concord](#): 9:17 p.m. An individual came to Concord police about possible credit card fraud.

Friday, March 6, 2015

- [Chelmsford](#): 10:57 a.m. - Person in lobby reporting credit fraud.
- [Salem](#): At 11:51 a.m., credit card fraud reported on Beaver Street.
- [Beverly](#): At 12:58 p.m., fraud reported on Blaine Street.
- [Salem](#): At 1:09 p.m., identity fraud reported on Arbella Street.
- [Falmouth](#): Falmouth is experiencing a scam whereby the victim is told that he/she has won millions of dollars via a lottery and to report to the police department to receive the funds.
- [Hotline call](#): A lady was inquiring if a chimney business was a scam.

Saturday, March 7, 2015

- [Easton](#): At 10:45 a.m., police reported identity fraud or theft on Lothrop Street.
- [Salem](#): At 10:52 a.m., credit card fraud reported on Circle Hill Road.
- [Wayland](#): At 12:42 p.m., police respond to identity theft. Person reported at the police station

Sunday, March 8, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 8:20 a.m., a man said he received a scam phone call in which a person claimed the man's daughter came down the street and kicked his dog.
- [Wayland](#): At 11:01 a.m., police responded to an incident of identity theft, 10 Green Way
- [Burlington](#): 1:02 p.m. - Caller states his Wells Fargo debit card was attempted used for \$628 at GameStop, 101 Middlesex Turnpike on March 7. Wells Fargo looking into same.
- [Marblehead](#): At 3:57 p.m., identity theft was reported.
- [Burlington](#): 9:11 p.m. - Party reports having his identity stolen. Individual was summonsed.

Monday, March 9, 2015



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- [Salem](#): At 11:26 a.m., credit card fraud on Hodges Street. Walk-in report of credit/debit card fraud. Reporting party stated she was contacted by her bank about an inordinate amount of activity on her card. Ongoing investigation.
- [Beverly](#): At 4:39 p.m., identity theft reported on Cumnock Street.
- [Swampscott](#): 5:42 p.m., Walker Road: Caller reports being the victim of a scam, someone claiming he was delinquent on tax payments.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

- [Wayland](#): At 9:27 a.m., police responded to an incident of identity theft, reported at the police station
- [Marblehead](#): At 10:26 a.m., a woman called to report she received a scam email claiming to be a child predator alert. She was advised on how to view the sex offender list for the town.
- [Montague](#): 1:46 p.m. — A walk-in was looking for advice from an officer for a situation with their adult son, and they advised he has become involved with a person through an online dating site that resides in another country; the concern is that that is a scam as this person has asked for, and the son has sent, in excess of \$10,000 to them overseas, for various reasons given; the reporting person stated the son isn't incapacitated in any way, no mental health issues (full story in link).
- [Beverly](#): At 4:41 p.m., assist citizen on Fossa Terrace. Credit card fraud reported.
- [Chelmsford](#): 5:57 p.m. - Report of attempted phone scam, High Street.
- [Easton](#): At 6:01 p.m., police reported identity fraud or theft on Lothrop Street.
- [Marblehead](#): A Richard Road resident reported a scam call where a person called and said resident's daughter kicked a neighbor's dog and the dog needs surgery at 9:20 a.m. Sunday.

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

- [Beverly](#): At 12:59 p.m., assist citizen on Blaine Avenue. Credit card fraud reported.
- [Boxborough](#): At 1:00 p.m., identify fraud on Tremont Street. Woman reported she had received a call from someone claiming to be from the "United States mediation services" attempting to collect a debt from 2012. She received another call from a different number. Officers advised her it was a scam.
- [Orange](#): 1:20 p.m. — Fraud reported from a caller who came into the station to report he got a check that he believes to be a scam; a letter with it stated that he needed to send them a check for \$4,350 before he could receive his winnings; he was advised it was a scam.
- [Marblehead](#): At 2:04 p.m., a caller reported having received two IRS scam phone calls that day.
- [Boxborough](#): 6:11 p.m.: A caller on Whitney Lane requested to speak to an officer regarding a possible snow-removal roof scam.
- [Wayland](#): At 7:08 p.m., police responded to identity theft, 50 Rice Road
- [Westfield](#): Westfield police responded Tuesday afternoon to the latest example of a kidnapping scam that has drawn FBI scrutiny in recent months. Williams, a 21-year-old New Bedford resident, received a call from the supposed kidnappers, claiming they had taken his brother Jamal prisoner in Providence, Rhode Island, according to a police report (full story in link).
- [Danvers](#): Authorities are reminding residents to never give out solicited personal or financial information without verifying the recipient. Danvers Police posted an example of a text received from a company that was attempting to solicit debit/credit card information, including billing address and PIN number on their Facebook page.
- [Westport](#): Town police are warning residents about an insidious telephone scam. According to a press release from the Westport Police Department, the department received several calls from residents who reported getting a call from an unknown person who tricked them into identifying a family member's name. Typically, the scammer asks, "I think I have your husband/wife here, what's their name?" or begins the call with, "What type of a vehicle does your brother drive?" (full story in link).
- [Hotline call](#): Called about credit card fraud.

Thursday, March 12, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 8:02 a.m., a caller reported their Facebook account had been hacked.
- [Chelmsford](#): 11:52 a.m. - Person in reporting fraud, impersonation/identity.



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- [Marblehead](#): At 9:33 p.m., identity theft was reported.
- [Winthrop](#): Caller on Marshall Street states that he received two messages today claiming to be the IRS and threatening a lawsuit. This is a phone scam whereas the caller will offer a proposed settlement and have funds transferred by the victim.
- [Hotline call](#): A lady was inquiring about a scam call from the IRS.

Friday, March 13, 2015

- [Chelmsford](#): 10:21 a.m. - Report of attempted fraud over the phone.
- [Cambridge](#): 12:33: HAMPSHIRE ST: A Hampshire Street resident reports that an unknown person filed her tax return using her personal demographics.
- [Salem](#): At 12:39 p.m., identity fraud on Loring Hill Drive. Reporting party stated that when his accountant attempted to process his tax, that his return was rejected due to a return already processed using either his or his wife's social security number. Reporting party told police that at least three of his wife's co-workers in Andover have had the same problem.
- [Easton](#): At 2:30 p.m., police reported identity fraud or theft on Lothrop street.
- [Orange](#): 4:30 p.m. — Walk-in reports an individual claiming to be from the IRS, called her home, and threatened a lawsuit; she was advised this was an ongoing scam.
- [Swampscott](#): 6:43 p.m., Railroad Avenue. Caller reports party trying to scam them.
- [Cambridge](#): 23:31: MONSIGNOR OBRIEN HWY: A Cambridge resident reported being a victim of identity theft.
- [Dedham](#): Norfolk Registrar of Deeds William O'Donnell has issued a warning about direct-mail offers for copies of deeds (full story in link).

Saturday, March 14, 2015

- [Swampscott](#): At 12:49 p.m., a possible scam phone call was reported.
- [Sunderland](#): 5:13 p.m. — Return call to a female regarding a phone scam; and she reported someone claiming they needed to help her fix any viruses on her laptop computer; she didn't give in to them; she gave a name and a phone number, to the officer, but the number come back to nothing; officer told her it was a scam and she did the right thing.
- [North Reading](#): North Reading Police are alerting residents to notify the Federal Trade Commission if you received what appeared to be a scam phone call. Police said the most prevalent scam is the "IRS scam" (full story in link).

Sunday, March 15, 2015

- [Burlington](#): 11:52 a.m. - Caller reports his credit card was used on Jan. 10 at Sephora in the mall, used fraudulently.
- [Peabody](#): At 11:56 a.m., identity fraud on Pine Grove on Newbury Street. Party came in to report that a cell phone account was opened in his name without his authority.
- [Concord](#): 12:19 p.m. A woman reported fraud to her credit card account.

Monday, March 16, 2015

- [Easton](#): At 9:01 a.m., police reported fraud on Lothrop Street.
- [Marblehead](#): At 9:29 a.m., a scam IRS call was reported.
- [Swampscott](#): At 12:49 p.m., a possible scam phone call was reported.
- [Acton](#): 12:55 p.m.: Police responded to Bramble Way for a fraud report.
- [Cambridge](#): 13:18: CAMBRIDGE ST: A Cambridge resident states he was defrauded \$700 via check by a female on 3/6/15.
- [Salem](#): At 2:14 p.m. fraud on Laurent Road. Woman arrived at the police station to report an IRS phone scam. She received a message that she owed \$2,000 which needed to be paid or she would be subject to arrest. A man directed her to get four prepaid cash cards for \$500 each and call him back with the numbers. Victim purchased the cards and provided the numbers to the man. Another man called later and stated she now owed another \$7,000. At this point the woman realized something did not seem right, and turned to



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police. Officers advised her that the IRS would not call and demand cash, and she was also advised never to provide payment using prepaid cards.

- [Acton](#): 4:56 p.m.: Police responded to Audubon Drive for a complaint of fraud via computer.
- [Billerica](#): 7:12 p.m.: Internet fraud was reported on Floyd Street involving a Craigslist scam.
- [Milford](#): 7:19 p.m. - A caller told police that he believed someone was trying to use his credit card fraudulently. Police were able to locate the vehicle involved and make two arrests (full story in link).
- [Reading](#): Fundraising Scam: Residents are reporting that they have received calls soliciting donations for “The Reading Police Department”. The caller goes on to name several programs that “will be funded by the donation”. This is a SCAM. DO NOT provide ANY information or money to these callers.
- [Hotline call](#): Caller said they had received a call from a group that was requesting she send them money in order to pay a debt she has from a store card “Zayer.” They would not tell her who they were and said that if she didn’t get back to them and send money in that they would sue and that it was fraudulent behavior. She said she had remembered paying a remaining balance to the company before she had moved years ago so she didn’t think that she owed anything. They also had last 4 digits of the husband’s social security number

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

- [Swampscott](#): At 11:03 a.m., a scam was reported.
- [Billerica](#): 1:04 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Concord Road.
- [Peabody](#): At 4:29 p.m., fraud reported on Evans Road. Party reported a threatening call from party claiming to be IRS.
- [Peabody](#): At 4:33 p.m. identity fraud on Washington Street. Party reports that his toddler son’s identity was stolen.
- [Concord](#): 6:27 p.m. A man came in to the police station and said he was the victim of credit fraud.
- [Winthrop](#): Report that the ATM at Citizen’s Bank on Revere Street may have been tampered with. Officer responded and reports that there may have been a breach at the ATM. The Citizen’s Bank was notified.

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 12:41 p.m., a caller reported he received a phone call from someone soliciting donations for the police department. He did not have the number from which they called.
- [Billerica](#): 1 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Pond Street.
- [Marblehead](#): At 2:50 p.m., a Craigslist scam was reported.
- [Burlington](#): The Burlington Police Department would like to warn citizens to be aware of two phone scams that have resurfaced in the area. The perpetrators use the internet and social media websites to research for potential targets (full story in link).
- [Revere](#): A Revere man is out more than \$5,000 after he fell victim last week to a scam perpetrated in the name of the Publisher’s Clearinghouse sweepstakes (full story in link).

Thursday, March 19, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 9:22 a.m., a woman reported having her Social Security Number stolen and used to file a fraudulent tax return.
- [Marblehead](#): At 12:11 p.m., a caller reported receiving three IRS scam calls over the past two days.
- [Salem](#): At 1:00 p.m., identify fraud on Tremont Street. Woman reported she had received a call from someone claiming to be from the “United States mediation services” attempting to collect a debt from 2012. She received another call from a different number. Officers advised her it was a scam.
- [Acton](#): 12:46 p.m.: Police responded to Main Street for a report of identity theft.
- [Marblehead](#): At 1:23 p.m., a woman received a scam phone call claiming her grandson had been in a car crash and needed money.
- [Acton](#): 2:38 p.m.: A caller on Heather Hill Road reported scam calls from the IRS.
- [Southborough](#): At 5:30 p.m., an officer investigated a report of a possible scam from a town resident.
- [Beverly](#): At 6:44 p.m., walk-in reported identity theft.
- [Reading](#): At 7:24 p.m., a man claimed fraud had been committed involving his credit card.



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- [Billerica](#): 7:36 p.m.: A false tax return was filed on Mount Vernon Avenue.
- [Swampscott](#): At 7:42 p.m., a caller reported someone had fraudulently removed money from their bank account.
- [Belmont](#): The Belmont Police would like to remind residents that it is that time of year when we tend to see an increase in IRS telephone scams. People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam in the last several months (full story in link).
- [Winthrop](#): Female reports her mail address changed and someone opening accounts in her deceased husband's name.

Friday, March 20, 2015

- [Easton](#): At 3:27 p.m., police reported identity fraud or theft on Lothrop Street.
- [Peabody](#): At 5:47 p.m., fraud reported. Walk-in reported that his identity was possibly stolen through his employment health insurance.
- [Marblehead](#): At 6:57 p.m., credit card fraud was reported.
- [Cambridge](#): 19:57: PUTNAM AVE: A Putnam Avenue resident reported that she had received a fraudulent check to entice her into wiring additional money to suspects out of state.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

- [Peabody](#): At 10:36 a.m., computer fraud at Covenant Christian Academy on Pine Street. Female walked into the station and wanted to report that someone went into the school's computer system and changed their website. Case is under investigation.
- [Cambridge](#): 10:52: FAYERWEATHER ST: A Cambridge resident reported that an unknown suspect utilized her identity to access her bank account and make multiple fraudulent purchases on her credit/debit card.
- [Peabody](#): At 11:19 a.m., fraud reported on St. Anns Avenue. Female walked into the station to report that her credit card was used at a Target store in Miami, Fl.
- [Salem](#): At 1:24 p.m. check fraud reported on Bridge Street. Suspect will be summonsed to court.
- [Marblehead](#): At 2:17 p.m., a man reported receiving phone calls attempting to scam him.
- [Tewksbury](#): 4:47 p.m.: Identity theft – Temple Street. Female came to station reporting someone stole her identity and filed taxes. C27 at station to speak with the party. Report filed.
- [Cambridge](#): 19:29: PUTNAM AVE: A resident of Putnam Ave reported that an unknown suspect used his information to open an account with an electricity and gas company.
- [Marblehead](#): At 9:42 p.m., a scam phone call was reported.

Sunday, March 22, 2015

- [Tewksbury](#): 10:19 a.m.: Well being check – Tanglewood Avenue. C29 and 27 checking the well being of a male party at location. Caller reports she received a call stating someone is going to hurt him if the caller did not pay them. Party is OK and advised to call his sister, it was a scam.
- [Chelmsford](#): 11:20 a.m. - Credit card fraud report.
- [Marblehead](#): At 11:26 a.m., a woman reported she'd received a phone call claiming to be from the chief of police and soliciting money.
- [Peabody](#): At 2:20 p.m., fraud reported on Avalon Drive. Woman reported a Comcast account opened in her name at a New Jersey residence.
- [Boxford](#): At 3:27 p.m. a fraud/loss of monies was reported on Roberts Road. Resident who had filed a tax return was advised that his social security number had already been used for a tax filing.
- [Fitchburg](#): DEAR ANNIE: At least once a week, I get an unsolicited phone call from "Rachel from Cardholder Services." This seems to be an obvious scam to get me to switch to another credit card or maybe just to get personal information. I have received these calls both in Connecticut and Florida. When I ask, "Who do you represent?" they hang up (full story in link).

Monday, March 23, 2015



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- [Cambridge](#): 07:52: CLEMENT CIR: A resident of Clement Circle reported that someone filed a tax return in her name without her knowledge.
- [Middleton](#): 10:52 a.m. An Orchard Circle caller reported a phone scam.
- [Peabody](#): At 11:36 a.m., fraud on Flynn Road. Person walked into the library and wanted to make a report of identity fraud. He stated that someone had filed a tax return under his name.
- [Cambridge](#): 13:25: CRESCENT ST: A Cambridge resident reported that a person known to him fraudulently cashed checks in his name.
- [Cambridge](#): 15:16: BROADWAY: A Third Street resident reported that an unknown person had stolen her credit card.
- [Cambridge](#): 15:32: NEWTOWNE CT: A Cambridge resident reported that an unknown person obtained his social security number and filed income taxes with in his name.
- [Salem](#): Salem PD receives calls every day from citizens concerned about fraudulent calls from parties claiming to be from the IRS. Never give out personal information if you receive a call (full story in link).
- [Hotline call](#): Called to report a scam. A collection agency was claiming to represent Zayre and trying to collect a “fraudulent account” but wouldn’t provide any info. Also had the last 4 digits of husbands social. Phone that collection agency called from: 785-227-9403

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

- [Salem](#): At 1:04 p.m., computer fraud on Pioneer Terrace. Reporting party stated she had received a call from a party on March 23 saying he was from a “windows” service center and needed to check her computer for problems. He did this with her over the phone and eventually locked her out of her computer. The party said his name was Thomas Wilson and told her to wire \$260 to him in order to solve the problem. The woman wired the money through Western Union to an address in India. While an officer was taking the report, a party called her. The officer spoke with the man and he stated he would need an additional \$180 to unlock the woman’s computer. The officer watched the man go through the woman’s personal files on her computer. The officer advised the reporting part to shut down her computer and disconnect all wires connected to it. Officer advised the caller that he was law enforcement and that the man would be found and prosecuted. The caller abruptly hung-up.
- [Swampscott](#): At 4:32 p.m., a caller reported checks had been stolen and forged.
- [Newburyport](#): Newburyport police are investigating a man they say is scamming residents and very persistent. Investigators say he likes to target people in popular places like Market Basket and what makes people fall for the scam is that he uses his kids and family as a ploy (full story in link).
- [Medford](#): A “Job” scam is being populated around college campuses. Please be careful when responding to job request. If you did not solicit the company, investigate the company first (full story in link).

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

- [Salem](#): At 10:17 a.m., fraud on Ocean Avenue. Reporting party has two disputes on her credit report. She stated that a Comcast bill for \$1,127 and a National Grid bill for \$153 are showing on her credit report, though she never applied to do business with the companies.
- [Marblehead](#): At 11:23 a.m., a caller reported receiving an IRS scam call.
- [Acton](#): 11:54 a.m.: Police responded to a report of a phone scam on Freedom Farme Road.
- [Cambridge](#): 13:28: LEXINGTON AVE: A Lexington Ave resident came into the station to report an Identity theft.
- [Peabody](#): At 2:58 p.m., fraud reported at the police station. Party would like to have a case of identity fraud documented.
- [Beverly](#): At 7:13 p.m., fraud on Essex Street. IRS/credit card fraud reported.
- [Chelmsford](#): 7:48 p.m. - Person in station reporting identity fraud.
- [Melrose](#): Melrose Police warn that particularly aggressive phone scammers masquerading as Internal Revenue Service officials have harassed residents in recent days, and the people of Melrose should not take threats from the bogus “IRS” seriously (full story in link).
- [Winthrop](#): Overseas money scam call came into a Bowdoin Street address.



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- Hotline e-mail: Boston student paid company \$3,220 for travel abroad experience company, found online reviews afterward that they are a scam.

Thursday, March 26, 2015

- Reading: At 9:23 a.m., a person reported that his/her Social Security Number had been used fraudulently.
- Peabody: At 10:19 a.m., fraud reported on Quarry Terrace. Party came in to report that someone had filed a tax return using his information.
- Tewksbury: 12:26 p.m.: Larceny/forgery/fraud – South Street. A couple came into the station reporting they were selling an item on Craig's list and were scammed out of money. C29 at station to speak with the couple. Report filed.
- Concord: 12:30 p.m. A man on Lee Drive said he was the victim of credit fraud.
- Beverly: At 2:59 p.m., fraud reported on Cabot Street. Wire fraud reported.
- Beverly: At 3:57 p.m., credit card fraud on Hale Street. Fraudulent charges on a PayPal account.
- Reading: At 4:49 p.m., a woman came into the station to report ID theft.
- Marblehead: At 5:29 p.m., identity theft was reported.
- Swampscott: At 5:03 p.m., a woman reported her taxes had been fraudulently filed.
- Billerica: 9:31 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Riverhurst Road.
- Winthrop: Trident Avenue resident called to report someone using her identity.

Friday, March 27, 2015

- Peabody: At 9:48 a.m., identity fraud on Longview Way. Walk-in reported identity fraud.
- Billerica: 10:58 a.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on Tercentennial Drive.
- Concord: 11:20 a.m. A woman on Elsinore Street said she was the victim of an IRS scam.
- Orange: 4:28 p.m. — Control reports a person from East River Street would like a call as he received a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS claiming he has a warrant out for his arrest; he was advised this is a scam.
- Hotline call: Called to make a complaint about a gym that he thinks was using a fake collection agency to collect from him.

Saturday, March 28, 2015

- Arlington: 11:59 a.m.: A Hathaway Circle resident reported that when they filed their taxes, they were informed that their taxes had already been filed.
- Billerica: 12:33 p.m.: IRS identity fraud was reported on Radcliffe Road.
- Topsfield: 2:05 p.m. Officer took a report of fraud at Police Station on Boston Street.
- Billerica: 3:05 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Utopia Road.
- Swampscott: At 3:11 p.m., identity theft was reported.

Sunday, March 29, 2015

- Arlington: 10:40 a.m.: A Wollaston Avenue resident reported that when they filed their income taxes, the IRS informed them that their taxes had already been filed.

Monday, March 30, 2015

- Salem: At 9:37 a.m., possible credit card fraud at Engine House Restaurant on Lafayette Street. Credit card dispute. Owner explained that in the past two months a credit card was used four times to order food. He stated that the credit card was reported stolen (full story in link).
- Arlington: 9:55 a.m.: A Forest Street resident reported that when they filed their income taxes the IRS told them that their taxes had already been filed.
- Peabody: At 2:23 p.m., identity fraud reported at the police station. Fraudulent tax return filed in reporting party's name.
- Beverly: At 2:45 p.m., identity theft reported on Somerset Avenue.
- Acton: 4:36 p.m.: Police responded to Mohegan Road for a report of identity theft.



Do you have a scam to report? Call our Consumer Hotline at **617-973-8787** or [e-mail us](#).

- [Acton](#): 6:01 p.m.: A caller on Fraser Drive reported scam phone calls from multiple agencies.
- [Hotline call](#): Consumer called about them being "slammed" by an energy company.

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- [Marblehead](#): At 8:17 a.m., a woman reported that her tax return had been filed fraudulently.
- [Billerica](#): 12:29 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Lindsay Road.
- [Arlington](#): 12:31 p.m.: A Linden Street resident reported that when they filed their income taxes, they were informed that their taxes had already been filed.
- [Arlington](#): 1:06 p.m.: A Newport Street resident reported that when they filed their income taxes, they were informed that their taxes had already been filed.
- [Marblehead](#): At 2:29 p.m., a caller reported receiving an IRS scam phone call.
- [Cambridge](#): 14:37: HARVARD ST: A Cambridge resident reported that his personal information had been used by someone else to file a tax return.
- [Billerica](#): 2:46 p.m.: A false IRS return was reported on Pelham Street.
- [Billerica](#): 2:57 p.m.: Identity theft was reported on Fredrickson Road.
- [Billerica](#): 2:59 p.m.: Identity theft was reported on Lamont Street.
- [Reading](#): At 4:43 p.m., a woman came into the station to report identity theft.
- [Reading](#): At 5:28 p.m., a man came into the station to report identity theft.
- [Greenfield](#): 7:12 p.m. — Caller from the Keith Apartments on Canal Street reports he has received several calls from a male claiming to be from the IRS; when the first call came in, the reporting person gave his SS number. He then called his bank and they advised him it was likely a scam; he will stay in contact with his bank and will notify them of any problems; he was also advised that if the calls continue, to contact his phone provider and ask to have the number blocked.
- [Peabody](#): At 8:04 p.m., walk-in to police station reported forgery, Reporting party stated that she is a victim of fraudulent checks resulting in moneys taken from her bank account. Officer documented incident.
- [Norfolk](#): Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell is warning about a scam involving residents receiving direct mail solicitations offering a certified copy of their property deed for a fee ranging from \$59.50 to \$83 (full story in link).
- [Norwood](#): We continue to receive reports from individuals who have had their personal information stolen. Additionally, we have taken reports from individuals who have been scammed by persons claiming to be from the IRS and persons claiming to be a lottery representative. Please note the following information from the FBI (full story in link).
- [Worcester](#): The Better Business Bureau of Central New England advised Tuesday that it has received reports of people operating on Facebook who falsely claim to be affiliated with the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes. The scammers create false Facebook profiles and send friend requests to unsuspecting victims (full story in link).
- [Hotline call](#): Website Backup, Phoenix, Arizona. Suspected Mail fraud. Sent an invoice for a service plan (\$70). Check or Money Order.

