

Scam Log – April 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.

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

- [Southborough](#): 1111 hrs – An officer took an Identity Theft report from a resident of Southville Road
- [Peabody](#): At 1:17 p.m., walk-in reported credit card fraud. Party stated that his debit card was stolen and used on March 28, Card was stolen and used in Methuen. Party was advised to contact Methuen Police and file a report.
- [Reading](#): At 3:36 p.m., an IRS scam call was reported.
- [Reading](#): At 4:07 p.m., identity fraud was reported.
- [Northborough](#): 4:17 p.m. Northgate Rd. Fraud.
- [Northborough](#): 4:35 p.m. Reservoir St. Fraud.
- [Cambridge](#): 16:52: GREEN ST: Cambridge Police responded to a residence on Green Street after a resident believed he was scammed of personal information.
- [Cambridge](#): 17:14: SHERMAN ST: A Cambridge resident reported being a victim of identity theft.
- [Greenfield](#): 5:46 p.m. — Walk in reporting fraud on e-mails and phone calls; the reporting person stated they got an email stating they are subject to arrest if they don't pay a large sum on money to the Hyannis Police Department; she was advised this was most likely a scam and to delete it.
- [Cambridge](#): 19:53: GREEN ST: An individual came to the front desk of the Cambridge Police Department to file a police report for larceny by check over \$250 on Green Street.
- [Cambridge](#): 21:48: INMAN ST: A Cambridge resident reported fraudulent transactions made with his credit card.

Thursday, April 2, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 11:28 a.m., a computer scam was reported.
- [Marblehead](#): At 12:20 p.m., a caller reported receiving an IRS scam call.
- [Wayland](#): At 1:18 p.m., police took a report of identity theft
- [Southborough](#): 1437 hrs – An officer took a wire fraud report from a Marlboro Road resident.
- [Belmont](#): 2:40 p.m.: Prospect Street resident reported possible identity fraud, tax return fraudulently filed under her and her husband's name, using their social security numbers. She received a letter from the IRS stating they were reviewing her tax returns and saw some inconsistencies. Working with IRS, credit agencies, advised to call bank and social security office.
- [Wayland](#): At 2:52 p.m., police responded to a report of identity theft
- [Burlington](#): 3:09 p.m. - Caller reports he was informed after he filed his taxes via TurboTax that he already filed. No other activity reported at this time. Party reports that he filed his taxes jointly with his wife and was informed that somebody had filed under his social security number.
- [Cambridge](#): 15:23: ALEWIFE BROOK PKWY – A resident of Massachusetts Avenue reported that an unknown party stole the first two pages of his tax documents.
- [Cambridge](#): 16:53: SODEN PL – A resident of Soden Place reported that their vehicle had been broken into and a debit card and change were taken
- [Acton](#): 6:18 p.m.: Police took a report of identity theft on Washington Drive
- [Brookline](#): A St. Paul Street resident called to report they were scammed online for housing rental.
- [Hotline call](#): Consumer called about their identity been possibly stolen. Had been receiving letters from stores saying that their request for charge cards had been declined.

Friday, April 3, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 8:29 a.m., a person reported that a tax return had been fraudulently filed in his name.



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- [Burlington](#): 11:37 a.m. - Party in station reports when he attempted to file his tax return for 2015 with his CPA he was informed his taxes have already been filed. Same was informed to log the information with the local Police Dept. Reporting party was given an identity theft packet.
- [Middleton](#): 12:13 p.m. A resident reported that her credit card was used at a bank in Saugus; investigation to continue
- [Boxford](#): 1:18 p.m. Annoying phone calls were reported on Sunrise Road concerning a lottery scam.
- [Billerica](#): 2:21 p.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on Mallard Street.
- [Northborough](#): 2:42 p.m. Main St. Fraud.
- [Acton](#): 3:35 p.m.: Police responded to Great Road for a complaint of theft via bank card.
- [Arlington](#): 4:05 p.m.: A Symmes Circle resident reported that they filed their income taxes, but were told by the IRS that someone using their name and information had already filed the taxes.
- [Cambridge](#): 16:07: BROADWAY – A resident of Malden reported being the victim of identity fraud.
- [Concord](#): 4:56 p.m.: A walk-in reported someone had filed taxes under their name.
- [Concord](#): 5:57 p.m.: A walk-in reported that someone had attempted to use his federal ID number at a Verizon store.
- [Cambridge](#): 17:57: THORNDIKE ST – A resident of Thorndike Street reported that she was the victim of a larceny via an internet scam.
- [Maynard](#): 6:05 p.m.: A walk-in reported that her identity may have been used to open a bank account.
- [Grafton](#): 9:19 p.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Hotline call](#): Caller was an older woman who had received a call from the "IRS" saying this was her final warning before they pursue her in court and left a number to call them back.

Saturday, April 4, 2015

- [Tewksbury](#): 9:48 a.m.: Identity theft – Pine Street. Female party came into station reporting someone opened a credit card in her name. C27 at station to speak with party. Report filed.
- [Belmont](#): 10:40 a.m.: Channing Road resident reported possible identity fraud, social security number used by someone other than her, received e-mail from Tax Act on April 3 informing her that federal tax returns rejected. Someone else filed tax return using her social security number, working with Tax Act and IRS, unsure how her social security number obtained.
- [Shrewsbury](#): 11:59 a.m. Gulf St. Identity theft.
- [Northborough](#): 12:36 p.m. Rice Ave. Fraud.
- [Marlborough](#): At 12:59 p.m., police responded to fraud, 502 Williams St.
- [Southwick](#): Our Department has received a few complaints from citizens who have received telephone calls from an individual who portrays to be an IRS Agent. If you receive a call from such an individual you should immediately hang-up. DO NOT get involved in a conversation with this individual who will most likely have a middle-eastern accent (full story in link).

Monday, April 6, 2015

- [Hudson](#): 7:30 a.m. Stratton Rd. Cyber crime investigation.
- [Southborough](#): 0942 hrs – An officer took an Identity Theft report from a Red Gate Lane resident.
- [Cambridge](#): 12:07: CONCORD TPKE – A Concord Turnpike resident stated that an unknown person used her personal identity information and unlawfully filed federal tax returns in her name.
- [Maynard](#): 12:08 p.m.: A walk-in from Abbot Road reported her Social Security number may have been stolen.
- [Acton](#): 12:44 p.m.: Police responded to Faulkner Hill Road for a report of identity theft.
- [Woburn](#): 1:20 p.m.: larceny/forgery/fraud – Lilah lane. Party claims identity fraud; report taken.
- [Boxford](#): 1:48 p.m. Local bank reported a Boxford resident was targeted in a lottery scam. The Bank stopped payment on the check.
- [Cambridge](#): 17:25: JACKSON ST – A Cambridge resident reported that his credit card was used without his authorization to make a purchase in the amount of \$213.99.



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- [Tewksbury](#): Tewksbury had joined the list of police departments victimized by “ransomware,” an insidious form of Internet crime that is crippling computers worldwide (full story in link).

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

- [Chelmsford](#): 10:40 a.m. - Report of a stolen bank card.
- [Salem](#): At 12:15 p.m., wire fraud on Scenic Avenue. Report taken.
- [Chelmsford](#): 1:35 p.m. - Person in station reporting ID fraud.
- [Maynard](#): 2:42 p.m.: A walk-in reported she may have been the victim of tax fraud.
- [Chelmsford](#): 3:14 p.m. - Person in station reporting ID fraud.
- [Burlington](#): 3:53 p.m. Resident in station reports when he was filing his tax return on Saturday, April 4, he was informed his taxes had already been filed. Caller was informed to log same with the local Police Dept. and file an affidavit with the IRS and State.
- [Tewksbury](#): 4:22 p.m.: Larceny/forgery/fraud – Foster Road. Female walk-in reporting she lent \$15,000 to a male party and now believes she may have been scammed. Officer to speak with woman.
- [Salem](#): At 5:10 p.m., identity theft on Loring Avenue. Reporting party thinks her credit has been compromised. There is a outstanding bill from Boston Gas on her credit account. She stated that she has never had an account with Boston Gas
- [Billerica](#): 7:31 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Valerie Avenue.
- [Billerica](#): 8:33 p.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on Riverhurst Road.
- [Reading](#): At 8:23 p.m., a man reported IRS fraud had been committed.
- [Cambridge](#): 22:03: NEWTOWNE CT – A Newtowne Court resident reported that he received a scam phone call from an unknown person stating that he was the winner of \$1,000,000 and he would have to wire over money to the caller in order to receive his prize.
- [Southwick](#): We received information today that an individual who identifies himself as “Kevin Hardin” from the Southwick Police Department is asking those he calls for a donation for either the Police Department or Police Association. The Southwick Police Department does NOT employ anyone by that name nor is the Department or Police Association soliciting for donations from our citizens.
- [Hotline call](#): Called because he thought he was a victim of identity theft.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015

- [Burlington](#): 8:03 a.m. - Person came into station reporting someone filed taxes under his name.
- [Cambridge](#): 08:33: MEMORIAL DR – A Cambridge resident reports that an unknown person used her personal information without permission to wire money on 02/08/2015.
- [Wilmington](#): 10:01 a.m.: Larceny/forgery/fraud – Salem Street. H&R Block attempted to process return. Informed that taxes have already been filed using his Social Security number. Report filed.
- [Cambridge](#): 10:19: MEMORIAL DR – A Cambridge resident came into the police station to report that she had been a victim of a scam.
- [Concord](#): 10:23 a.m.: Past identity theft was reported on Westford Road.
- [Orange](#): 10:46 a.m. — Caller from Dexter Street reported to Shelburne Control of getting a call from someone claiming to be the IRS, and that legal action would be taken if she didn’t call them; Control advised her it was a scam.
- [Stow](#): 1:19 p.m.: A caller on Taylor Road reported tax return fraud.
- [Boxborough](#): 2:04 p.m.: Fraud was reported on Summer Road wherein a message was left on a detective’s voicemail about a tax return filed in the listed party’s name.
- [Orange](#): 3:20 p.m. — Caller from South Main Street reports she got a phone call from a person claiming to be from Best Buy who said she had a credit card in 2006 and there is an overdue balance and penalties, that now is now \$1,800, but they would settle over the phone for \$400. She was advised this was a scam, and the reporting person says they had her SSN. She was advised to contact the credit bureaus, and keep an eye on her credit for fraud.



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- [Burlington](#): 3:53 p.m.: A walk-in reported that he was informed his taxes had already been filed while attempting to file his tax return.
- [Marlborough](#): 4:58 p.m. Raffaele Rd. Fraud/forgery.
- [Marlborough](#): 5:04 p.m. Fay Ct. Fraud/forgery.
- [Cambridge](#): 17:37: SPARKS ST – A Cambridge resident was contacted via telephone by a female posing as an IRS Agent.
- [Chelmsford](#): 8:10 p.m. - Fraud report.
- [Burlington](#): According to a press release from the FBI that was shared on social media by the Burlington Police Department, criminals are stealing people’s “personally identifiable information” and using it to electronically file tax returns that go into the criminal’s bank account or are paid to the criminal through pre-paid debit cards (full story in link).

Thursday, April 9, 2015

- [Saugus](#): At 9:39 a.m. a male reported his credit card was stolen and a fraudulent purchase was made at Walgreens.
- [Marlborough](#): 9:48 a.m. mechanic St. Fraud/forgery.
- [Swampscott](#): At 10:04 a.m., check fraud was reported.
- [Middleton](#): 10:25 a.m. Identity theft was reported on North Main Street.
- [Hudson](#): 11:33 a.m. Fort Meadow. Fraud.
- [Cambridge](#): 11:46: THIRD ST – A Cambridge resident reported that an unknown suspect made fraudulent purchases with her credit card number.
- [Chelmsford](#): 12:30 p.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from ATM.
- [Acton](#): 12:59 p.m.: Police advised that a fraud investigator contacted them in regards to identity theft on Main Street.
- [Swampscott](#) : At 2:07 p.m., identity theft was reported.
- [Cambridge](#): 14:28: FIFTH ST – A Cambridge resident reported that an unknown person contacted his bank institution on two occasions in attempt to change the victim’s mailing address and phone number.
- [Tewksbury](#): 2:34 p.m.: Identity theft – Main Street. A male party walked into station to report that he is a victim of identity theft. C29 to respond to station. Report filed.
- [Marlborough](#): 2:45 p.m. Donald Lynch Blvd. Fraud/forgery.
- [Chelmsford](#): 4:31 p.m. - Person in station reporting identity fraud.
- [Acton](#): 4:38 p.m.: Police responded to Willow Street for a possible fraud call.
- [Chelmsford](#): 5:29 p.m. - Person in station reporting identity fraud.
- [Grafton](#): 5:40 p.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Peabody](#): At 6:30 p.m., party walked into police station to report credit card fraud.
- [Hotline call](#): Consumer called wondering if these two businesses were legitimate. She had received a letter saying that she had to confirm her address to receive a \$5,000 check.

Friday, April 10, 2015

- [Grafton](#): 7:36 a.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Greenfield](#): 8:59 a.m. — Identity theft reported on Phillips Street, where the caller was told her IRS Tax forms were filed by someone using a stolen SSN, so she was unable to file a legitimate tax return. She has already notified the IRS/FTC accountant, and she was told by her accountant to report this with her local authorities.
- [Cambridge](#): 09:37: MASSACHUSETTS AVE – A resident of Massachusetts Avenue reported being a victim of Identity Fraud after an unknown individual used her social security number to file their taxes.
- [Chelmsford](#): 9:39 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 9:40 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Marblehead](#): At 9:47 a.m., a person reported that someone had fraudulently filed his tax return and claimed a \$9,135 tax return in his name.



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- [Chelmsford](#): 9:55 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 10:05 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Concord](#): 10:42 a.m.: Tax fraud was reported on Old Road to Nine Acre Corner.
- [Chelmsford](#): 11:01 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 11:15 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Marblehead](#): At 11:18 a.m., a woman reported her tax return had been fraudulently filed.
- [Burlington](#): 12:04 p.m.: A walk-in reported someone filed a tax return under her Social Security number.
- [Billerica](#): 12:21 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Chatham Road.
- [Burlington](#): 12:25 p.m.: A caller on Center Street reported receiving a suspicious phone call asking for money.
- [Chelmsford](#): 12:56 p.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 1:14 p.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Northborough](#): 1:31 p.m. Ridge Rd. Fraud.
- [Acton](#): 1:44 p.m.: Police took an identity theft report from Summer Street.
- [Chelmsford](#): 1:59 p.m.- Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Northborough](#): 3:57 p.m. Newton St. Fraud.
- [Chelmsford](#): 4:22 p.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 5:21 p.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from an ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 5:23 p.m. - Report of credit card scanner fraud
- [Chelmsford](#): 5:28 p.m. - Report of credit card scanner fraud
- [Marlborough](#): 6:33 p.m. Sonia Dr. Fraud/forgery.

Saturday, April 11, 2015

- [Hudson](#): 9:30 a.m. Butman St. Fraud.
- [Chelmsford](#): 10:11 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from ATM.
- [Greenfield](#): 10:16 a.m. — Walk-in reports her income taxes were filed by someone other than herself.
- [Cambridge](#): 10:21: CAMBRIDGESIDE PL – A Lawrence resident reported that someone stole her credit card numbers.
- [Greenfield](#): 10:56 a.m. — Oak Hill caller reports income taxes filed by someone else. IRS letters received consistent with current scam in town. Fraud complaint filed.
- [Billerica](#): 11:18 a.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Callahan Street.
- [Greenfield](#): 11:21 a.m. — Walk-in reports someone wrote two checks from her account. Fake checks written and cashed by a female in Cambridge.
- [Chelmsford](#): 11:54 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 12:10 p.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from ATM.
- [Salem](#): At 12:50 p.m., harassing phone calls on Rainbow Terrace. Reporting party came into station to report that she received a call from a man who said he was in Washington, D.C. He told her that she had warrants for her arrest, and that she needed to acquire \$3,689 to stop the warrants from going through the system. The woman became nervous, and contacted Salem Police to see if it was true. Officers told her that it might be a scam. The woman went to the station, and officers confirmed that her record was clean and advised her not to send any money to the man. Officers told her that she did exactly the correct thing, and to notify the man that she had received information from the “real” police and to stop bothering her.
- [Salem](#): At 1:58 p.m., report of fraud on Boston Street. Reporting party noticed an unauthorized credit card account in his name when he ran a credit report. The card was issued in his name with a Lynn address. According to the man, he had never lived at that address. There was an online purchase to a company named Venus that supplies women’s clothing. The card was maxed at \$500.
- [Billerica](#): 2:07 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Taber Street.
- [Salem](#): At 2:40 p.m. tax fraud on Shore Avenue. Party came into the station to report that he was the victim of identity fraud. He told officers that he had filed his taxes online with TurboTax. When he went to file, he



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was informed that his social security number was already used by a woman named Jennifer. She had filed taxes with his date of birth and social security number. A block was put on the bogus return.

- [Boxborough](#): 2:42 p.m.: Fraud was reported on Massachusetts Avenue involving an individual who received paperwork from the IRS stating someone had filed a tax return using his information.
- [Salem](#): At 7:19 p.m., tax fraud on Patton Road. Man came into station to report he went to file his taxes on Saturday and TurboTax declined. He called Turbo Tax and learned that someone has filed taxes under his name, and had asked for a \$24,000 refund. Reporting party planned to contact the IRS and his creditors. Suspect unknown at this time.
- [Cambridge](#): 20:26: MAIN ST – A Boston resident reported that he rented an apartment from a website and later found out that the apartment does not exist.

Sunday, April 12, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 9:16 a.m., a woman reported a tax return had been filed in her name and credit cards were opened fraudulently.
- [Chelmsford](#): 9:29 a.m. - Person in station reporting credit card fraud from ATM.
- [Chelmsford](#): 1:57 p.m. - Person in station reporting ATM fraud.
- [Burlington](#): 8:45 p.m. - Caller reports his accountant informed him that someone used his social security number to file their taxes. Caller requested an incident number so he can give that to the IRS to assist in filling out paper work.
- [Chelmsford](#): Chelmsford Police are alerting residents that they have received several reports of “skimmers” on ATM machines at local banks. Police say these devices will capture your card information and then access your financial accounts (full story in link).

Monday, April 13, 2015

- [Shrewsbury](#): 7:27 a.m. Oak St. Identity theft.
- [Northborough](#): 9:51 a.m. Howard St. Fraud.
- [Peabody](#): At 10:52 a.m., fraud on Surrey Lane. Party reported receiving a fraudulent check through the mail. Party did not report losing any money, He was advised to contact the credit bureaus as a precaution.
- [Acton](#): 10:27 a.m. Tax fraud reported on Reeves Street.
- [Acton](#): 10:31 a.m. Tax fraud reported on Windsor Avenue.
- [Cambridge](#): 11:24: CAMBRIDGE PKWY – A Cambridge resident reported that an unknown person(s) possibly used his credit card number to make a purchase.
- [Burlington](#): 11:35 a.m.: A walk-in reported someone filed tax returns under their name. The report states the party is under investigation by the IRS and FBI and was advised to log the incident with local police.
- [Swampscott](#): At 11:53 a.m., a woman reported being the victim of an IRS scam phone call. She told police she went to the bank to follow the scam caller’s directions and a bank employee informed her it was a scam. No money was lost.
- [Waltham](#): At 12:03 p.m., identity theft was reported, 29 Wheelock Road
- [Reading](#): At 12:22 p.m., a false tax return was filed in the caller’s name.
- [Marlborough](#): 12:40 p.m. Mount Pleasant St. Fraud/forgery.
- [Cambridge](#): 12:41: MONSIGNOR OBRIEN HWY – Cambridge Police received a report of a device that was connected to a credit card reader at a business off Monsignor O'Brien Highway.
- [Grafton](#): 1:04 p.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Maynard](#): 2:00 p.m.: A walk-in reported identity theft on Durant Avenue
- [Northborough](#): 2:31 p.m. Chesterfield Rd. Fraud.
- [Saugus](#): At 2:34 p.m. a resident reported her identity and Social Security Number were stolen. She became aware of the situation when she went to file taxes and was informed someone had already filed using her Social Security Number.
- [Cambridge](#): 15:00: OTIS ST – An Otis Street resident reported that a suspect acquired his ATM pin number and withdrew \$900.00 from his bank account.



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- [Acton](#): 3:32 p.m. Responded to a report of an identity theft on Stoneymeade Way.
- [Billerica](#): 3:44 p.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on Montbatten Road.
- [Billerica](#): 4:48 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Tercentennial Drive.
- [Northborough](#): 4:19 p.m. Brewer St. Fraud.
- [Boxford](#): 4:30 p.m. Ipswich Road resident who hadn't filed taxes yet received a fraudulent IRS letter.
- [Greenfield](#): 4:48 p.m. — Caller from Shelburne Road reports someone else filed her tax returns; report taken.
- [Cambridge](#): 18:11: MARTIN ST – A Martin Street resident reported that a suspect had cashed a fraudulent check in his name for the amount of \$4,100.00.
- [Shrewsbury](#): 6:57 p.m. Lahinch Ln. Identity theft.
- [Grafton](#): 7:00 p.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Cambridge](#): 19:03: CHESTNUT ST – Cambridge Police responded to a residence on Chestnut Street to take a report of an attempted scam of tax information.
- [Greenfield](#): 7:21 p.m. — Caller from Green River Road went to file his taxes, only to find out that someone else already has; officer to investigate, report filed.
- [Cambridge](#): 19:53: FRANKLIN ST – An Orchard Street resident reported that a suspect had stolen a number of her credit cards and some cash
- [Northborough](#): 7:56 p.m. Brookside Ln. Fraud.
- [Hudson](#): 9:08 p.m. High St. Fraud.
- [Cambridge](#): 20:06: PROSPECT ST – A Jamaica Plain resident reported being the victim of identity fraud.
- [Peabody](#): At 8:40 p.m., identify fraud on Bartholomew Street. Reporting party stated her 15-year-old daughter's identity was stolen. The 15-year-old's medical information was apparently hacked.
- [Billerica](#): 9:09 p.m.: Fraud over the internet was reported on Harvard Road.
- [Burlington](#): The Burlington Police Department is warning residents about IRS scam calls. Officials say Monday alone, they received at least 10 reports of these calls. According to police it appears the scammers are calling everyone with a Burlington phone number so they sent a recorded message to residents (full story in link).
- [Swampscott](#): The Swampscott Police Department is reminding residents that the Internal Revenue Service does not make threatening phone calls demanding money as residents in town continue to report scam phone calls (full story in link).
- [Hotline call](#): Consumer got a letter from a Windsor-Morgan Parker. They said they needed to verify her address so that they could deliver a \$5,000 check.

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 8:45 a.m., a caller reported that someone had filed a tax return under his Social Security Number.
- [Acton](#): 9:11 a.m. Tax fraud reported on Houghton Lane.
- [Burlington](#): 10:27 a.m.: A walk-in reported possible identity theft. The report states the party received a by-mail request for information concerning Medicare. No crime reportedly transpired.
- [Acton](#): 10:37 a.m. Credit card fraud reported on Arlington Street.
- [Burlington](#): 10:37 a.m.: A walk-in reported someone filed a tax return under her husband's Social Security number
- [Marblehead](#): At 11:34 a.m., identity theft was reported
- [Marblehead](#): At 11:40 a.m., a caller reported receiving a scam phone call
- [Burlington](#): 12:11 p.m.: A caller on James Street reported receiving mail regarding selling her property and was concerned it was a scam.
- [Wilmington](#): 1:52 p.m.: Larceny/forgery/fraud – West Street. Party attempted to file taxes through Turbo Tax. Was informed his taxes were already filed using his Social Security number. Report filed.
- [Cambridge](#): 14:13: DECATUR ST – A Decatur Street resident reported a tax related identity theft incident.
- [Maynard](#): 3:18 p.m.: A walk-in from Elm Street reported fraud to her bank account.



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- [Woburn](#): 3:51 p.m.: Larceny/forgery/fraud – Wade Avenue. Caller would like to report possible fraud.
- [Billerica](#): 4:41 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on New Foster Avenue.
- [Acton](#): 4:42 p.m. Responded to a complaint of identity theft of Bellows Farm Road.
- [Billerica](#): 5:29 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Mulberry Lane.
- [Cambridge](#): 17:40: DUDLEY ST – A resident of Dudley Street reported that an unknown person used her social security number to file taxes.
- [Burlington](#): 6:30 p.m.: A walk-in reported identity fraud.
- [Boxborough](#): 10:15 p.m.: A caller on Depot Road reported receiving multiple phone calls from an IRS scam.
- [Chelmsford](#): The Chelmsford Police Department is actively investigating a case of fraud and identity theft at a local bank, Police Chief James M. Spinney announced Tuesday afternoon (full story in link).
- [Norwood](#): There has been a significant uptick in fraud taking place either over the internet or by telephone. A number of Norwood residents report receiving phone calls from those purporting to be IRS agents and enticing residents to send them checks or Visa gift cards. Others tell the victims that their computers are infected with a virus and con them into logging in and giving them access to “resolve the problem”. What the victim gets is a virus and access to their personal information (full story in link).
- [Swampscott](#): Recently several residents have received calls from someone identifying themselves as an IRS agent. Swampscott police warn this is a scam (full story in link).

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

- [Arlington](#): 8:21 a.m.: A Scituate Street resident reported that when they filed their taxes, someone had already fraudulently filed for their taxes.
- [Marblehead](#): At 9:57 a.m., a woman reported falling victim to a phone scam. She provided bank information, but was able to stop the transactions before any money was lost.
- [Arlington](#): 9:59 a.m.: A Palmer Street resident reported that when they filed their taxes, someone had already fraudulently filed for their taxes.
- [Marlborough](#): 10:17 a.m. Bergeron Rd. Fraud/forgery.
- [Arlington](#): 10:36 a.m.: A Surrey Road resident reported that someone had fraudulently used a cell phone upgrade on his account from Florida and charged the new phone to his account.
- [Salem](#): At 11:23 a.m., fraud reported on Sutton Terrace. Female reported that someone had hacked into her computer and sent out emails to her friends asking for money. The email said that she was on vacation and needed money. Officer advised her to advise her friends that it was a scam.
- [Boxford](#): 11:43 a.m. Scam IRS phone calls reported on Townsend Farms Road.
- [Arlington](#): 12:19 p.m.: A Mystic Street resident reported that when they filed their taxes, someone had already fraudulently filed for their taxes.
- [Cambridge](#): 12:36: CAMBRIDGE PARK DR – A female resident of Cambridge Park Drive reported her identity was stole after she tried to file her taxes and was told someone already used her SSN.
- [Cambridge](#): 13:42: BRATTLE ST – A resident of Brattle Street reported being a victim of credit card fraud after he realized an unknown person used his credit card information to obtain \$1,452 worth of merchandise from two different stores located in Jew Jersey.
- [Shrewsbury](#): 1:47 p.m. Essex Dr. Identity theft.
- [Acton](#): 1:52 p.m. Fraud reported on Brucewood Road.
- [Cambridge](#): 14:27: BRISTOL ST – A resident of Bristol Street reported being a victim of identity fraud after he noticed an unknown person was able to obtain money from his bank account.
- [Boxford](#): 3:13 p.m. High Ridge Road resident went to file taxes with IRS and found that someone else had already filed under his name.
- [Arlington](#): 4:32 p.m.: An Oldham Road resident reported that when they filed their taxes, someone had already fraudulently filed for their taxes.
- [Burlington](#): 4:50 p.m.: A walk-in reported his tax return was fraudulently filed by someone.
- [Billerica](#): 5:11 p.m.: Identity theft was reported on Basswood Avenue.



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- [Arlington](#): 5:48 p.m.: A Beacon Street resident reported that when they filed their taxes, someone had already fraudulently filed for their taxes.
- [Boxford](#): 6:06 p.m. When a Barnside Road resident went to file taxes, he found someone had already filed using his name.
- [Billerica](#): 6:57 p.m.: Tax fraud was reported on Cartwright Lane.
- [Winchester](#): At 11 p.m. on April 15, [a] Winchester resident...hit the send button on her electronically-filed income tax form. Almost immediately, a box popped up, informing her that her tax return was rejected. Someone else had filed already, using her Social Security number (full story in link).
- [Dover](#): April 15th is Tax Day in the United States, and as this year's tax season comes to a close, the Dover Police Department has collected more than 15 reports from Dover residents about experiencing tax return fraud. Many of the victims filed their forms as usual, only to be contacted by the IRS...and were told that a return had already been filed in their name (full story in link).

Thursday, April 16, 2015

- [Marblehead](#): At 9:37 a.m., a caller reported his taxes had been fraudulently filed.
- [Cambridge](#): 09:51: BRATTLE ST – An employee of a school called to report that someone fraudulently opened an Amazon account in an attempt to make purchases. She contacted Amazon and advised them of the situation.
- [Billerica](#): 10:39 a.m.: Past contractor fraud was reported on Bridle Road.
- [Marblehead](#): At 11:21 a.m., a scam related to computer repair was reported.
- [Middleton](#): 11:28 a.m. Possible tax return fraud was reported on North Main Street.
- [Boxford](#): 12:15 p.m. Scam phone calls were reported on Bare Hill Road
- [Burlington](#): 1:06 p.m.: A caller on Greystone Court reported someone filed his tax return.
- [Arlington](#): 2:04 p.m.: A Chester Street resident reported receiving a telephone call from a man reporting that she had a virus on her computer and he could get rid of it for her. She gave him remote access to her computer along with credit card information and then realized it was a scam. She canceled the work and canceled her credit card.
- [Topsfield](#): 2:37 p.m. IRS calls were reported on East Street.
- [Billerica](#): 2:57 p.m.: Taxes were reported being claimed fraudulently on River Street.
- [Boxford](#): 3:11 p.m. An IRS phone scam was reported on Sunrise Road.
- [Boxborough](#): 4:46 p.m.: A caller on Swanson Court reported a computer scam.
- [Dover](#): The Dover Police Department has collected more than 15 reports from Dover residents about experiencing tax return fraud. Many of the victims filed their forms as usual, only to be contacted by the IRS (by mail, the IRS never initiates contact via the telephone) and were told that a return had already been filed in their name (full story in link).

Friday, April 17, 2015

- [Beverly](#): At 6:07 a.m., walk-in to station reported identity fraud.
- [Cambridge](#): 08:29: OTIS ST – A Cambridge resident reported that someone used his identity to file taxes.
- [Cambridge](#): 08:59: BROOKLINE ST – A Cambridge resident reported that someone filed taxes in her name.
- [Arlington](#): A case of identity fraud was reported at 9:43 a.m. on Mystic Street.
- [Marblehead](#): At 10:21 a.m., a caller reported a tax return had been fraudulently filed using his Social Security Number.
- [Boxford](#): 10:31 a.m. to 1:19 p.m. Four IRS phone call scams were reported on Boren Lane, Kelsey Road, High Ridge Road and Herrick Road.
- [Grafton](#): 1:33 p.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Topsfield](#): 1:33 p.m. Scam IRS calls reported on Canterbury Hill Road.
- [Boxborough](#): 2:39 p.m.: A caller on Flagg Hill Road reported receiving a suspicious call from a party stating they were from the IRS.



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- [Boxborough](#): 2:44 p.m.: A caller on Burroughs Road reported a message that was left from someone stating they were from the IRS.
- [Grafton](#): 4:02 p.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Billerica](#): 4:32 p.m.: Identity theft was reported on Lakeview Drive.
- [Beverly](#): At 6:18 p.m., fraud reported on Cox Court. Stolen identity.
- [Hotline call](#): Caller said that a tech person from a company called Novatell called her house and her husband had answered. He claimed he was for Microsoft and had seen something wrong with their computer and had called to gain access to it to fix it. Her husband agreed and gave them access to the computer but the wife thought it must have been a scam.
- [Hotline call](#): Scam call that brother had an accident (a car crash), had to pay \$900 to have him released. Person said the name was "Tony." They directed them to go to a bank to release the funds. She called her brother who lives in Montana and he was fine.

Saturday, April 18, 2015

- [Maynard](#): 8:11 a.m.: A walk-in from Acton Street reported identity theft.
- [Marblehead](#): At 8:36 a.m., an IRS scam was reported.
- [Cambridge](#): 09:27: HURON AVE – A Cambridge resident reported that someone used his identity to file taxes.
- [Burlington](#): 10:32 a.m.: A walk-in reported a case of identity fraud.
- [Concord](#): 10:34 a.m. A man on Monument Street said he was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Northborough](#): 10:34 a.m. Church St. Fraud.
- [Concord](#): 10:57 a.m. A woman on Virginia Road said she was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Concord](#): 11:32 a.m. A woman on Pheasant Lane said she was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Concord](#): 11:33 a.m. A couple on MacArthur Road said they were the victim of tax fraud.
- [Arlington](#): 11:35 a.m.: A Piedmont Street resident reported that when they filed their taxes, someone had already fraudulently filed for their taxes
- [Northborough](#): 11:41 a.m. Ridge Rd. Fraud.
- [Northborough](#): 1:37 p.m. Samuel Gamwel Rd. Fraud.
- [Concord](#): 1:46 p.m. A woman on Stacey Circle said she was a victim of tax fraud.
- [Marlborough](#): 3:42 p.m. Prendeville Way. Fraud/forgery
- [Concord](#): 4:53 p.m. A man on Walden Street said he was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Boxford](#): 10:50 a.m. Fraudulent tax return filed with use of resident's social security number on Carolina Way

Sunday, April 19, 2015

- [Concord](#): 10 a.m. A woman on Lowell Road said she was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Grafton](#): 11:55 a.m. Providence Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- [Burlington](#): 12:05 p.m.: A caller on Drake Road reported his tax return was rejected by the IRS because his or his wife's Social Security number was previously used.
- [Needham](#): On April 12, at 6:28 p.m., a Chestnut Street business reported being scammed out of \$50 cash while making change for a customer, police said.

Monday, April 20, 2015

- [Belmont](#): 10:41 a.m.: Moraine Street business reported fraud by check. On April 17, two fraudulent checks used to withdraw money from his account at Watertown Savings Bank. Account connected to his auto repair business. Both checks in amount of \$944. He closed account. Driver's license number written on back of one of checks comes back to person from Lowell. Requesting security footage from banks, still under investigation.
- [Belmont](#): 11:04 a.m.: Clifton Street resident reported possible identity theft. On April 11, received letter from Department of Revenue stating his IRS tax refund was ready to be electronically transferred upon his



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confirmation. He had not filed his tax returns as of that date. On April 14, called DOR, confirmed tax refund was not going to his bank, agents will be investigating the case, transfer stopped.

- [Burlington](#): 11:17 a.m.: A walk-in reported fraudulent activity.
- [Concord](#): 11:45 a.m. A man on Sarah Way said he was the victim of identity theft.
- [Marblehead](#): At 1:08 p.m., a caller reported taxes had been filed in his name.
- [Northborough](#): 4:23 p.m. Hitching Post Ln. Fraud.
- [Cambridge](#): 16:53: LILAC CT – Cambridge Police responded to a Lilac Court residence after a resident reported her identity had been stolen.
- [Marlborough](#): 5:14 p.m. Applebriar Ln. Fraud/forgery.
- [Plymouth](#): 4:17 p.m.: report of fraud, Clam Pudding
- [Plymouth](#): 4:50 p.m.: report of fraud, Marc Drive

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

- [Beverly](#): At 6:58 a.m., tax fraud on Sunset Drive. Reporting party stated that taxes were filed by another person.
- [Salem](#): At 9:17 a.m., possible identity theft on Fort Avenue. Man reported that he had an account with John Hancock that he closed in 1985. He recently received a bill from them for the account. There was no phone number on the bill, and he does not have an account with John Hancock. He was advised not to pay the bill, and to find a legitimate phone number to reach the company.
- [Concord](#): 12:26 p.m. A woman on Walden Street said she was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Concord](#): 12:32 p.m.: Identity theft through tax fraud was reported on Old Bedford Road.
- [Billerica](#): 1:37 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Kenwood Street.
- [Beverly](#): At 2:06 p.m., possible fraud on River Street. Reporting party allowed an internet company called Geek to “unfreeze” his computer screen for a fee of \$29. The fee was placed on the man’s credit card after his computer was fixed. The reporting party was uneasy after the transaction, and could not find the company listed after a search on Google. The man believed that Geek does not exist, and cancelled his Visa card as a precaution. The incident was reported to Apple, who advised the man to report the incident to police.
- [Marlborough](#): 2:18 p.m. Pleasant St. Fraud/forgery.
- [Plymouth](#): 3:27 p.m.: report of fraud, Palmer Road
- [Northborough](#): 5:38 p.m. Birch Hill Rd. Fraud.
- [Concord](#): 5:42 p.m. A woman on Hillside Avenue said she was the victim of tax fraud.
- [Peabody](#): At 6:02 p.m., identity fraud on Ledgewood Way.
- [Hotline call](#): Consumer was wondering if the Consumer Services Division was real. They were told that they needed to send \$20 dollars to collect on a grant.

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

- [Marlborough](#): 10:47 a.m. Mechanic St. Fraud/forgery.
- [Marlborough](#): 10:55 a.m. Sherwood Dr. South. Fraud/forgery.
- [Marlborough](#): 12:32 p.m. Prospect St. Fraud/forgery.
- [Plymouth](#): 3:23 p.m.: report of fraud, Vernon Street
- [Marlborough](#): 3:39 p.m. Ahlgren Cir. Fraud/forgery.
- [Cambridge](#): 17:33: MASSACHUSETTS AVE – Cambridge Police responded to a Massachusetts Avenue address for reports of harassment by mail.
- [Marlborough](#): 9:21 p.m. Worster Dr. Fraud/forgery.
- [Wayland](#): Wayland police are warning residents that it’s that time of year again where “paving scammers” hit the area. They tend to target the elderly, they said, promising reasonable deals on driveway paving (full story in link).

Thursday, April 23, 2015



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- [Beverly](#): At 8:24 a.m., identify fraud reported on Cabot Street. Monday taken from an account.
- [Beverly](#): At 9:31 a.m., unauthorized ATM card use reported on Cabot Street.
- [Cambridge](#): 10:39: SOMERVILLE AVE – A Cambridge business owner reported being the victim of embezzlement after he discovered that a former employee cashed false checks in the amount of \$17,000.
- [Billerica](#): 10:24 a.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Nashua Road.
- [Billerica](#): 10:44 a.m.: Identity fraud was reported on Violet Road.
- [Marblehead](#): At 10:58 a.m., a woman reported that a person called claiming to be a police officer and seeking a donation of \$300 and then \$100. When she told him she was on a limited income, he replied “don’t lie.”
- [Concord](#): 10:13 a.m.: Identity theft through tax fraud was reported on Heaths Bridge Road.
- [Concord](#): 11:44 a.m.: Identity theft through tax fraud was reported on Garden Road.
- [Chelmsford](#): 12:06 p.m. - Report of IRS fraud.
- [Chelmsford](#): 12:35 p.m. - Fraud report.
- [Marblehead](#): At 12:44 p.m., a caller reported receiving a phone call from a woman claiming to be her granddaughter who had been arrested in Niagara Falls. The grandson took the phone, understanding this to be a scam.
- [Chelmsford](#): 1:46 p.m. - Identity fraud report.
- [Concord](#): 1:54 p.m.: Identity theft through tax fraud was reported on South Street.
- [Beverly](#): At 1:39 p.m., unauthorized ATM card use reported on Cabot Street.
- [Plymouth](#): 7:45 p.m.: report of fraud, Highland Terrace
- [Hotline call](#): Consumer was receiving calls that he thought were scams. They would call once a week and ask him if he was the homeowner and he would say he was on the do not call list. They would then hang up and call next week from a different number.

Friday, April 24, 2015

- [Plymouth](#): 8:17 a.m.: report of fraud, Cabot Circle
- [Arlington](#): Debit Card Fraud, 9:30 a.m., Dudley Street – A business owner reported to police that his Bank of America card had been used to buy a \$130 Louis Vuitton bag without his knowledge or consent. Upon noticing the charges, he called the company and had the order canceled. The company explained to him that the bag was ordered to be shipped to his business’s address, but under a different name and email.
- [Plymouth](#): 10:31 a.m.: report of fraud, Highland Terrace
- [Concord](#): 10:55 a.m.: Possible tax fraud was reported on Sandy Pond Road.
- [Billerica](#): 11:48 a.m.: An IRS scam was reported on Highview Street.
- [Arlington](#): ID Theft, 3:20 p.m., Wollaston Avenue – A resident reported that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue told him he owed \$15,000 in back taxes, that he used to work in Southbridge, and that made \$70,000 while employed at a hospital in 2012.
- Having never heard of Southbridge or the hospital, he figured something may be amiss. Upon dialing up the Mass. Revenue Service, it was quickly determined that someone else has been using his social security number.
- [Southborough](#): 12:30 p.m. An officer took an Identity Theft report from a Pinecone Lane resident.
- [Cambridge](#): 14:05: CEDAR ST – A Cambridge resident reported receiving a phone call from a suspect claiming to be from an electricity company stating that the victim owed almost \$300.
- [Chelmsford](#): 2:58 p.m. - Fraud report.
- [Concord](#): 3:12 p.m.: Tax fraud was reported on Revolutionary Road.
- [Concord](#): 3:58 p.m.: Past tax fraud was reported on Wright Road.
- [Billerica](#): 4:25 p.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on Nashua Road.
- [Billerica](#): 5:26 p.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on Kenmar Drive.
- [Chelmsford](#): 6:29 p.m. - Person in station reporting ATM skimmer, Drum Hill Road.
- [North Andover](#): Residents in town have reported receiving calls allegedly from the IRS advising them that they owe taxes, according to the North Andover Police Department. The caller ID was “spoofed” to make it



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look like the call originated from the police department. North Andover Police: Under no circumstances will the IRS demand that you make payment over the phone.

- Hotline call: Consumer had gotten a call from someone in Brewster pretending to be part of the IRS. Said that he was going to be sued unless he paid his bills. He knew instantly it was a scam.
- Hotline call: Consumer had been contacted by a person pretending to be a government agency offering money to people who need it. They just have to send in \$2016 and then they get the money.
- Hotline call: Someone had been trying to get out unemployment claims under the consumers identity.

Saturday, April 25, 2015

- Maynard: 10:17 a.m.: A caller reported receiving a suspicious scam call from the IRS.
- Maynard: 10:42 a.m.: A caller reported receiving an automated scam call from the IRS.
- Grafton: 4:19 p.m. Old Westboro Rd. Fraud/identity theft.
- Arlington: More than \$4K in bogus checks, 2 p.m., Dudley Street – A business owner told police that four fake checks totaling \$4086 had been cashed under the pretext of being from his company. Citizens Bank was able to provide him the supposed name of the individual responsible, and it was not someone who had ever been employed by the reporting party. Although, he said he often pays delivery truck drivers with checks, and such a driver or someone associated with such a driver could be responsible.
- Arlington: Identity Stolen To Buy Apple Products, 6:12 p.m., Broadway – A man reported that someone aside from himself used his credit card information to buy more than \$1380 worth of items from Apple.com. He spoke with the credit card company and Apple, who agreed that it was pretty weird that the shipping address and the card address were different, and canceled the order.
- Cambridge: 15:29: MASSACHUSETTS AVE – A Massachusetts Avenue resident reported being the victim of a rent scam that cost him over \$7,000.00.
- Peabody: At 4:47 p.m., fraud reported on Dana Road.
- Plymouth: 6:39 p.m.: report of fraud, Center Hill Road
- Peabody: At 9:08 p.m., fraud reported on Lynn Street. Reporting party walked into the station to report that an individual made a false deposit into her account, and then withdrew \$100 from the same account.

Sunday, April 26, 2015

- Marlborough: 5:02 p.m. Frye St. Fraud/forgery.

Monday, April 27, 2015

- Chelmsford: 10:17 a.m.: Fraud by check was reported on Industrial Avenue
- Plymouth: 11:25 a.m.: report of fraud, Barquentine Drive
- Salem: At 11:51 a.m., fraud by phone on Nursery Street. Reporting party stated that someone purportedly from the IRS, said he owned \$1,300 from 2008. The caller told him to mail a bank check to an address provided. The reporting party realized the call was a scam, and wanted the incident to be documented.
- Burlington: 11:53 a.m.: A caller on Beacon Street reported her bank card was used in Boston and \$100 was taken.
- Billerica: 1:08 p.m.: Identity fraud was reported on South Street.
- Peabody: At 1:41 p.m., fraud on Lowell Street. The resident reported a fraudulent account was opened under her name.
- Cambridge: 17:27: TROWBRIDGE ST – A Cambridge resident reported that someone had stolen her identity and filed tax returns in her name.
- Plymouth: 3:34 p.m.: report of fraud, Fairview Lane
- Northborough: 3:42 p.m. Avalon Dr. Fraud.
- Peabody: At 3:45 p.m., larceny on Nancy Avenue. Caller reported that the supposed IRS scammed her out of \$4,500 today.
- Plymouth: 4:20 p.m.: report of fraud, Bay Shore Drive
- Plymouth: 4:26 p.m.: report of fraud, Colony Beach Boulevard



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- [Billerica](#): 4:48 p.m.: Identity theft was reported on Wyman Road.
- [Plymouth](#): 4:57 p.m.: report of fraud, James Circle
- [Cambridge](#): 18:31: POPLAR RD – A resident of Cambridge reported that an unknown party accessed her computer and requested \$349.00.
- [Cambridge](#): 23:58: RIVER ST – A Cambridge resident reported having their debit card used to make unauthorized purchases online and at numerous stores.

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

- [Peabody](#): At 9:39 a.m., tax fraud on Gwinnett Road. Party walked into the station to report tax fraud.
- [Boxborough](#): 12:43 p.m.: An IRS scam call was reported on Stow Road.
- [Cambridge](#): 14:29: SIDNEY ST – A resident of Holbrook reported that his credit card was used by an unknown person at a store in Cambridge.
- [Chelmsford](#): 3:09 p.m.: A phone scam was reported on Perham Street.
- [Burlington](#): 4:18 p.m.: A caller in El Paso, Texas, reported that someone is working at Roche Brothers on Cambridge Street and is using her husband's ID and Social Security number to work there.
- [Plymouth](#): 6:13 p.m.: report of fraud, Bay View Avenue
- [Boxborough](#): 8:26 p.m.: An IRS fraud phone call was reported on Depot Street.
- [North Reading](#): There have been at least five incidents of scams or fraudulent tax returns reported to the North Reading Police in the past week. With this in mind, we would like to cover some of the continuing scams we are seeing here in North Reading.

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

- [Billerica](#): 9:13 a.m.: Fraud under false pretenses was reported on Philip Road.
- [Billerica](#): 11:31 a.m.: Contractor fraud was reported on Pollard Street.
- [Billerica](#): 12:52 p.m.: Credit card fraud was reported on C Street.
- [Burlington](#): 1:28 p.m.: A walk-in reporter their debit card was used online to purchase \$103 worth of items from Bath and Body Works.
- [Swampscott](#): At 2:15 p.m., a resident reported their Social Security Number had been used to file a false tax return.
- [Peabody](#): At 2:37 p.m., fraud on Central Street. Reporting party stated that someone was cashing checks in his name in Chicago.
- [Peabody](#): At 3:42 p.m., credit card at Peabody Mobile Park on Newbury Street. Party reported her Citizen's Bank Visa card was used in Baltimore for \$800 in fraud purchases.
- [Billerica](#): 6:19 p.m.: Forgery was reported on Wyman Road.
- [Cambridge](#): 21:58: HARVARD ST – A Cambridge resident reported that an unknown male called her demanding that she pay \$5,000 due to an unpaid payday loan.
- [Hingham](#): After an elderly resident fell victim to a phone scam, the Hingham Police Department is reminding residents to use caution when it comes to personal information. The woman, a 92-year-old resident, told police she received almost ten calls from the same man in a short time frame who claimed he had money to send her. The scammer insisted he needed her saving bank information and social security information in order to send the money (full story in link).

Thursday, April 30, 2015

- [Arlington](#): I.D. Theft/Bogus Checks, 10:20 a.m., TD Bank/Massachusetts Avenue – A false check for \$496 was cashed at the Arlington TD Bank, according to a man's statement to police. The alleged culprit cashed two other checks mocked up to appear issued from the reporting party in Cambridge and Brighton.
- [Peabody](#): At 10:40 a.m., fraud reported at the North Shore Bank on Main Street. Check fraud. Ongoing investigation.



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- [Burlington](#): 11:12 a.m.: A caller on Center Street reported her credit card was used to purchase tickets in Florida. The report states the purchase — for \$1,407 — was denied and funds were credited back to the party's account.
- [Salem](#): At 1:43 p.m., tax fraud on Columbus Street. Reporting party stated he received a letter from the IRS stating details of his tax return. The man had not filed a tax return this year. The IRS informed him that someone had filed a tax return in his name.
- [Marlborough](#): At 1:48 p.m., police took a report of fraud, Royal Crest Apartments
- [Chelmsford](#): 2:21 p.m.: A possible fraud attempt by phone was reported on Wildes Road.
- [Reading](#): At 5:08 p.m., a man reported possible fraud involving his phone.
- [Burlington](#): 5:51 p.m.: A caller reported her credit card was fraudulently used at multiple stores
- [Northborough](#): 6:20 p.m. Washburn St. Scams.
- [Chelmsford](#): 7:44 p.m.: A walk-in reported attempted business fraud on Donna Road.
- [Burlington](#): 8:04 p.m.: A caller on Francis Wyman Road reported a “suspect attempted to defraud her out of money via a computer virus.”
- [Middlesex](#): The Middlesex Sheriff's Office today, April 30, has received more than 30 calls from individuals reporting having been contacted over the phone by men and women claiming to be with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office and threatening arrest for failure to pay federal taxes (full story in link).

