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February 12 thru February 18, 2020

TIP OF THE WEEK

Fraud alerts & credit freezes: What's the difference? February 13, 2020

Looking for ways to protect your identity? Two to options to consider are fraud alerts and credit

freezes. But what's the difference? A **fraud alert** makes companies verify your identity before granting new credit in your name. Usually, that means calling you to check if you're really trying to open a new account. Placing a fraud alert is easy – you contact any one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) and that one must notify the other two. A fraud alert is free and lasts one year. A **credit freeze** limits access to your credit report so no one, including you, can open new accounts until the freeze is lifted. To be fully protected, you must place a freeze with each of the three credit reporting agencies. You'll usually get a PIN or password to use each time you place or lift the freeze. A credit freeze is free and lasts until you lift it.

Which is right for you? It depends on your personal circumstances. Both fraud alerts and credit freezes can make it harder for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. With a fraud alert, you keep access to your credit. But freezes are generally best for people who aren't planning to take out new credit. Often, that includes older adults, people under guardianship, and children.

To place a fraud alert or credit freeze, use the credit bureau contact information listed below. Want to share what you've learned about fraud alerts and credit freezes? **Order these free flyers** to hand out in your community.

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BURGLARY NIGHTTIME CFS 20-16678

Thornburg Shell, 5016 Mudd Tavern Road, between February 16, 1:30am and the 17th, 12:44pm unknown person(s) cut a fence and broke into the station upsetting the station. Missing are two money bags containing cash. Damage to the fence is \$500.00. CFS 20-16678

GRAND LARCENY OTHER-WAVERLY COMMERCIAL CENTER CFS 20-15142

Otani Japanese Steak House, 12131 Amos Lane, on 2-12-2020 between 3:03 and 3:48pm the victim lost a wallet containing credit cards, driver's license, access card to a city building, a police badge and identification card while the victim was checking under the vehicle. CFS 20-15142

GRAND LARCENY OTHER CFS 20-14950

Northern Tool and Equipment, 3609 Plank Road, between February 11, 8:30pm and the 12th 2020 6:50am someone removed the gate from a caged storage area and stole 26 gallon Northstar ATV Boomless Broadcast, a Spot sprayer valued at \$260.00 and a Northern tool and Equipment 48" heavy duty Steel Site Safe valued at \$630.00. CFS 20-14950

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-14558

Holiday Inn Express, 5422 Jefferson Davis Highway on February 11, 2020 between 7:52 and 5:55am unknown person(s) stole an assortment of tools from the back of the truck while the victim stayed at the Inn. The most expensive is a DeWALT drill valued at \$299.00. CFS 20-14558

PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE-STEEPLECHASE APARTMENTS CFS 20-15424

5400 block Steeplechase Drive, between February 11, 5:00pm and the 13th, 2020 11:30am someone entered the unlocked 2006 Ford and stole the victims small brown leather purse. In the purse were personal cards and \$350.00. CFS 20-15424

PETIT LARCENY SHOPLIFT CFS 20-15829

Sheetz, 5015 Mudd Tavern Road, on February 14, 2020 between 1:24 and 2:36pm a black male took four 12 pack Michelob Ultra cases and left without paying. The beers are valued at \$56.96. He boarded a waiting white 2015 Hyundai 4-door. CFS 20-15829

PETIT LARCENY FROM BUILDING SHERATON HILLS EAST CFS 20-16616

11700 block Ruthertford Drive, between February 14, 5:00pm and the 17th, 6:30am someone broke into the vacant house and stole a Rigid 12" table saw valued at \$400.00 and a caulking "gun" valued at \$10.00. CFS 20-16616

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PETIT LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-16674

Danny's Pizza and Subs, 10657 Spotsylvania Avenue, between February 16, 10:00am and the 17th, 10:18am someone stole the license plate from the front of the 1999 Honda Accord near the business. CFS 20-16674

PETIT LARCENY OF AUTOMOBILE CFS 20-15038

2700 Salem Church Road, on February 12, 2020 between 11:17 and 11:38am someone stole the front handicap license plate from Scion automobile. CFS 20-15038

PETIT LARCENY OTHER-CHANCELLOR CROSSING AT ASHLEY FARMS CFS 20-16139

7900 block Continental Court, on February 14, 2020 between 2:15 and 2:45pm someone stole a package from the front door of the victim's apartment. It contained a figurine valued at \$50.00. CFS 20-16139

Crime Solvers Statistics

From January 2000 through December 2019, the Spotsylvania County Crime Solvers has paid out over **\$100,000** in **CASH REWARDS** for information through **2,320** calls to the Crime Solvers Telephone Tip line, Crime Solvers Web Tip page, the former Text-A-Tip phone number, and the new P3 App Tip system. Information obtained has resulted in **207** arrests involving burglaries, drug distribution, arson, vandalism, breaking & entering and other crimes against the citizens of Spotsylvania County. To date there has been **\$164,132** worth of stolen property recovered, and property and assorted types of drugs seized. From June 2010 through December 2019 **64** **Wanted Fugitives** have been arrested.

Remember your phone call, Web Tip or
P3 App Tip can make a difference.

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