

Beware of Taxpayer Scam

In case you find yourself to be a victim of a taxpayer scam, you should do the following:

1. File an ID theft with the Federal Trade Commission. Information can be found at www.ftc.gov
2. Contact the Credit Bureaus to notify about possible ID theft and place a hold on any new credit applications:
 - a. Trans Union 1 888 680 7289
 - b. Equifax 1 800 685 1111
 - c. Experian 1 888 397 3742
3. File a police report. The Fresno Police Department Report for ID theft can be filled out online at www.fresno.gov/Government/DepartmentDirectory/Police/SelfHelpResources/IdentityTheft/default.htm
4. If you just received the check from the IRS. **Do not use the funds.** Fill out a 1040x to file an amended return and send the funds back to the IRS.
5. If you have already spent the funds. Fill out a 1040x to file an amended return, and pay back the amount you received. If you cannot pay the refund back, pay as much as you can and set up an installment agreement request, form 9465.
6. You should also fill out form 14039 (IRS taxpayer ID Theft Affidavit).

For More Information contact:

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