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Unemployment Benefits Fraud

Criminal enterprises using stolen personal information from earlier national data breaches have been attempting to file fraudulent unemployment claims through the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) system. This is part of a national unemployment fraud scheme.

If a victim is reporting unemployment fraud, officers should take a report and give the victim the attached flyer (also in the OIC's office/report area). The DUA will be following up with a general investigation and documentation. Their website urges victim to report the fraud to their local police department.



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The Newton Police Department is aware of an on-going federal and state pandemic unemployment compensation program fraud scheme.

The following link should be used to file any necessary reports for fraud based on Massachusetts unemployment benefits. In addition, it contains links that may be of assistance to you.

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/report-unemployment-benefits-fraud>

Additionally, the following links may provide other information or guidance to you.

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for consumer information about identity theft:

FTC informational webpage:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft>

FTC identity theft webpage:

<https://www.ftc.gov/faq/consumer-protection/report-identity-theft>

FTC webpage regarding placing a fraud alert with the credit bureaus, which includes information on how to contact the credit bureaus:

Fraud alerts: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0275-place-fraud-alert#Why>