

# Identity Theft & Tax Fraud

## TOWN HALL

Boca Raton P.D. Training Center  
6500 Congress Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida

February 20, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Opening Remarks

**Richard Lawson**, Florida Attorney General's Office  
Division Director, Consumer Protection Unit

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9:20 – 9:40 a.m.

### Program Introduction

**Cindy Liebes**, Federal Trade Commission  
Regional Director, Southeast Region

Overview of the ID Theft/Tax Refund Fraud Problem  
Recent Statistics and Impact  
How ID Theft/Tax Fraud Occurs  
Introduction of Program Participants' and Agenda

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9:40 – 10:30 a.m.

### Law Enforcement Panel

**David Aronberg**, State Attorney for the 15th Judicial Circuit  
**Blanca Alvarez**, Postal Inspector, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Miami  
**Stephen Carlton**, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida  
**Michael J. DePalma**, National ID Theft Coordinator, Internal Revenue Service  
Criminal Investigations  
**Michael Driscoll**, Resident Agent in Charge, Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement  
**Jennifer Minton**, Senior Intelligence Analyst, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Observations by Law Enforcement Concerning Problem in South Florida  
Description of Law Enforcement Agency's Role and Response  
to the Problem  
Applicable Laws, Statutes, Penalties, and Cases of Note

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10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

## **Consumer Experience**

**Recounting Experience with Tax ID Theft and Aftermath**

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10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

## **Consumer Advocacy Group Panel**

**Dama Brown**, Federal Trade Commission

**William Casement**, AARP Foundation Tax Aide Regional Coordinator

**Wayne Picone**, Regional Director, Seniors vs. Fraud

**Theresa Ronnebaum**, Program Specialist, Victim Services,  
Florida Attorney General's Office

How to Avoid Tax ID Theft and Other ID Theft

Where to File Consumer Complaints

Advice to Consumers on Preventing and Dealing with ID Theft

Advice on Filing Tax Returns When Your Identity has been Stolen

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11:30 – 11:50 a.m.

## **Keynote Speaker**

**Congressman**