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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM NO. 05-16

SUBJECT: Stealing (IDT)/Identity Theft

RESCINDS Department Memorandum 05-2, entitled, "Stealing (IDT)/Identity Theft."

Section 570.223.1 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that "a person commits the crime of identity theft if he or she knowingly and with the intent to deceive or defraud obtains, possesses, transfers, uses or attempts to obtain, transfer or use, one or more means of identification not lawfully issued for his or her use."

The term "means of identification" is defined as, but not limited to, social security numbers, driver license numbers, checking account numbers, savings account numbers, credit card numbers, debit card numbers, personal identification numbers (PIN), digital signatures, passwords, parent's legal surname prior to marriage, passports, or birth certificates. The unauthorized use of any "means of identification" for the purpose to appropriate credit, money, goods, services, or other property should be reported on a Field Incident Report, Form 189 P.D., entitled "Stealing (IDT)."

These reports will be completed on a phone-in or walk-in basis. The address of the occurrence can be the location of the actual theft, the transaction location, or the individual's residence. The report location must be a Kansas City, Missouri address and only one "Stealing (IDT)" report should be taken per victim.

When an individual responds to a police facility with supporting documentation (i.e. credit report, bill invoice, etc.) it will be photocopied and returned to the individual. The photocopied documentation will be forwarded along with a copy of the Field Incident Report, Form 189 P.D., entitled, "Stealing (IDT)" to the Fraud Section. The pages of the individual's photocopied documentation **will not** be numbered, since it will not be considered as part of the original Stealing report.

A TSO, division clerk, or sworn member may complete these reports. Supporting documentation of Stealing (IDT) is **not** necessary at the time of the initial report. Detectives will obtain additional information if needed. Citizens wanting to make initial reports should **not** be directed to the Fraud and Forgery Sections for handling.

When completing a Field Incident Form, Form 189 P.D., entitled, "Stealing (IDT)" the Case Report Number (CRN) will be obtained using the designated CAD code (0604) for this offense. The means of attack will be "Deceit" and "Identity" will be written as the victim's property in the property section with "No Value" placed in the estimated value column.

Any questions concerning the crime of identity theft should be directed to the Fraud Section.

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