



## **Identity Theft– *Your Information is Valuable***

ID thieves have many uses for your personal information:

- They change the mailing address on your credit card account. The imposter then runs up charges on your account without you knowing.
- They open a new credit card account, using your name, date of birth and SSN. When they use the credit card and don't pay the bills, the delinquent account is reported on your credit report.
- They establish phone or wireless service in your name.
- They open a bank account in your name and write bad checks on that account.
- They file for bankruptcy under your name to avoid paying debts they've incurred under your name, or to avoid eviction.
- They counterfeit checks or debit cards, and drain your bank account.
- They buy cars by taking out auto loans in your name
- If arrested, they might use your name. Then, when they don't show up at court, the cops go looking for you.