
Identity Theft Stories

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<p>Albert got his credit card statement in the mail. When he looked at it, he saw a charge for \$342 at a toy store and another charge for \$236 at a department store. Albert had never gone to those stores.</p>	
<p>Carl was driving a little too fast. He was stopped by the police. The police officer told Carl that he would have to go to the station because of his arrest record. Carl knew that he had never been arrested.</p>	
<p>Jane got a statement from her medical insurance company. The statement said that Jane had used up her insurance allowance because she received care from Dr. Smith. Jane had never heard of Dr. Smith.</p>	
<p>Sally wanted to buy new furniture. She applied for a credit card at the furniture store, but the store would not give her one. They said she had three credit cards with overdue payments. Sally did not have any credit cards.</p>	
<p>In April, Tony found out that he would be getting a tax refund. Tony was happy. He waited, but the tax refund did not come. Finally Tony called. The tax office told Tony that they had sent his tax refund four weeks ago, and that the tax refund check had been cashed.</p>	

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Albert got his credit card statement in the mail. When he looked at it, he saw a charge for \$342 at a toy store and another charge for \$236 at a department store. Albert had never gone to those stores.	<i>Buy things with your credit cards</i>
Carl was driving a little too fast. He was stopped by the police. The police officer told Carl that he would have to go to the station because of his arrest record. Carl knew that he had never been arrested.	<i>Pretend to be you if they are arrested</i>
Jane got a statement from her medical insurance company. The statement said that Jane had used up her insurance allowance because she received care from Dr. Smith. Jane had never heard of Dr. Smith.	<i>Get medical care</i>
Sally wanted to buy new furniture. She applied for a credit card at the furniture store, but the store would not give her one. They said she had three credit cards with overdue payments. Sally did not have any credit cards.	<i>Get new credit cards</i>
In April, Tony found out that he would be getting a tax refund. Tony was happy. He waited, but the tax refund did not come. Finally Tony called. The tax office told Tony that they had sent his tax refund four weeks ago, and that the tax refund check had been cashed.	<i>Steal your tax refund</i>