



# Identity Theft

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## Statistics to date

- Currently 55 individuals associate with the University
- Others are affected in the area and throughout Michigan and the rest of the US
- Michigan currently ranks #6 in the US
- Just under 3 billion records breached worldwide since 2013

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## Why is the increase this year?

- High value/Low Risk
  - Easy filing
  - Low risk methods of obtaining funds
- Steadily increase in number and magnitude of breaches
- Criminals have been saving the data for the appropriate time

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## What could be the source?

- It's easy to look at Anthem but it's more likely that:
  - There are multiple sources of the information
  - That many sources are being used together
  - That multiple individuals or groups are filing the fraudulent returns
  - Additional information has been gathered from other resources (TurboTax)



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## Who is investigating

- Michigan Tech
- Local law enforcement agencies
- FBI
- IRS Criminal Investigations unit
  - The IRS is increasing its use of models to detect fraud this year

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## How we are tracking the situation

- We have used the reports to IT to conduct focused scans of logs to look for any suspicious access
- We are working with individuals and law enforcement to identify trends or data unique to a possible source. Findings are given to the FBI

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## Steps everyone should take

- If you are a victim, you should follow the steps at: <http://security.mtu.edu/identity-theft-resources/>
- Be sure to report any incidents!
- All employees should try to sign up for the AllClearID protection from Anthem at: <https://www.anthemfacts.com/>



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## Things to be aware of

- There are a significant number of phishing attacks going on trying to leverage the situation
  - The IRS will **ONLY** make initial contact you by postal mail
- If a business asks for your SSN, ask what are the consequences of not giving it
  - Beware, the Mandatory Insurer Reporting Law requires some insurance and health care facilities to collect your SSN if anyone on your plan may qualify for Medicare (over 45)