



Law enforcement officers tasked with investigating fraud on vulnerable individuals can find themselves targets of fraudsters attempting to exploit their positions of trust and authority. Personal and financial information of these officers can be targeted to compromise their identities and disrupt their personal and professional lives.

From phishing scams and social engineering tactics to identity theft and fraudulent financial transactions, the fraudsters' goal is to undermine law enforcement effectiveness and compromise their integrity. Law enforcement professionals must remain vigilant by implementing certain safeguards to protect their identity and financial data to protect themselves in a digital world.

## **HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES**



#### 1. Freeze Your Credit:

Contact the three credit bureaus to freeze your credit and prevent identity theft before it happens. Consider enrolling in identity theft protection services for an added layer of security. (Links: <u>TransUnion</u>, <u>Equifax</u>, and <u>Experian</u>.)



### 2. Place an Alert on Your Property Title:

Create a profile on your county's property assessor's website and opt in for e-Notification protect your property rights.



## 3. Enable Contact and Alerts:

Establish these profiles with your bank and credit card companies to review activity and prevent future fraud.



#### 4. Turn on Informed Delivery:

Register with the USPS to monitor delivery services. <u>Informed Delivery</u> provides email notifications and images of arriving mail, which can be important if your address is temporarily changed or you are displaced.



#### 5. Social Media Safety:

Social media can be a valuable tool for law enforcement, but it also poses unique risks. If you use social media, be mindful of what details you openly share about your personal life which can be used by fraudsters to identify you, your property, or your family.



### 6. Public Records Suppression:

Law enforcement officers who are facing a substantial risk of physical harm or who are victims of identity theft may request to have personal information about themselves suppressed through **FrozenPII** or **LexisNexis**<sup>®</sup>.

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