



Archdiocese Identity Theft

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A number of people, employees and volunteers of the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon parishes, and schools have been victims of tax-identity fraud. Victim's Social Security numbers have been used in fraudulent federal tax returns for the year 2013. Victims have learned of the false filings when they receive a notice from the IRS that more than one tax return has been filed using the same Social Security number.

Similarly, the Archbishop of Seattle, in a letter posted on their Archdiocesan website, states that a number of current and former employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese of Seattle have fallen victim to tax identity fraud. The Archdiocese of Seattle reports that investigators do not know the origin of the problem, nor whether personal information came from a system within the Archdiocese, a system of vendors, or another outside source. The Archdiocese of Seattle has hired a forensic security firm to analyze the situation and is also working with the FBI and IRS to address the issue.

It is not known whether the tax-fraud cases reported by the Archdiocese of Portland employees and volunteers are related to the issues faced by the Archdiocese of Seattle. However, the investigation is attempting to determine if there is any connection.

The Canby Police Department has taken police reports from residents of Canby who have reported to be victims of tax-identity fraud. If you think you are a victim of Identity Theft please file a police report with the law enforcement agency serving you. The IRS would like a copy of our police reports involving fraudulent tax return as part of their investigation

Additionally, if you suspect you are a victim of Identify Theft, please call the IRS' Identity Protection Unit at 1-800-908-4490, Extension 245.

Here is a link to the Archdiocese website:

http://www.archdpdx.org/Tax_fraud_info/index.html
www.archdpdx.org

For your reference a **“Tax Fraud Victim Guide”** and **“Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Tax Identity Fraud”** is attached to the Canby Police Website.

These attachments are intended to assist anyone needing to navigate through the process of reporting and protecting their credit history if they had their personal identity stolen and had fraudulent tax returns filed under their names.