

# Internet Fraud Alert

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Identity Theft via the internet is spiraling out of control and criminals are targeting teenagers and young adults who use social-networking sites such as **Facebook** and **MySpace**!

## What is the Problem?

- There are over 50 million **Facebook** users worldwide, 117,000 between the ages of 18 and 35.
- An overwhelming number of **Facebook** users have personal information, such as their addresses, birth dates, legal names, personal cell phone numbers and employment information that can be easily viewed in their profile!
- Once the criminal has personal information such as name, address, photo and birth date they can easily find other information and open up a bank account or credit card in your name.

## Why Should You Care?

- This type of criminal activity can tie up your finances, affect your credit score, and compromise your ability to get a job, open a credit card in your name, rent an apartment, get a student loan, or buy a car.
- You can find yourself knee-deep in bills you are **required** to pay, yet you didn't buy a thing!
- You can find yourself spending huge amounts of time trying to repair the damage done by one breach of your personal information.

## Protect Yourself from Fraud on Facebook and MySpace by:

- Limiting the personal information you provide in your profile; and,
- Make sure your computer firewall, anti-virus, and anti-spyware are installed and up to date.

It is that easy!!

Need help or have a question? Call the Denver DA Fraud Line: 720-913-9179