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CRIME PREVENTION ALERT

PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

Recently the state has accidentally sent out thousands of mailings with personal social security numbers printed on the outside of the envelopes. The envelopes were sent to approximately 50,000 people who receive Medicare and have Adult Day Health services. The department is sending letters to notify the affected people of the error.

The West Sacramento Police Department would like you to follow the safety tips listed below:

- If you have received the envelope, destroy it **immediately**. (Use a shredder if you have one)
- Check your bank accounts for any unusual activity. (Check these periodically for a few months)
- Contact your local Medicare office to let them know you received an envelope with your social security number on it.

If you have been a victim of Identity theft please follow the tips listed below:

- Put a Fraud alert on your credit information with the three major credit agencies:
Equifax (800)685-1111
Experian (866) 673-0140
Transunion (800) 888-4213
- Cancel your credit cards.
- File a Police report immediately.
- Let your bank know.

To file a report call the West Sacramento Police Dispatch number at

(916) 372-3375

If you have further questions, please call the Crime Prevention Department for the West Sacramento Police Department at (916) 617-4937.