

# ORANGE COVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INFORMATION FOR VICTIMS OF BURGLARY OR THEFT

A uniformed officer has made the initial investigation into your case. Although the report will be reviewed by investigative personnel, you will not be recontacted unless your property is recovered or additional assistance is needed.

Your involvement is vital in solving this crime. Any suspect or witness information which may be developed should be relayed immediately to the \_\_\_\_\_ Police Department at \_\_\_\_\_ (refer to the case number listed on the back of this form).

Any additional stolen property descriptions should be listed on the back of this form and mailed as soon as possible to the Orange Cove Police Department so that it can be entered into our computer system to maximize the chances for recovery.

### **PLEASE MAKE A COPY FOR YOUR FILES BEFORE RETURNING**

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### **WHAT CAN YOU DO SO THAT YOU DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM AGAIN?**

The Orange Cove Police Department offers a variety of services (without charge) intended to assist you in securing your home, business, or property from criminal attack. There are many precautions which can be taken at little or no cost. If you are interested in methods and techniques to combat burglaries, or need help in organizing a Neighborhood Watch group, please telephone the Orange Cove Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_, Monday through Friday.

### **WHAT TO DO IF YOUR ID CARD/DRIVERS LIC., CREDIT CARDS, OR BANK INFORMATION IS STOLEN**

First contact your creditors/bank and advise them to place a hold on your account. Second contact the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number (Equifax: 1-(800)-525-6285, Experian (formerly TRW) 1-(800)-397-3742, Trans Union 1-(800)-680-7289, and Social Security Administration (fraud line) 1-(800)-269-0271.

### **HELP STOP IDENTITY THEFT AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

In the future to help you in contacting your creditors and bankers quicker in a case of a theft or loss of property, make sure you do the following: Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. This way you will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to cancel them in case of a future unfortunate incident. Make sure you keep the copy in a safe place at home.

