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**A.G. ID THEFT WEBSITE GETS NATIONAL AWARD
NEW & IMPROVED IRIS DEBUTS AT CRIME CONFERENCE**

The Utah Attorney General's website for identity theft victims is getting national recognition. The National White Collar Crime Center has honored IRIS, Identity Theft Reporting Information System, with the 2007 Member Agency Award for Excellence for working with the community to prevent, investigate and prosecute economic and high-tech crimes.

"IRIS keeps getting easier and better and it's nice that the National Center is recognizing our efforts to help identity theft victims," says Chief Deputy Attorney General Kirk Torgensen.

The National White Collar Crime Center is a congressionally funded non-profit organization that works with law enforcement agencies in all states to stop cyber crimes.

Some major improvements have recently been made to the website at www.idtheft.utah.gov. Identity theft victims can now follow step-by-step instructions to repair their credit and protect themselves from being victimized again. Victims will be able to notify the three major credit reporting companies and place a "Fraud Alert" for 90 days on their credit report. They will also have access to sample letters, contact tracking sheets and a printable "Attorney General Affidavit" with an incident number at the end of the process.

The new and improved IRIS will be featured at the 14th annual White Collar Crime Conference. The Utah Attorney General's Office is bringing together a wide array of ideas and expertise for the two-day conference. Some of the speakers include people who have been conned, an ex-con and a reporter for a dot-com publication.

"Thieves are going to computers for the same reason robbers used to go to banks-that's where the money is," says Attorney General Mark Shurtleff. "This conference will give law enforcement the tools to stop these high-tech thieves in their tracks."

The White Collar Crime Conference will be held October 30-31 at the Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 South West Temple, Salt Lake City. Here is the full rundown:

Tuesday, October 30

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Kirk Torgensen**-Chief Deputy Attorney General -
Official Welcome and Introductory Remarks

9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Bob Sullivan**-Senior Writer for MSNBC.com's Technology
Section and author of "Your Evil Twin: Behind the Identity

Theft Epidemic”

- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Bud Ellett**-Former Chief Deputy District Attorney and District Court Judge-Courtroom Tactics for Cops (Do's and Don'ts from the Bench and Proper Courtroom Presentation)
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Laura Hilton**-America First Credit Union Update - Current Fraud and Theft Trends
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Greg Rogers**-FBI Special Agent -The Relationship of Financial Crime to Terrorism
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. **Mark Seegmiller**-Mountain America--What You Should Know About Reverse Mortgages: Fraudulent Practice or Legitimate Financial Product?

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **Sam Antar**-Former CPA and Former CFO of Crazy Eddie, Inc. Mr. Antar helped mastermind one of the largest securities frauds of its time
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. **Rep. Eric Hutchings**-Legislative Process / Lobbying for Effective Legislation
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Award Presentations for Rep. Hutchings and IRIS
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Norma Earl and Cora Lee Jckowski**--Fraud Victims--Putting a Face on Crime
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **John T. Nielson and Dan Ditto**-Legal Counsel for IHC- "Tromping" or "Cross-Pollination" What Unique Problems Occur When a Stranger Invades Your Medical Records? Also, How to Access Medical Records for Investigations
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. **Kelly R. Johnson**-CPA / Forensic Accountant--"The Number Cruncher Who Puts Crooks in Jail"- Adding Interest to a Complicated Financial Case

Note: Reporters should contact Paul Murphy to arrange interviews with presenters.

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