



Oregon State Police Internet Fraud Resource Guide

Internet fraud is one of the fastest growing, and hardest to prosecute, areas of criminal activity facing our community today. The resources and jurisdiction of the Oregon State Police make it hard to find individuals who often reside outside the United States. Luckily there are resources available from the Federal Government to help.

In order to make the process as direct and effective as possible, we ask that you contact the proper authorities directly. If you have already suffered a personal loss, then we will take a local report as well. It is very important that you use the resources listed in this guide as soon as possible.

Internet Fraud and Nigerian E-Mail and Faxes:

Complaints can be filed in the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC) web page, located at www.ic3.gov IFCC identifies tracks and assists in the prosecution of fraudulent schemes on the Internet on national and international levels. The Center is located in Morgantown, West Virginia. If a loss is involved or there are unusual circumstances, then the Oregon State Police will write a report and forward this report to the IFCC.

Help Lines:

Please try these helpful tip lines for additional information on how to avoid being a victim:

U.S. Secret Service: www.secretservice.gov/alert419.shtml

Fraud Aid: www.fraudaid.com

The Freeman Institute: www.419scams.com

Identity Theft:

Forward complaints to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 1-800-382-4357. Also contact the following credit agencies and file a fraud alert.

TRANS UNION: 1-800-888-4213 (to request a credit report) and 1-800-916-880 0 to place a **fraud alert**

EQUIFAX: 1-800-685-1111 (report) and 1-800-766-0008 (fraud alert)

EXPERIAN: 1-888-397-3742 (report and fraud alert)