

What is identity theft?

Identity theft is a term used to describe the fraudulent activities associated with possessing or using an individual's or individuals' personal information. The act of identity theft usually refers to obtaining an individual's personal information unknowingly or using the personal information unlawfully (regardless of how the information was obtained). Credit card fraud is associated with identity theft in that the theft is used to obtain credit cards under another person's name.

Identity theft article

<http://www.thenoblesvilleledger.com/articles/7/083666-1977-114.html>

A high school teacher in Indiana was recently put on paid leave as she faces a felony charge of identity deception. She is charged with using another teacher's name that was formerly at that high school to send e-mails to an assistant superintendent. The reason I chose this article is to highlight the new emphasis on punishing the act of identity theft. She did not use the e-mail address for any financial fraud. If she is convicted, it will highlight the notion that simply acquiring another identity is a crime (worthy of jail time, perhaps).