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Summary: An IMS at a US Training Site was almost a victim of identity theft. Prompt action by the IMS and the Training Site staff prevented the possible loss of personal funds. This “near miss” raises the issue of IMS vulnerability to possible identify theft. IMSOs should ensure that IMS are warned of such illegal activities during their time in the United States.

Action:

- When an IMS arrives at a Training Site, s/he should be briefed on the potential for identity theft. IMS should be cautioned not to divulge personal information to anyone who does not have an official, legitimate reason for having the information. This information includes:
 - Full Name
 - Date/Place of Birth
 - FIN/SSN
 - Bank/Checking/Savings Account Numbers
- In particular, IMS should be advised to:
 - Safeguard personal papers/information against theft
 - Shred bank statements and other papers with personal information before discarding
 - Never divulge information by phone, e-mail, or over the internet to strangers
 - Never click on links sent in unsolicited e-mails
 - Check bank statements and other records for any unexpected/unknown transactions
 - Report any suspicious requests for information or activity immediately
 - Contact the IMSO to discuss any questionable or suspicious situation
- The US Federal Trade Commission has a brochure with additional information regarding identity theft. This brochure is available at:
<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/idtheft/idt01.pdf>
- Identity Theft should be added to the Arrival Briefing Checklist, to ensure that IMS are warned of this significant concern.

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