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FRAUD ALERT!

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Mail Theft and Credit Card Scam

Every day thieves are coming up with more deceitful ways to take your money. One of the latest scams is done by first stealing your credit card statements from your mailbox. The statements include your name, mailing address and account number. You will then receive a call from someone claiming to represent the credit card company. They may be calling to offer you 0% interest or some other deal. To insure your trust, they will first *provide you* with your address for "verification", and then recite either your entire credit card number or the last four digits, again for "verification". Once the caller thinks you are confident that the call is legitimate, he/she will ask for the 3 digit security number on the back of your card. The caller may then spend a few minutes trying to convince you of the nonexistent deal. It doesn't matter whether the consumer refuses the deal or not, the caller got what s/he wanted...the security code! Now the thief can use the card for catalog and internet purchases and have the items shipped to another address... or s/he can produce a fake card!

If you receive a call from a credit card company:

- Check your Caller ID to see if the company name and number is listed,
- Do NOT provide any identifying information,
- If you want to verify the authenticity of the call and offer,
 - First, ask the caller for their telephone number and tell him/her that you will call them back;
 - Then call the customer service number listed on the back of your credit card and ask if such an offer is being made.

Remember that you can stop legitimate credit card company calls by asking them to put you on their No Call list. Also, consider banking online and stop receiving paper statements in the mail, or put a lock on your mailbox.

**Need help or have a question?
Call the Fraud Information line at 303-835-5639**