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VETERANS AT RISK FOR IDENTITY THEFT CAN VISIT WEBSITE OR CALL FOR INFORMATION

FAYETTEVILLE - The Director of Cumberland County Veterans' Services, Kevin Babcock, is recommending that local veterans, especially those who have served in any branch of military service since 1975, to closely monitor their financial documents and their credit ratings.

This guidance comes in the wake of the recent theft of computer disks from the home of a Veterans Administration employee in Maryland. These disks contained information about thousands of veterans and though officials believe the theft of the disks was inadvertent, related to the theft of the employee's computer, the information contained on the disks possibly could be used in a way detrimental to veterans.

Mr. Babcock suggests that military veterans with concern about this situation go to www.firstgov.gov to learn the latest news about how the matter is being handled. They can also call 1-800-333-4636 to get updates on the situation.

If suspicious activity on financial records is noticed by a veteran, the Federal Trade Commission suggests that the veteran contact the fraud department of one of the three major credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian or TransUnion.

Local veterans may also call the local Cumberland County Veterans' Services office at (910) 677-2994 for more information.

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