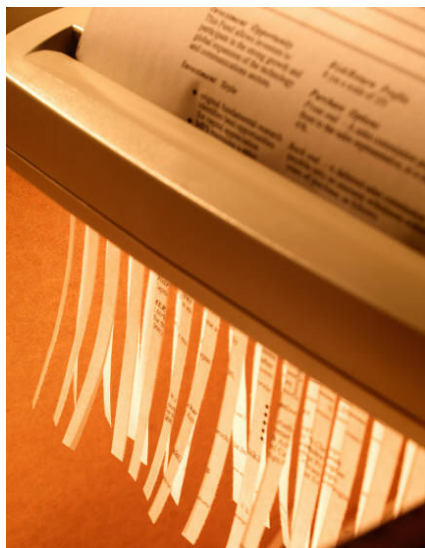


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Fraud Alert!

SHRED YOUR DOCUMENTS, PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY, AND FIGHT CRIME



Shred, shred, shred...you've heard it over and over again and with good reason. Shredding documents that contain personal information is the easiest and fastest way to start protecting your identity.

Identity theft prevention is something everyone should participate in. With the closure of New Frontier Bank, past customers who had personal checking accounts with the now defunct bank need to take extra precaution with regard to their personal information.

If you have personal checks of your own from a New Frontier account, please shred those checks and dispose of them carefully in order to reduce the risk of having your checks stolen and used in a crime. It is not uncommon for thieves to steal items, such as checks, from your trash and then use the information contained on those items to steal your identity.

For example if a thief has your name, your address, your phone number, and a bank routing number (all of which is contained on your checks), they can create additional fraudulent checks, create fraudulent identification cards, and even try to apply for credit or loans based on your information.

Many times thieves steal checks (or the information contained on checks) to purchase products which they later sell or pawn for cash.

The business community should also take note to decline any personal checks from a New Frontier checking account. If you do happen to accept such a check, contact your local law enforcement agency as the person who passed the check may have committed a crime such as forgery or identity theft.

It is always a good idea to shred all documents that contain personal information, but it is especially important to shred unused checks—even if the account is closed or the financial institution no longer exists.

Contact your local police agency if you think you are a victim of a crime. To contact the Weld County District Attorney's Office, call (970) 356-4010 ext. 4702.