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For a second time, my credit card has

card theft, tax fraud or insurance fraud.

recently been used by thieves to make purchases unknown to me. I received an Email and phone call from Visa asking about 2 purchases at Dunkin' Donuts. The next day I was contacted about a charge at Red Lobster restaurant for \$129.12 and was asked about 3 charges for Google Scopoley, an internet mobile game. No I knew nothing about these charges. The total amount of fraudulent purchases was \$320.25.

IDENTITY THEFT THRIVES

My credit card was canceled and a new one issued with Visa making an investigation of the matter. Because I have auto pay for the card, these charges were included in the current monthly statement. Eventually I did get full credit for the illegal purchases.

We tried to think back about where we had used the card as being the source of the theft of my identity. Perhaps it was a gas station where the card is slid into the payment device or at the car wash where an attendant took the card to record the purchases, but we really do not know where a thief secured this credit card number. We did not lose the card and it was always used at the supermarket and drug store using the contactless technology.

SAFETY MEASURES TO PREVENT CREDIT CARD THEFT:

- When using a credit card, only use a contactless card with chip technology whether you tap or insert the card for payment.
- Most merchants have the credit card device with a contactless symbol on the terminal.
- Using a mobile device, tap your device near the contactless symbol.

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- If possible use a digital wallet to protect from credit card theft.
- In restaurants if you pay server with credit card, request that the payment terminal be brought to the table. Other wise pay cashier on a contactless device.
- Making on line purchases make sure that a separate screen is provided for credit card information and order taker is off line. Consumers must be vigil in using a credit card.

WARNING SIGNS OF IDENTITY THEFT Watch out for these occurrences:

- Receiving bills for items you did not buy.
- Collection calls for accounts you did not open.
- Credit Reports with accounts you did not open.
- Denials of loan or credit applications.
- Missing mail which you always received.

HOW ID THEFT MIGHT OCCUR:

- Scammers may steal your purse of wallet.
- Scammers go through trash looking for bank statements or tax documents.



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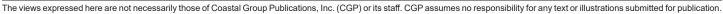
- Use of a skimmer at ATM machines, cash registers, fuel pumps to steal ID from credit cards.
- Fraudulent Emails, texts or phone calls.
- Postings on Social Media to discover ID information and photos.

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM ID THEFT:

- Do not answer phone calls, texts, social media messages or Emails from unknown persons.
- Never share bank account or Social Security numbers or birth date.
- Place mail on hold if away from home.
- Watch out for suspicious transactions.
- Be aware that ATM skimming works. Be cautious.
- Be cautious in using public Wi Fi networks in giving passwords, account numbers and personal information.

Sidney Elkin





Cowboy Coleslaw

- 1 (16-oz) package shredded coleslaw mix
- 1 (15- oz) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 cups frozen corn, thawed and drained
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup finely diced & seeded jalapeno
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 3 tablespoons canned adobo sauce
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning mix
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced scallions
- lime wedges, for serving

In a large bowl, toss coleslaw mix, black beans, corn, red bell pepper, cilantro, and jalapeno until well combined. Whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, adobo sauce, taco seasoning mix, salt, cumin, and paprika until smooth and evenly combined. Pour dressing over prepared coleslaw mixture. Toss until well combined. Garnish with scallions and serve with lime wedges. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for up to 12 hours.







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THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Along with summer's warm days come thunderstorms. Lightning is one of nature's most powerful and unpredictable killers. Golfing, swimming, boating, biking riding, mowing the lawn – almost any outdoor activity – can be dangerous if there's lightning around. So when you hear that rumble in the sky, heed these tips from the National Weather Service:

- If you can hear thunder, you're close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.
- Listen to weather reports before you go outside for extended periods. Cancel picnics and such if thunderstorms are likely, or move the picnic indoors.
- If you're caught unexpectedly, move to a sturdy building or car (keep the windows up). Avoid small sheds, isolated trees, or convertible automobiles.



- If there's no shelter nearby, find a low spot away from trees, fences, and poles. In the woods, stay by the shorter trees.
- If you feel your skin tingle or your hair stand up, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Put your hands on your knees and your head between them. Do not lie flat on the ground. Make yourself the smallest target possible.
- Move to higher ground if a flash flood or any flood seems likely. Abandon cars once a flood begins. Do not attempt to drive to safety. Most flashflood deaths happen in cars.



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