



# Northville Township Police

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### **IDENTITY THEFT ARREST USING COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TO LOCATE SUSPECT**

On 3-1-06, we arrested Blair Langston, age 24 of Detroit for Identity Theft.

Here is the following timeline:

Our victim from Northville Township, a 30 year old resident, made a report on 11-8-05 that an unknown person attempted to get some items sent to a Detroit address in his name via the internet. The victim observed several suspicious activities on his credit reports.

On 2-7-06 the suspect obtained a fraudulent driver license in the victim's name, the Secretary of State contacted the Northville Township Police Department. We ran the photo of the unknown suspect through a new computer database called "CLEMIS PictureLink" and found a match through a previous mugshot arrest.

The Northville Township Police Department conducted a search warrant on an address in Detroit that the suspect used on many of his identity theft transactions. We located several pieces of mail in the victims name in the room he was staying in at the address. Relatives of Blair Langston at the address stated he had recently resided in the residence.

It was discovered that the suspect used the false driver license to make withdrawals for a home equity line of credit in the victims name in the amount of \$77,000. Part of the money was used to purchase a \$42,000 BMW (which is in the process of being seized for the bank).

A cooperative effort with investigators from Bank One helped us put together pieces of the puzzle.

The suspect was arrested and charged with 5 Felony counts and was given a habitual offender notice. All charges are 5 year Felonies with a maximum \$25,000 fine. Langston was sent to the Wayne County Jail on \$40,000 cash bond.

#### **Charges:**

2 counts of Felony Identity Theft

1 count of Felony false certification to obtain a driver license

1 count of Felony false pretenses over \$20,000

1 count of obtaining and possessing personal identifying information

Habitual offender notice; convicted of Carrying a concealed weapon on 12-1-03 in Wayne County 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court.

A preliminary examination will be held at the 35<sup>th</sup> District Court