

IRS Refuses to Notify ID Theft Victims When Identity is Stolen by Illegal Aliens

May 11, 2016 – Anyone who has ever been a victim of identity theft can tell you just disruptive it can be. When my wife and I had our identities stolen in 2000, it took 18 months for us to get our credit straightened out. But that wasn't the worst part of it. The most disturbing aspect of the crime was that the agencies that were supposed to help us weren't really interested in doing so. We actually had retailers who were willing to provide video of the thieves using our identities, but we couldn't get the Postal Inspector – the law enforcement agency responsible in our case – to go out retrieve the evidence. To the best of my knowledge, even though we were able to identify the person who initially stole our information out of the US Mail, nobody was ever arrested for the crime. The indifference displayed to our plight was stunning. Even so, it is still somewhat shocking that the head of the IRS freely admitted this past week that his agency aiding some identity thieves in the commission of their crimes.

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In testimony before congress, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen freely admitted that his agency isn't notifying American taxpayers when their social security number is stolen by illegal aliens and used to file tax returns. The reason given? The IRS doesn't want to discourage illegals from filing their taxes.

That would be funny if he didn't actually believe it. But what about the victims? What about the fact that identity theft is a felony? What about the fact that if you or I were to file our tax returns using someone else's social security number, the IRS would have us prosecuted in a heartbeat? How good do you look when wearing an orange jumpsuit?

ID theft – whether by illegal alien or American citizen – is not a victimless crime. Getting a job by using someone else's can cause tax and credit problems for the actual holder of that SSN. And those problems can take years to correct.

Below, you can find a video that describes issue and what the IRS isâ€ or isnâ€™tâ€ doing about it.

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