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## ID theft possible via text messages

### Text sought credit card information

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Cell phone users who responded to text messages asking for information about their debit or credit cards might be victims of a "text message scam" and are at risk of identity theft, Loveland police said.

The text asks people to call a 1-877 number to find out why their card was suspended. To reactivate the card, the caller is told to enter in the card number, expiration date and PIN code.

Police believe this is a scam to obtain information for fraudulent purposes, according to a Loveland Police Department press release.

People who did not hand over their information are not victims and have no need to contact police. Those who did give their credit card information should contact police at 667-2151.

Police are investigating the case, and Detective Chuck Sutterfield confirmed that the 877 number was managed by Teliax Phone Services of Denver.

Company officials believe one of their accounts was compromised to create the fraudulent line, but they did not provide further information as to the identity, location or who established the line, the release said.

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