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Senator Aubertine's Protect yourself from Identity Theft brochure

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Dear Friends:

Picture this scenario: After a long, hard day working to make ends meet, you come home and sit down to one of your least favorite activities — paying the bills. You open your credit card statement and find that you have apparently purchased a big-screen tv, a stereo system large enough for the dance club down the block, and a 12-piece dining room set that certainly won't fit in your eat-in kitchen.

If you're like me, the first thing you would do is call your credit card company. And then, sadly, you might find out that you have become the victim of the fastest growing crime in the United States: Identity Theft. A criminal has obtained personal information about you and, posing as you, has gone on a huge shopping spree with your credit card — all without your knowledge or authorization.