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DATE: **August 18, 2009**

NNSO to Offer FREE Shredding Event

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 9-million Americans have their identities stolen each year. Identity thieves can rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish utility accounts in the victim's name. The victim may not discover the theft until they are contacted by a debt collector.

One way to protect yourself from becoming a victim is to destroy confidential documents.

The Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding, Inc. will hold a Shred Day on Thursday August 20th from 10:00 am -- 1:00pm in the parking lot of Home Depot off Jefferson Ave. and Bland Blvd. It is FREE and open to the public.

In addition, Newport News Recycling will be on hand to collect recycled goods. The Lions Club will be there with its Sight and Hearing Van providing FREE sight and hearing tests for all ages. Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula. Other agencies and businesses will be present to share information about their services.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding, Inc.

WHAT: FREE SHRED DAY!

WHEN: Thursday, August 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Home Depot
325 Chatham Drive
Newport News, VA
(off Jefferson Ave. & Bland Blvd.)

Newport News Sheriff's Office -- COMMITTED TO FIGHTING IDENTITY THEFT

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