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Dear Law Enforcement and Document Examiners:

Identity theft is becoming one of the biggest challenges facing our state and nation today. In 2008, Missouri residents reported over 21,000 complaints to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) regarding fraud and identity theft. Of those 21,000 complaints, more then 4,400 Missourians reported being victimized by identity theft crimes, though the number may be higher due to residents being unaware to report their victimization to the FTC. Identity theft affects our individual financial security, our business community, and our homeland security.

To help law enforcement and document examiners combat this crime, on August 6th, 2009, the Missouri Department of Revenue and Missouri State Highway Patrol will host a daylong training seminar at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C Headquarter in Weldon Spring, MO just outside of St. Louis. The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will focus on providing tools and resources to assist law enforcement and various agencies in their efforts to combat identity theft while addressing the concerns of our communities.

This training is an ongoing series of identity crime trainings sponsored by the US Department of Justice, the US Secret Service, the US Postal Inspection Service, the Federal Trade Commission, and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Trainings just like this one have been done in North Carolina, New York, Las Vegas and Florida and have proven to be very useful to law enforcement across the nation.

While we encourage you to send at least one person from your agency, this training is for front-line officers as well as supervisors. Admission will be limited to the first 200 people registered. Please note, since this is a nocost event, lunch will not be provided to participants. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Shana.Alexander@dor.mo.gov with the list of names who will be attending and what agency you will be representing.

If you need to Map Quest directions, the training facility address is: Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop C 891 Technology Drive Weldon Spring, MO 63308

If you have any questions regarding registration for this training, please contact Shana Alexander at 573-751-1133.

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We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

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