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The survey includes questions about yourself and whether you have experienced certain cybercrimes. The information will be used to evaluate the questions. If you are eligible, we will ask if you would like to participate in a follow-up interview (which will involve more in-depth questions about your experiences), for which you will be compensated. This web survey should take about 8 minutes to complete.

### **How will my information be protected:**

BJS is authorized to conduct this work under Title 34 U.S.C. § 10132. By law, BJS and Westat will only use the information collected during these interviews for statistical and research purposes pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10134. All personally identifiable information collected under BJS's authority is protected under the confidentiality provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 10231. The law protects your answers from outside requests by any government agency, private organization or individual.

Your name will not be linked to any of your responses, though we may include quotes you provide in our reports. Your responses will be combined with the responses we get from other participants. You will not be identified by name in any published or presented materials.

### **What are the possible benefits and risks:**

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This survey includes some open-ended questions which allow you to write a unique response. Please be aware these response boxes are not a place to report an incident or request direct assistance. We will not immediately review responses to open-ended questions and therefore cannot take action on anything disclosed in an open-ended question. If you need assistance please contact one of the organizations listed when clicking on the help button or at the end of the survey.

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- Yes. I agree to participate in this survey → GO TO NEXT PAGE
- No. I do not agree to participate in this survey → Thank-you for your interest. END

### Random numbers

For randomizing SQ\_WEBSITES\_1 and SQ\_WEBSITES.

Create random number with 50% of sample R1=0 and 50% R1=1

For randomizing SQ\_SOCIALMEDIA\_1 AND SQ\_SOCIALMEDIA\_2

Create random number with 50% of sample R2=0 and 50% R2=1

For randomizing SQ\_POSTS AND SQ\_POSTS\_3

Create random number with 50% of sample R3=0 and 50% R3=1

For randomizing which debriefing questions the respondent gets

Create random number with 25% of sample R4=1, 25% of sample R4=2, 25% of sample R4=3  
25% of sample R4=4

For randomizing the race/ethnicity question

Create random number with 50% of sample R5=1, 50% of sample R5=0

### Demographics

These first questions ask about you.

A1. What is your date of birth?

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY)

PROGRAMMER NOTE: IF AGE<18 THEN DISPLAY THE MESSAGE BELOW AND  
TERMINATE THE SURVEY.

“You need to be at least 18 years old to take the survey”

A1A. Are you male or female?

01     Male

02     Female

A2a. If R5=0: What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

01 White

*For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.*

02 Hispanic or Latino

*For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.*

03 Black or African American

*For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.*

04 Asian

*For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.*

05 American Indian or Alaska Native

*For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.*

06 Middle Eastern or North African

*For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.*

07 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

*For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.*

A2b. If R5=1: What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

01 White

02 Hispanic or Latino

03 Black or African American

04 Asian

05 American Indian or Alaska Native

06 Middle Eastern or North African

07 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

The next questions are about unwanted contacts or behaviors using various technologies, such as your phone, the Internet, or social media apps. Please DO NOT include bill collectors, solicitors, or other sales people.

SQ\_TELEPHONE

In the past 12 months has anyone made unwanted phone calls or left voice messages excessively to contact you?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_TEXTMESSAGES

In the past 12 months has anyone sent excessive unwanted text messages to contact you?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

IF R1 = 1 THEN GO TO SQ_WEBSITES_1, ELSE GO TO SQ_WEBSITES.
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SQ\_WEBSITES\_1

In the past 12 months has anyone sent you unwanted messages using email, social media apps, dating apps or other internet platforms and applications?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

GO TO SP_TECHNOLOGY_DIRECT
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SQ\_WEBSITES

In the past 12 months has anyone sent you unwanted messages using email, social media apps, or other internet applications like WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter (X), YouTube, Facebook or TikTok?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

SQ\_TECHNOLOGY\_DIRECT

In the past 12 months has anyone spied on you using technologies such as a listening device, camera, or video recorder?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

SQ\_TECHNOLOGY\_INDIRECT

In the past 12 months has anyone spied on you using computer or cell phone monitoring software?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

SQ\_APPLICATION

In the past 12 months has anyone tracked your whereabouts with an electronic tracking device or application, such as GPS, an e-tracker, or an application on your cell phone?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

IF R2 1 THEN GO TO SQ_SOCIALMEDIA_1. ELSE GO TO SQ_SOCIALMEDIA_2
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SQ\_SOCIALMEDIA\_1

In the past 12 months has anyone monitored or observed your activities on social media apps like Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter (X), or LinkedIn?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

GO TO SQ_IMAGE_BASED_SEXUAL_ABUSE
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SQ\_SOCIALMEDIA\_2

In the past 12 months has anyone monitored or observed your activities on social media apps, discussion forums, or other social networking platforms or apps?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

SQ\_IMAGE\_BASED\_SEXUAL\_ABUSE

In the past 12 months has anyone posted nude, intimate or sexually explicit images or videos of you on the internet without your consent or threatened to post this content on the internet?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

If R3 EQ 1 THEN GO TO SQ_POSTS ELSE GO TO SQ_POSTS_3
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SQ\_POSTS

In the past 12 months has anyone posted or threatened to post inappropriate, unwanted, indecent or personal information about you on the Internet including your name, address, email spreading rumors or other information about you?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

GO TO CHECK ITEM 1
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SQ\_POSTS\_3

In the past 12 months has anyone posted or threatened to post inappropriate, unwanted, indecent, or untrue information about you on the Internet?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

SQ\_IMAGES\_4

In the past 12 months has anyone posted or threatened to post your personal information, including name, address, email or other details about you on the Internet?

YES .....01  
NO.....02



CHECK ITEM 1:

If R answered “Yes” to one or more of SQ\_TELEPHONE-SQ\_IMAGES\_4, then go to introduction before SQ\_REPETITION

If R did not answer “Yes” to any of the above items, then skip to Debriefing.

Still thinking about unwanted contacts and behaviors, please answer the following questions.

SQ\_REPETITION

Has anyone done (this/any of these things) to you more than once in the past 12 months?

YES .....01

NO .....02

CHECK ITEM 2:

If R answered “Yes” to more than one of SQ\_TELEPHONE - SQ\_IMAGES\_4, then go to SQ\_FEAR.

If R answered “Yes” to only one of SQ\_TELEPHONE - SQ\_IMAGES\_4 and SQ\_REPETITION is ‘YES’ then go to SQ\_FEAR

If R answered “Yes” to only one of SQ\_TELEPHONE - SQ\_IMAGES\_4 and SQ\_REPETITION is ‘NO’ then go to Debriefing.

SQ\_FEAR

Did any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors make you fear for your safety or the safety of someone close to you?

YES .....01

NO .....02

SQ\_DISTRESS

Did any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors cause you substantial emotional distress?

YES .....01

NO .....02

Thinking about the person or persons who committed these unwanted behaviors,

SQ\_PROPERTY

In the past 12 months did this person or these people damage or attempt to damage or destroy property belonging to you or someone else in your household?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_ATTACK\_SELF

In the past 12 months did this person or these people physically attack you?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_ATTEMPT\_SELF

In the past 12 months did this person or these people attempt to physically attack you?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_THREAT\_SELF

In the past 12 months did this person or these people threaten to physically attack you?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_ATTACK\_OTH

In the past 12 months did this person or these people physically attack someone close to you or a pet?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_ATTEMPT\_OTH

In the past 12 months did this person or these people attempt to physically attack someone close to you or a pet?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_THREAT\_OTH

In the past 12 months did this person or these people threaten to physically attack someone close to you or a pet?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

SQ\_ATTACK

This next question is about any physical attacks against you. In the past **5 years**, has anyone attacked you with a weapon or by physical force?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

CHECK ITEM 3

*COMMENT: IF ONE BEHAVIOR IS SELECTED AND IT OCCURS MULTIPLE TIMES IN LAST 12 MONTHS AND MET STALKING CONSEQUENCES SET SQ\_STALK=1.*

If (“Yes” to only one of SQ\_TELEPHONE to SQ\_IMAGES\_4) and (SQ\_REPITITION eq YES) and [SQ\_FEAR eq YES or SQ\_DISTRESS eq YES or SQ\_PROPERTY eq YES or SQ\_ATTACK\_SELF eq YES or SQ\_ATTEMPT\_SELF eq YES or SQ\_THREAT\_SELF eq YES or SQ\_ATTACK\_OTH eq YES or SQ\_ATTEMPT\_OTH eq YES or SQ\_THREAT\_OTH eq YES] THEN SQ\_STALK eq 1.

*COMMENT: IF 2 OR MORE BEHAVIORS ARE SELECTED AND MET STALKING CONSEQUENCES SET SQ\_STALK=2.*

Else (If “Yes” to 2 or more of SQ\_TELEPHONE to SQ\_IMAGES\_4) and [(SQ\_FEAR eq YES or SQ\_DISTRESS eq YES or SQ\_PROPERTY eq YES or SQ\_ATTACK\_SELF eq YES or SQ\_ATTEMPT\_SELF eq YES or SQ\_THREAT\_SELF eq YES or SQ\_ATTACK\_OTH eq YES or SQ\_ATTEMPT\_OTH eq YES or SQ\_THREAT\_OTH eq YES] THEN SQ\_STALK eq 2.

If 1<=SQ\_STALK<=2 GO TO CONTACT INFORMATION

*COMMENT: IF EXPERIENCED STALKING BEHAVIORS AND IT OCCURRED MORE THAN ONCE BUT DID NOT MEET STALKING CONSEQUENCES set SQ\_STALK=3*

ELSE [(IF “Yes” to only one of SQ\_TELEPHONE to SQ\_IMAGES\_4) and (SQ\_REPITITION eq YES)] OR (If “Yes” to 2 or more of SQ\_TELEPHONE to SQ\_IMAGES\_4)} AND SQ\_STALK NE 1,2 then SQ\_STALK eq 3.

If SQ\_STALK eq 3 then go to SQ\_OTHERREACTIONS.

*COMMENT: DID NOT EXPERIENCE STALKING BEHAVIORS*

ELSE GO TO DEBRIEFING

#### SQ\_OTHERREACTIONS

How did you feel when any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors occurred?

Seriously annoyed	Yes	No
Alarmed	Yes	No
Harassed	Yes	No
Intimidated	Yes	No
None of the above	Yes	No

ERROR MESSAGE: If 'none of the above' is selected and at least one of the other responses is selected, display this message:

#### INCONSISTENT RESPONSE:

You selected 'none of the above' and another feeling. Please correct your answer by changing the 'none of the above' to 'no' or change Alarmed, Intimidated, Harassed and Seriously annoyed to 'no'

If SQ\_OTHERREACTIONS is equal to any of (Seriously Annoyed, Alarmed, Harassed, Intimidated) Go to Contact Information

Else go to debriefing

DEBRIEFING

Check Item 4:  
If R4 eq 1 then go to DB1  
If R4 eq 2 then go to Check Item 5  
If R4 eq 3 then go to DB9  
If R4 eq 4 then go to Check Item 7

DB1. Earlier you were asked:

“In the past 12 months, has anyone made unwanted phone calls or left voice mail messages excessively to contact you”

People can do a lot of things with their phones, such as receive calls, go on the internet and other things. What kind of activities is this question asking about?

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Could you describe in your own words what “left voice mail messages excessively to contact you” means to you?

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If ‘yes’ to SQ\_TELEPHONE ask DB2, else go to DB3

DB2. You said yes that you had received unwanted phone calls or voice messages. Could you briefly tell us about your unwanted calls or voice messages?

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DB3. Earlier you were asked

“In the past 12 months, has anyone sent excessive unwanted text messages to contact you?”

What does ‘excessive’ mean to you in this question?

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GO TO CONTACT INFORMATION

CHECK ITEM 5: If R1 eq 1 then go to DB4. ELSE GO TO DB5

DB4. Earlier you were asked:

“In the past 12 months, has anyone sent you unwanted messages using email, social media apps, dating apps, or other internet platforms and applications?”

This question asks about “email or social media apps.” --- When you hear “social media apps” what do you think of?

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GO TO DB8

DB5. Earlier you were asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone sent you unwanted messages using email, social media apps, or other internet applications like WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter (X), YouTube, Facebook or TikTok?

Do you use any of these internet applications?

Yes

No

DB6. Do you use any other internet applications?

Yes

No

DB7. What are those applications?

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DB8. Earlier you were asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone spied on you using technologies such as a listening device, camera, or video recorder?

In your own words, what does ‘spied on’ mean to you? Can you give some examples?

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GO TO CONTACT INFORMATION

DB9. Earlier you were asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone tracked your whereabouts with an electronic tracking device or application, such as GPS, an e-tracker, or, an application on your cell phone?

What does 'track your whereabouts' mean to you?

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DB10. In addition to what is mentioned in this question, are there other ways that someone can be tracked?

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Check Item 6: If R2 eq 1 then go to DB11. Else go to DB13
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DB11. Earlier you were asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone monitored or observed your activities on social media apps like Facebook, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter (X), or LinkedIn?

What does 'monitor or observed' mean to you?

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DB12. Do you use other social media apps that are not listed in this question? If so, what are they?

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GO TO CONTACT INFORMATION
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DB13. Earlier you were asked:

“In the past 12 months, has anyone monitored or observed your activities on social media apps, discussion forums, or other social networking platforms or apps?”

What does ‘monitor or observed’ mean to you?

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DB14. What specific social media, discussion forums or social network platforms do you think this question is referring to?

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GO TO CONTACT INFORMATION

Check Item 7: If R3 eq 1 then go to DB15. Else go to DB16.

DB15: Earlier you were asked:

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Could you give a few examples of the type of information that is being asked about??

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Check Item 8: Go to Check Item 9

DB16.

Earlier you were asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone posted or threatened to post inappropriate, unwanted, indecent, or untrue information about you on the Internet?

Can you give a few examples of the type of information that is being asked about?

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Check Item 9: If SQ\_STALK eq 3 then go to DB17. Else go to contact information

DB17. Earlier you were asked:

How did you feel when any of these unwanted contacts or behaviors occurred?

Seriously annoyed

Alarmed

Harassed

Intimidated

None of the above

Describe in your own words how you felt because of the unwanted behaviors and contacts?

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#### CONTACT INFORMATION

As we mentioned at the beginning, if you are eligible, you will be asked to participate in a one hour Zoom interview. In that interview we will evaluate survey questions on certain crimes you may have experienced. The feedback from you and others will help us improve the survey. You will be compensated \$60 for your time. If you would like to be considered for this follow-up study please provide your contact information below. If you are eligible, a Westat scheduler will contact you:

First and last name:

Email:

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

## **Attachment 2: Identity Theft Screener**

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- Yes. I agree to participate in this survey → GO TO NEXT PAGE
- No. I do not agree to participate in this survey → Thank-you for your interest. END

### Random numbers

Create Random number R1 where

R1=1 for 33.3% of sample,

R1=2 for 33.3% of sample

R1=3 for 33.3% of sample

Create Random number R2 where

R2=0 for 50% of the sample

R2=1 for 50% of the sample

Create Random number R5 where:

R5=1, 50% of sample

R5=2, 50% of sample

## Demographics

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1A. Are you male or female?

- 01 Male
- 02 Female

2a. If R5=1: What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

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2b. If R5=2: What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

01 White

02 Hispanic or Latino

03 Black or African American

04 Asian

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The next questions are about identity theft. Identity theft means someone else using your personal information without your permission to buy something, get cash or services, pay bills, or avoid the law. We will not ask you for any specific account information.

3. In the past 12 months, has anyone used your checking or savings account to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission?
- Include times when someone used your debit or ATM cards to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission.
  - ONLY include times when money was actually deducted from your checking or savings account, regardless of whether you were reimbursed later or not.
  - DO NOT include times when someone used your credit card or online pay accounts.

YES .....01  
 NO.....02 (Skip to Q6)

4. How did someone use your checking or savings account?
- It was done online .....01  
 It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else) .....02  
 Both.....03  
 (If R2=1) Don't Know .....04

5. How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your checking or savings account?  
 (Mark all that apply)

I lost an item that included my personal information ..01  
 My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02  
 My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03  
 It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04  
 It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....05  
 Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06  
 I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07  
 I responded to a scam phone call .....08  
 I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message .....09  
 I responded to a social media post .....10  
 My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment11  
 My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....12  
 Obtained in another way (specify).....13  
 (If R2=1) Don't know how it was accessed.....14



6. In the past 12 months has anyone used one or more of your credit card accounts without your permission?  
ONLY include times when charges actually posted to your account, regardless of whether you were reimbursed later.  
YES .....01  
NO .....02 (Skip to Q9)
7. For any of the incidents occurring in the last 12 months, how did someone use your credit card account?  
It was done online .....01  
It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone,  
by mail, something else) .....02  
Both .....03  
(If R2=1) Don't Know .....04
8. How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your credit card account?  
(Mark all that apply)  
I lost an item that included my personal information...01  
My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02  
My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen  
from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or  
trash.....03  
It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer,  
cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04  
It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction .....05  
Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction,  
including using a skimmer or card reader.....06  
I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07  
I responded to a scam phone call .....08  
I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the  
message .....09  
I responded to a social media post .....10  
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human  
resources electronic records at my place of employment11  
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen  
from a company or other organization.....12  
Obtained in another way (specify) .....13  
(If R2=1) Don't know how it was accessed.....14
9. In the last 12 months, has anyone used your email or social media account without your permission to pretend to be you?  
YES .....01  
NO .....02
10. In the last 12 months, has anyone created an email or social media account for you without your permission to pretend to be you?

YES .....01  
NO ..... 02

IF Q9 OR Q10 = YES, ASK Q10A, ELSE SKIP TO Q11

10a. For the incidents that happened in the last 12 months, how do you think your personal information was obtained to use or create your accounts?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

I lost an item that included my personal information...01  
My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen ..... 02  
My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen  
from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or  
trash.....03  
It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer,  
cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04  
It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction .....05  
Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction,  
including using a skimmer or card reader.....06  
I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07  
I responded to a scam phone call ..... 08  
I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the  
message .....09  
I responded to a social media post .....10  
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human  
resources electronic records at my place of employment11  
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen  
from a company or other organization.....12  
Obtained in another way (specify)..... 13

11. In the past 12 months, has anyone used any of your other existing accounts, without your permission, such as...
- telephone account such as for cell phone or landline telephone
  - internet account such as for internet or wireless Wi-Fi.
  - utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric;
  - medical insurance accounts, such as Medicare or a health spending account;
  - entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games;
  - online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo; or
  - some other type of accounts?

Only include times when someone successfully posted charges to, took money from, or otherwise misused your account.

YES .....01  
 NO ..... 02 (Skip to Intro to Q15)

12. For any of the incidents occurring in the last 12 months, how did someone use your account?

It was done online .....01  
 It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone,  
 by mail, something else) .....02  
 Both.....03  
 (If R2=1) Don't Know .....04

13. How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your (Telephone/Utilities/Medical Insurance) account?

(Mark all that apply)

I lost an item that included my personal information...01  
 My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen ..... 02  
 My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen  
 from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or  
 trash.....03  
 It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer,  
 cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04  
 It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction .... 05  
 Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction,  
 including using a skimmer or card reader..... 06  
 I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07  
 I responded to a scam phone call ..... 08  
 I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the  
 message .....09  
 I responded to a social media post .....10  
 My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human  
 resources electronic records at my place of employment11  
 My electronic records containing personal information were stolen  
 from a company or other organization.....12  
 Obtained in another way (specify)\_\_\_\_\_ 13  
 (If R2=1) Don't know how it was accessed.....14

The next questions are about any NEW ACCOUNTS someone might have opened using your personal information.

14. In the past 12 months, has anyone, without your permission, used your personal information to successfully open any NEW accounts, such as...
- checking or savings accounts;
  - credit card accounts;
  - email accounts, such as Gmail or Outlook;
  - social media accounts, such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest;
  - telephone or internet accounts;
  - utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric;
  - entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games;
  - loans or mortgages;
  - insurance policies;
  - online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo; or
  - some other type of new account?

Please include times when someone successfully opened a new account, even if you did not lose any money or were reimbursed later.

YES .....01  
 NO ..... 02 (Skip to Intro to Q17)

15. How did someone open a new account with your personal information?

It was accessed using a computer .....01  
 withdrawal or purchase was done in-person by the individual  
 taking the money .....02  
 Both.....03  
 (If R2=1) Don't Know .....04

16. How do you think your personal information was obtained to open a new (checking/credit card/ telephone, utility/entertainment/loan or mortgage/insurance policy)?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

I lost an item that included my personal information...01  
 My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02  
 My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen  
 from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or  
 trash.....03  
 It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer,  
 cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04  
 It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....05  
 Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction,  
 including using a skimmer or card reader.....06  
 I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07  
 I responded to a scam phone call .....08  
 I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the  
 message .....09

I responded to a social media post .....	10
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment	11
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....	12
Obtained in another way (specify) _____	13
(If R2=1) Don't know how it was accessed.....	14

The next set of questions are about any other misuses of your personal information.

17. In the past 12 months, has anyone used your personal information for some other fraudulent purpose such as...
- filing a fraudulent tax return;
  - getting medical treatment;
  - applying for a job;
  - providing your information to the police to conceal their identity;
  - providing your information to some other government authority such as the Department of Motor Vehicles;
  - applying for government benefits; or
  - something else?

Please consider only times when your information was actually used, even if the situation was later resolved.

YES .....01  
 NO ..... 02 (Skip to Check Item 1A)

18. How did someone use your personal information to do (this/these things)?
- It was done online .....01  
 It was done in-some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone, by mail, something else) .....02  
 Both.....03  
 (If R2=1) Don't Know .....04
19. How do you think your personal information was obtained? (Mark all that apply)
- I lost an item that included my personal information...01  
 My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02  
 My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03  
 It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04  
 It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction .....05  
 Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06  
 I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07  
 I responded to a scam phone call .....08

I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message .....	09
I responded to a social media post .....	10
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment	11
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....	12
Obtained in another way (specify)_____	13
(If R2=1) Don't know how it was accessed.....	14

#### Check Item 1A

If respondent has not reported any identity theft from prior questions, go to Q20. Else go to Q20a

IDTHEFT=0;

If Q3 = yes or Q6 = yes or Q9 = yes or Q10=yes or Q11 = yes or Q14 = yes or Q17=yes IDTHEFT = 1.

If IDTHEFT ne 1 then go to Q20. Else go Q20a.

20. You have been asked about different ways someone may have used your personal information. This next question concerns whether someone ever obtained your personal information using any of the following methods.

(Mark all that apply)

It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....	01
It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....	02
Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer card .....	03
I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email	04
I responded to a scam phone call .....	05
I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message .....	06
I responded to a social media post .....	07
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment	08
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....	09
None of the above .....	10
(If R2=1) Don't Know .....	11

- 20a. This next question is about any physical attacks against you. In the past 5 years, has anyone attacked you with a weapon or by physical force?

YES .....	01
NO .....	02

**CHECK ITEM 1**

CYBERTHEFT=0;

IF Q4 IN(1,3) OR Q5 IN(4 – 12) OR Q7 IN(1,3) OR Q8 IN(4-12) or Q9 eq 1 or Q10 eq 1 or Q12 eq in(1,3)  
or Q13 in(4-12) or Q15 in(1,3) or Q16 in(4-12) or Q18 in(1,3) or Q19 in(4-12) or Q20 in(4-12) then

CYBERTHEFT=1;

IF CYBERTHEFT EQ 1 THEN GO TO CONTACT SECTION

ELSE GO TO CHECK ITEM 2

## DEBRIEFING

### Check Item 2:

If Q3 eq 1 (yes) or Q6 eq 1 (yes) or Q9 eq 1 or Q10 eq 1 then go to DB1

Else if Q11 eq 1 (yes) or Q14 eq 1 (yes) then go to DB15

Else if Q17 eq 1 or V20 in(1-9) then go to DB25

Else if R1 eq 1 then go to DB1

Else if R1 eq 2 then go to DB15

Else if R1 eq 3 then go to DB25

DB1. Earlier you were asked:

“In the past 12 months, has anyone used your checking or savings account to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission?

- Include times when someone used your debit or ATM cards to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission.
- ONLY include times when money was actually deducted from your checking or savings account, regardless of whether you were reimbursed later or not.
- DO NOT include times when someone used your credit card or online pay accounts.”

(If Q3=2 (no) or skipped : “Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?”)

(If Q3 = 1 (yes): You said that someone had used your checking or savings account to make a purchase or withdraw money without your permission. Could you briefly tell us about what happened? ”)

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If Q3 = 1 (yes) then go to (DB2)

Else go to (DB6)

DB2. Earlier you were asked

“How did someone use your checking or savings account?

It was done online .....01

It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone,  
by mail, something else) .....02

Both.....03

(If R2=1) Don’t Know .....04



Please describe more specifically how someone used your checking or savings account.

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DB3. What does “It was done online” in this question mean to you? Can you give a few examples?

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Earlier you were asked:

How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your checking or savings account?

(Mark all that apply)

- I lost an item that included my personal information ..01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07
- I responded to a scam phone call .....08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message .....09
- I responded to a social media post .....10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....12
- Obtained in another way (specify)\_\_\_\_\_13
- (If R2=1) Don’t know how it was accessed.....14

If V5 in(1-13) go to DB4, else go to DB5

DB4. (If only one answer to V5: “Your answer was” (Fill in answer from V5)/If V5 has more than one answer: “Your first answer was”) (fill in first answer from V5). How did you find out this was how it was accessed?

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Go to DB6

DB5. You did not say how it was accessed. Do you have any ideas or guesses?

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DB6. “In the past 12 months has anyone used one or more of your credit card accounts without your permission?  
ONLY include times when charges actually posted to your account, regardless of whether you were  
reimbursed later.?”

(If Q6=2 (no) or skipped : Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?)  
(If Q6 = 1 (yes): You said yes to this question. Could you briefly tell us about the incident?)

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If Q6 = 1 (yes) then go to into to DB7  
Else go to DB11

DB7. Earlier you were asked

“How did someone use your credit card account?”

It was done online .....01

It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone,  
by mail, something else) .....02

Both.....03

Don’t Know .....04

Please describe more specifically how someone used your checking or savings account.

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DB8. What does “It was done some other way” in this question mean to you? Can you give a few examples?

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Earlier you were asked:

How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your credit card account?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- I lost an item that included my personal information ..01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07
- I responded to a scam phone call .....08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message.....09
- I responded to a social media post .....10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....12
- Obtained in another way (specify)\_\_\_\_\_13
- Don't know how it was accessed.....14

If V8 in(1-13) go to DB9, else go to DB10

DB9. (If only one answer to V8: "Your answer was"(Fill in answer from V8)/If V8 has more than one answer: "Your first answer was") (fill in first answer from V8). How did you find out this was how it was accessed?

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GO TO DB11

DB10. You did not say how it was accessed. Do you have any ideas or guesses?

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DB11. Earlier you were asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone used your email or social media account without your permission to pretend to be you?

(If Q9=2 (no) or skipped: "Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?")

(If Q9 = 1 (yes): “You said yes that you had received unwanted phone calls or voice messages. Could you briefly tell us about your unwanted calls or voice messages”)

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DB12. Earlier you were also asked:

In the past 12 months, has anyone created an email or social media account for you without your permission to pretend to be you?

(If Q10=2 (no) or skipped: “Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?”)

(If Q10 = 1 (yes): “You said yes that you had received unwanted phone calls or voice messages. Could you briefly tell us about your unwanted calls or voice messages”)

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If Q9 eq 1 or Q10 eq 1 then go to introduction before DB13

Else go to Contact information

Earlier you were asked:

For the incidents that happened in the last 12 months, how do you think your personal information was obtained to use or create your accounts?

(Mark all that apply)

- I lost an item that included my personal information...01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction .....05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07
- I responded to a scam phone call .....08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message .....09
- I responded to a social media post .....10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....12
- Obtained in another way (specify).....13

If V10a in (1-13) go to DB14, else go to DB14

DB13. (If only one answer to V10a: “Your answer was” (Fill with answer to V10a)/If V10a has more than one answer: “Your first answer as”) (fill in first answer from V10a). How did you find out this was how it was accessed?

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Go to Contact information

DB14. You did not say how it was accessed. Do you have any ideas or guesses?

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Go to Contact information

DB15. Earlier you were asked

“In the past 12 months, has anyone used any of your other existing accounts, without your permission, such as...

- telephone account such as for cell phone or landline telephone
- internet account such as for internet or wireless Wi-Fi.
- utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric;
- medical insurance accounts, such as Medicare or a health spending account;
- entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games;
- online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo; or
- some other type of accounts?

Only include times when someone successfully posted charges to, took money from, or otherwise misused your account.

(If Q11=2 (no) or skipped : “Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?”)

(If Q11 = 1 (yes): “You said yes that someone used your existing accounts. Could you briefly tell us more about what happened?”

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If Q12 = 1 (yes) then go to (DB16)

Else go to (DB20)

DB16. Earlier you were asked

“How did someone use your account?”

It was done online .....	01
Withdrawal or purchase was done in-person by the individual taking the money .....	02
Both.....	03
Don't Know .....	04

Please describe more specifically how someone used your account.

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DB17. What does “It was done online” in this question mean to you? Can you give a few examples?

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Earlier you were asked:

How do you think your personal information was obtained to access your account?

(Mark all that apply)

I lost an item that included my personal information ..	01
My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....	02
My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....	03
It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....	04
It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....	05
Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....	06
I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email	07
I responded to a scam phone call .....	08
I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message.....	09
I responded to a social media post .....	10
My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment	11
My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....	12
Obtained in another way (specify)_____	13
Don't know how it was accessed.....	14

If V13 in(1-13) go to DB18, else go to DB19

DB18. (If only one answer to V13: “Your answer was” (Fill with answer to V13)/If V13 has more than one answer: “Your first answer was”) (fill in first answer from V13). How did you find out how your personal information was obtained?

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Go to DB20

DB19. You did not say how it was obtained. Do you have any ideas or guesses?

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DB20. Earlier you were asked:

“In the past 12 months, has anyone, without your permission, used your personal information to successfully open any NEW accounts, such as...

- checking or savings accounts;
- credit card accounts;
- email accounts, such as Gmail or Outlook;
- social media accounts, such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Reddit or Pinterest;
- telephone or internet accounts;
- utilities accounts, such as cable, gas, or electric;
- entertainment accounts, such as for music, movies, or games;
- loans or mortgages;
- insurance policies;
- online payment accounts, such as PayPal or Venmo; or
- some other type of new account?

Please include times when someone successfully opened a new account, even if you did not lose any money or were reimbursed later.

(If Q14=2 (no) or skipped : “Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?”)

(If Q14 = 1 (yes): “You said yes that you had received unwanted phone calls or voice messages. Could you briefly tell us about your unwanted calls or voice messages”)

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If Q15 = 1 (yes) then go to (DB21)  
Else go to Contact information

DB21. Earlier you were asked

“How did someone open a new account with your personal information?

- It was done online .....01
- Withdrawal or purchase was done in-person by the individual taking the money .....02
- Both.....03
- Don't Know .....04

Please describe more specifically how someone opened a new account using your personal information.

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DB22. What does “It was accessed using a computer” in this question mean to you? Can you give a few examples?

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Earlier you were asked:

How do you think your personal information was obtained to open a new account?

(MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- I lost an item that included my personal information ..01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07
- I responded to a scam phone call .....08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message.....09
- I responded to a social media post .....10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....12
- Obtained in another way (specify)\_\_\_\_\_13
- Don't know how it was accessed.....14

If V16 in(1-13) go to DB23, else go to DB24

DB23. (If only one answer to V16: “Your answer was” (Fill with answer from V16)/If V16 has more than one answer: “Your first answer was”) (fill in first answer from V16). How did you find out this was how it was accessed?

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Go to Contact Information

DB24. You did not say how it was accessed. Do you have any ideas or guesses?

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Go to Contact Information

DB25. Earlier you were asked:

“In the past 12 months has anyone used your personal information for some other fraudulent purpose such as...

- filing a fraudulent tax return;
- getting medical treatment;
- applying for a job;
- providing your information to the police to conceal their identity;
- providing your information to some other government authority such as the Department of Motor Vehicles;
- applying for government benefits; or
- something else?

Please consider only times when your information was actually used, even if the situation was later resolved.”

(If Q17=2 (no) or skipped : Could you describe in your own words what type of incident this question is asking about?)

(If Q17 = 1 (yes): You said yes to this question. Could you briefly tell us about the incident?

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If Q17 = 1 (yes) then go DB26

Else if IDTHEFT eq 0 then go to Intro before DB30

Else go to Contact Information

DB26. Earlier you were asked

“How did someone use your personal information for these fraudulent purposes ?

It was done online .....01

It was done in some other way (e.g., in-person, over the telephone,  
by mail, something else) .....02

Both.....03

Don't Know .....04

Please describe more specifically how someone used your personal information for fraudulent purposes.

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DB27. What does “It was done some other way” in this question mean to you? Can you give a few examples?

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Go to Contact Information

Earlier you were asked:

How do you think your personal information was obtained? (Mark all that apply)

- I lost an item that included my personal information ..01
- My wallet, checkbook, or purse was stolen .....02
- My personal information recorded on paper documents was stolen from a place where it was stored or placed such as my office or trash.....03
- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....04
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....05
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer or card reader.....06
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 07
- I responded to a scam phone call .....08
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message.....09
- I responded to a social media post .....10
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment11
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....12
- Obtained in another way (specify)\_\_\_\_\_13
- Don’t know how it was accessed .....14

If V19 in(1-13) go to DB28, else go to DB29

DB28. (If only one answer to V19: “Your answer was” (Fill using answer from V19)/If V19 has more than one answer: “Your first answer was”) (fill in answer from V19). How did you find out this was how it was accessed?

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Go to Contact Information

DB29. You did not say how it was accessed. Do you have any ideas or guesses?

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Go to Contact Information

Earlier you were asked:

You have been asked about different ways someone may have used your personal information. This next question concerns whether someone ever obtained your personal information using any of the following methods. (Mark all that apply)

- It was accessed electronically from my work or home computer, cell phone, tablet, or other electronic device .....01
- It was stolen during an online purchase/transaction ....02
- Someone stole it during an in-person purchase/transaction, including using a skimmer card .....03
- I responded to a scam email or clicked on a link in the email 04
- I responded to a scam phone call .....05
- I responded to a scam text message or clicked on a link in the message .....06
- I responded to a social media post .....07
- My personal information was stolen from my personnel or human resources electronic records at my place of employment08
- My electronic records containing personal information were stolen from a company or other organization.....09
- None of the above .....10
- Don't Know .....11

If V20 in (1-9) go to DB30, else go to contact information

DB30. (If only one answer to V20: "Your answer was" (Fill in from V20)/If V20 has more than one answer: "Your first answer was") (fill in answer from V20). How did you find out this was how it was accessed?

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

As we mentioned at the beginning, if you are eligible, you will be asked to participate in a one hour Zoom interview. In that interview we will evaluate survey questions on certain crimes you may have experienced. The feedback from you and others will help us improve the survey. You will be compensated \$60 for your time. If you would like to be considered for this follow-up study please provide your contact information below. If you are eligible, a Westat scheduler will contact you:

First and last name:

Email:

Phone Number: ( ) -

### **Attachment 3: Fraud Screener**

## **Attachment 3 - Fraud Screener**

Thank you for participating in this survey for the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Before we can start, there are a few things we need to make you aware of.

### **What is the research about:**

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), located within the U.S. Department of Justice, is conducting this study. BJS has asked Westat to conduct this survey for them. Westat is a company that provides research services to the government. We are looking for persons who can help evaluate survey questions about cybercrime. Your participation is voluntary; you can stop at any point and you can skip any question.

The survey includes questions about yourself and whether you have experienced certain cybercrimes. The information will be used to evaluate the questions. If you are eligible, we will ask if you would like to participate in a follow-up interview (which will involve more in-depth questions about your experiences), for which you will be compensated. This web survey should take about 8 minutes to complete.

### **How will my information be protected:**

BJS is authorized to conduct this work under Title 34 U.S.C. § 10132. By law, BJS and Westat will only use the information collected during these interviews for statistical and research purposes pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10134. All personally identifiable information collected under BJS's authority is protected under the confidentiality provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 10231. The law protects your answers from outside requests by any government agency, private organization or individual.

Your name will not be linked to any of your responses, though we may include quotes you provide in our reports. Your responses will be combined with the responses we get from other participants. You will not be identified by name in any published or presented materials.

### **What are the possible benefits and risks:**

There are no known benefits to you for participating in this study. However, your participation is vital to making this study successful and will be helping BJS improve the quality of the data collected.

Some of the questions might make you feel upset or uncomfortable. On every screen below and at the end of the survey, you will receive telephone numbers for organizations that you can contact to get help.

This survey includes some open-ended questions which allow you to write a unique response. Please be aware these response boxes are not a place to report an incident or request direct assistance. We will not immediately review responses to open-ended questions and therefore cannot take action on anything disclosed in an open-ended question. If you need assistance please contact one of the organizations listed when clicking on the help button or at the end of the survey.

**Questions:** If you have questions about the study, contact David Cantor at 301-294-2080 or davidcantor@westat.com. If you have questions about your rights and welfare as a research participant, please call the Westat Human Subjects Protections office at 1-888-920-7631. Please leave a message with your first name, the name of the research study that you are calling about (the National Crime

Victimization Survey), and a phone number beginning with the area code. Someone will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have technical questions about this web survey you can contact the survey Help Desk at -855-389-0286 or [WestatSurvey@westat.com](mailto:WestatSurvey@westat.com). Leave a message with your question along with your telephone number and email address and someone will respond as soon as possible.

Continuing to the survey means that you have read the information above. It also means you voluntarily agree to participate on this survey.

- Yes. I agree to participate in this survey → GO TO NEXT PAGE
- No. I do not agree to participate in this survey → Thank you for your interest. END

## Random numbers

For randomizing the debriefing:

Random number R1: R1=1 for 33% of sample

Random number R1: R2=2 for 33% of sample

Random number R1: R3=3 for 34% of sample

For randomizing the race/ethnicity question

Create random number with 50% of sample R5=1, 50% of sample R5=2

## Demographics

These first questions ask about you.

A1. What is your date of birth?

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PROGRAMMER NOTE: IF AGE<18 THEN DISPLAY THE MESSAGE BELOW AND  
TERMINATE THE SURVEY.

“You need to be at least 18 years old to take the survey”

A1A. Are you male or female?

01     Male

02     Female

A2a.

If R5=1: What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

01 White

*For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.*

02 Hispanic or Latino

*For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.*

03 Black or African American

*For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.*

04 Asian

*For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.*

05 American Indian or Alaska Native

*For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.*

06 Middle Eastern or North African

*For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.*

07 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

*For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.*

A2b. If R5=2: What is your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

01 White

02 Hispanic or Latino

03 Black or African American

04 Asian

05 American Indian or Alaska Native

06 Middle Eastern or North African

07 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



The next questions are about experiences in which someone convinced you to pay, invest, or donate money, by tricking or lying to you, hiding information, or promising you something that you never received. We will not ask you any specific account information.

S1. In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], did you pay money to receive a prize, grant, inheritance, lottery winning, or sum of money that you were told was yours?

This can include:

- Money
- Trips
- Jewelry
- Televisions
- Electronics
- Other prizes

YES ..... 01 (Ask S1b)

NO ..... 02 (Skip to S1c)

S1b. Did you get all of the money or prizes you were promised?

YES ..... 01 (Skip to S2)

NO ..... 02 (Skip to S2)

S1c. How about in the last 5 years, did you pay money to receive a prize, grant, inheritance, lottery winning, or sum of money that you were told was yours

YES ..... 01 (Skip to S1d)

NO ..... 02 (Skip to S2)

S1d. Did you get all of the money or prizes you were promised?

YES ..... 01 (Skip to S2)

NO ..... 02 (Skip to S2)

#### **Phantom Debt Collection Fraud – Screener \***

S2. [IF S1=1 or S1d=2: Not including the time(s) you already reported] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], did you pay money to settle or pay off taxes or a debt, but you found out you were being tricked or lied to and the debt was not real or not yours?

YES ..... 01 (Skip to S3)

NO ..... 02 (Skip to S2a)

S2a. How about in the last 5 years, did you pay money to settle or pay off taxes or a debt, but you found out you were being tricked or lied to and the debt was not real or not yours?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

### Charity Fraud – Screener

S3. [IF S1=1 or S1d=2 or S2=1 or S2a=1: Not including the time(s) you already reported] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you donated money to a charity or a charitable cause that later turned out to be fake or that you later suspected was fake? Do not include money given to panhandlers on the street.

YES .....01  
..... (Ask S4)  
NO.....02  
..... (Skip to S3a)

S3a. How about in the last 5 years, have you donated money to a charity or a charitable cause that later turned out to be fake or that you later suspected was fake? Do not include money given to panhandlers on the street?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

### Employment Fraud – Screener

S4. [IF S1=1 or S1d=2 or S2=1 or S2a=1 or S3=1 or S3a=1: Not including the time(s) you already reported] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you paid money to get a job or get into a business opportunity but were tricked or lied to about how the money would be used or what you would receive in return?

YES .....01  
..... (Ask S5)  
NO.....02  
..... (Skip to S4a)

S4a. How about in the 5 years, have you paid money to get a job or get into a business opportunity but were tricked or lied to about how the money would be used or what you would receive in return?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

### Consumer Investment Fraud – Screener

- S5. [If S1=1 or S1d=2 or S2=1 or S2a=1 or S3=1 or S3a=1 or S4=1 or S4a=1: Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you invested money with a person or company that tricked you or lied to you about what you would receive, such as promising a guaranteed return on your investment or that you would not lose any money?

YES.....01  
..... (Ask S6)  
NO.....02  
..... (Skip to S5a)

- S5a. How about in the last 5 years, have you invested money with a person or company that tricked you or lied to you about what you would receive, such as promising a guaranteed return on your investment or that you would not lose any money?

YES.....01  
NO.....02

### Consumer Products Or Services Fraud (Excluding Unauthorized Billing) – Screener

- S6. [IF S1=1 or S1d=2 or S2=1 or S2a=1 or S3=1 or S3a=1 or S4=1 or S4a=1 or S5=1 or S5a=1: Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you paid for any products or services that you NEVER received or that turned out to be a SCAM?

YES 01 (Skip to  
S7)  
NO 02 (Skip to  
S6a)

- S6a. How about in the last 5 years, have you paid for any products or services that you NEVER received or that turned out to be a SCAM?

YES.....01 (Skip to S7)  
NO.....02 (Skip to S7)

### Relationship/Trust Fraud – Screener

- S7. [IF S1=1 or S1d=2 or S2=1 or S2a=1 or S3=1 or S3a=1 or S4=1 or S4a=1 or S5=1 or S5a=1 or S6=1 or S6a=1: Not including the time(s) you already told me about] In the past 12 months, that is, since [AUTOFILL DATE 1st OF MONTH 1 YEAR PRIOR], have you donated, sent, or otherwise given money to someone who PRETENDED to be or pretended to be calling on behalf of a family member, friend, caregiver, or someone interested in you romantically, but that person was not who they claimed to be?

YES .....01 (Skip to S8)  
NO .....02 (Skip to S7a)

- S7a. How about in the last 5 years, have you donated, sent, or otherwise given money to someone who PRETENDED to be or pretended to be calling on behalf of a family member, friend, caregiver, or someone interested in you romantically, but that person was not who they claimed to be?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

- S8. This next question is about any physical attacks against you. In the past 5 years, has anyone attacked you with a weapon or by physical force?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

**Check Box 1**

If R1 eq 1 and S1d=2 then go to Prize or Grant Fraud Incident Form  
Else If R1 eq 1 and S2a =1 then go to Phantom debt collection fraud Incident Form  
Else If R1 eq 2 and S3a=1 then go to Charity fraud Incident Form  
Else If R1 eq 2 and S4a eq 1 then go to Employment Fraud Incident Form  
Else If R1 eq 3 and S5a eq 1 then go to Consumer Investment Fraud Incident Form  
Else If R1 eq 3 and S6a eq 1 then go to Consumer products or services fraud Incident Form  
Else If R1 eq 3 and S7a eq 1 then go to Relationship/trust Fraud Incident Form  
  
Else go to Contact Information

**Prize or Grant Fraud – Incident Form**

S1P1intro. You indicated that in the last 5 years you paid money to receive a prize, grant, inheritance, lottery winning, or sum of money.

S1P1. For the most recent time this happened how did you first find out about the money or prize?

Someone told me on a phone call .....01  
A text message .....02  
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or  
Signal .....03  
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04  
Social media.....05  
Website .....06  
Someone told me in-person .....07  
From an email I received .....08  
From material I received in the mail or delivery to  
my home or business.....09  
Some other way (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....10

(Overlay on the same page after answering. If necessary, use a separate page for each open-ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

S1P1\_1. Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

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S1P1\_2. When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples

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S1P1\_3. How does “Social Media” differ from “Website?”

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S1P2. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S1P2\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this mean to you?

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### Phantom Debt Collection Fraud – Incident Form

S2P1intro. You indicated that in the last 5 years you paid money to settle or pay off taxes or a debt, but you found out you were being tricked or lied to and the debt was not real or not yours?.

S2P1. For the most recent incident, how did you first find out about the debt you were told you owed?

Someone told me on a phone call .....01  
A text message .....02  
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or  
Signal .....03  
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04  
Social media.....05  
Website .....06  
Someone told me in-person .....07  
From an email I received .....08

From material I received in the mail or delivery to  
my home or business.....09  
Some other way (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....10

If necessary, use a separate page for each open-ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

S2P1\_1. Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

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S2P1\_2. When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples.

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S2P1\_3. How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

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S2P2. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES.....01  
NO.....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S2P2\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this mean to you?

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## Charity Fraud – Incident Form

S3P1intro. You indicated that in the last 5 years you donated money to a charity or a charitable cause that later turned out to be fake or you later suspected was fake.

S3P1. For the most recent time, how did you first find out about the request to donate to a charity or charitable cause that later turned out to be fake or you suspected was fake?

- Someone told me on a phone call .....01
- A text message .....02
- Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or  
Signal .....03
- The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04
- Social media.....05
- Website .....06
- Someone told me in-person .....07
- From an email I received .....08
- From material I received in the mail or delivery to  
my home or business.....09
- Some other way (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....10

(If necessary, use a separate page for each open ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

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S3P1\_2. When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you?  
Give a few examples

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S3P1\_3. How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

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S2P2. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S3P2\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this mean to you?

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### Employment Fraud – Incident Form

S4P1intro. You indicated that in the last 5 years you paid money to get a job or get into a business opportunity but were tricked or lied to about how the money would be used or what you would receive in return.

S4P1. For the most recent time, how did you first find out about paying the money to get a job or get into a business opportunity?

Someone told me on a phone call .....01  
A text message .....02  
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or  
Signal .....03  
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....04  
Social media.....05  
Website .....06  
Someone told me in-person .....07  
From an email I received .....08  
From material I received in the mail or delivery to  
my home or business.....09  
Some other way (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....10

(Overlay on the same page after answering. If necessary, use a separate page for each open-ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

S4P1\_1. Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

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S4P1\_2. When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you?  
Give a few examples.

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S4P1\_3. How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

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S4P2. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES .....01  
NO.....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S4P2\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this  
mean to you?

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## Consumer Investment Fraud – Incident Form

S5P1intro. You indicated that in the last 5 years you invested money with a person or company that tricked you or lied to you, and you believe the investment was made up or your money was never invested at all.

S5P1. For the most recent time, how did you first find out about investing with the person or company?

Someone told me on a phone call .....	01
A text message .....	02
Chat application, such as WhatsApp, Telegram or Signal .....	03
The TV, radio or a newspaper.....	04
Social media.....	05
Website .....	06
Someone told me in-person .....	07
From an email I received .....	08
From material I received in the mail or delivery to my home or business.....	09
Some other way (Specify: _____).....	10

(Overlay on the same page after answering. If necessary, use a separate page for each open-ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

S5P1\_1. Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

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S5P1\_2. When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you? Give a few examples

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S5P1\_3. How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

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S5P2. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S5P2\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this mean to you?

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### **Consumer Products or Services Fraud (Excluding Unauthorized Billing) – Incident Form**

S6P1intro. You indicated that in the last 5 years you paid for a product or service that you never received or turned out to be a scam.

S6P1. For the most recent time, how did you first find out about purchasing the product or service?

Website .....01  
Someone told me in-person .....02  
From an email I received .....03  
From material I received in the mail or delivery to  
my home or business.....04  
Some other way (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).....05

(Overlay on the same page after answering. If necessary, use a separate page for each open ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

S6P1\_1. Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you first found out.

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S6P1\_2. When answering this question, what did ‘Social Media’ mean to you?  
Give a few examples

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S6P1\_3. How does Social Media differ from “Website?”

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S5P2. Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S6P2\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this mean to you?

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## Relationship/Trust Fraud – Incident Form

S7P1intro. You indicated that in the last five years you donated, sent, or otherwise gave money to someone who pretended to be or pretended to be calling on behalf of a family member, friend, caregiver, or someone interested in you romantically, but that person was not who they claimed to be.

S7P1. For the most recent time, which ONE of the following BEST DESCRIBES how you were first contacted by this person?

- Through a chat application such as WhatsApp,  
Telegram, or Signal.....01
- Through a dating app .....02
- Through social media such as Facebook, TikTok,  
Instagram, or LinkedIn.....03
- Through a website.....04
- In an email .....05
- By a text message.....06
- By a phone call, or .....07
- Some other way?.....08

(Overlay on the same page after answering. If necessary, use a separate page for each open ended question, repeating the original question for reference)

S7P1\_1. Could you elaborate on your answer? Provide more details on how you were first contacted.

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S7P1\_2. In this question, how does “Social Media” differ from “Website?”. Give examples of a possible website. .

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S7B4. How much money, altogether, did you give to this person or company? Please provide your best estimate.

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S7B41.Did you provide the money using cryptocurrency?

YES .....01  
NO .....02

(Overlay on the same page after answering.)

S7P41\_1. Many people are not familiar with cryptocurrency. What does this mean to you?

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

As we mentioned at the beginning, if you are eligible, you will be asked to participate in a one hour Zoom interview. In that interview we will evaluate survey questions on certain crimes you may have experienced. The feedback from you and others will help us improve the survey. You will be compensated \$60 for your time. If you would like to be considered for this follow-up study please provide your contact information below. If you are eligible, a Westat scheduler will contact you:

First and last name:

Email:

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_