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#### **AG Rapadas Urges Home Depot Customers to Closely Monitor Financial Activity**

*September 10, 2014-Tamuning, Guam* – Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas urges residents of Guam who are also Home Depot customers to closely monitor their financial activity following confirmation by The Home Depot (THD) that their payment data systems were breached.

“I encourage all consumers to closely monitor their credit and debit card accounts to ensure that there are no unauthorized charges,” said AG Rapadas. “If anyone suspects that their personal information has been compromised, immediately contact their financial institution and report the possible identity theft to local law enforcement.”

Late last month, AG Rapadas and the Office of the Attorney General hosted a Law Enforcement Summit on Identity Theft Training which brought out the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (LEEDA) Lifelock Training team to educate law enforcement authorities on aspects of identity theft, identity theft trends, relevant identity theft laws, investigative techniques, data bases to assist in identity theft investigations, identity theft awareness, and protection strategies. The training included a live demonstration of “skimming” and “check washing.”

As a result of this training, AG Rapadas will be meeting with the relevant agencies to form an Identity Theft Task Force of Guam. “Identity theft wreaks havoc on individuals’ lives and can have long-lasting effects,” said AG Rapadas. “Hopefully with the tools provided to us through the training, and with the commencement of the identity theft task force, we will be better able to protect island consumers from falling victim to this type of crime.”

To report suspected identity theft, please contact law enforcement such as the Guam Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations immediately.

Home Depot customers can call Home Depot Customer Care at 1-800-HOMEDEPOT (1-800-466-3337).

A message to THD’s customers is at [www.HomeDepot.com](http://www.HomeDepot.com). That message has been updated with the most recent news and will be updated as new information becomes available.

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