



# VICTIMS ASSISTANCE OF AMERICA, INC.

*Advocates for the Victims of Identity Theft*

A 501 (C) (3) NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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- Malicious Identity Theft
- Terroristic Identity Assumption

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**The Nation's only  
National 501-c-3**

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### Mission Statement

A 501(C)(3) Non-Profit dedicated to the advancement of national technological knowledge through the establishment of regional non-profit help agencies specifically for the victims of individual or corporate technological abuse.

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Thursday, January 8, 2004

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Mr Harold Althaus	

Hello to All,

As you know, our organization (VAA) offered to supply fake I.D. detection equipment to the U.S. Airports and police cruisers on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2002. We planned to solicit the nation for the needed security equipment for the country at a time we felt was vital in U.S. history. We did this because we were told that there was NO government funding available for such equipment.

We put together the VAA National Community Action Project to accomplish this goal. As a 501-c-3 nonprofit we worked closely with the IRS to be sure that we followed their guidelines to keep from putting our 501-c-3 designation in jeopardy.

We worked with Harold Althaus and Becky West with the TSA (Transportation Security Administration) coinciding with our contacts to the IACP (International Assn of Chiefs of Police).

Before Harold Althaus (TSA) could confirm what equipment was needed for the airports we were told by Matt Snyder (IACP) that we should contact AAMVA (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) and have them coordinate equipment needs for both the airports and poice crusers simultaneously.

On contacting AAMVA, we were connected with Mr. Brett Robinson who agreed to coordinate the organizations involved. I was invited to attend a meeting in DC at the AAMVA offices to:

- Discuss the technology needed.
- Meet people "on the Hill" who'd like to meet the person who put together this project.
- Learn how to speak with the media and those who may oppose what VAA was doing.
- Hopefully, return to KY with a clear vision for the start of the VAA National Project.

Instead, Brett Robinson didn't show up for this meeting when I had traveled to DC on my own expense to meet with him. I met with Seldon Fritschner, Rich Carter, Jason King and Harold Kocken while a meeting was carried on across the hall as we spoke ( and immediately following our meeting.)

I was grilled with questions as to HOW the VAA National Community Action Project was set up and HOW exactly it would fund the set up of VAA's 50 offices in 50 states.

I was then informed that:

- I made a "wonderful victim" and that I should go home and continue with that.
- AAMVA was *also* a 501-c-3 nonprofit themselves and they could do the VAA National Community Action Project *without* VAA.
- AAMVA wanted to GIVE our whole fundraiser (The VAA National Community Action Project) to "Someone Else" and that we should understand . . . it was "political".

I asked three times at this meeting if I was being told that we had to cancel the project that would fund our whole help to victims organization nationally. Three times I was told, "Oh No! We would *never* tell you to stop your project!"

I went home to the heaviest, most calculated attack to our computers, phones, mail and my own reputation that I had seen in experiencing this same type crime over a 17 year time frame. The phones were actually turned off on my return (which disconnects VAA from our own website and with contact with victims).

Our organization is the nation's only national 501-c-3 that helps victims (one-on-one during and after an Identity Theft with the clean up of their credit reports and any other help that may be needed on the financial [not the law enforcement] side of the crime. We do not compete with any other like organization. Our personnel will all have backgrounds in finance and collections to better filter "bad debt" from victim and proceed to help the eligible victims with our needed services.

I have now been briefed that you have:

- Bought equipment for the airports that digitally scans a thumbprint and
- Are taking pictures of select travelers to coincide with the thumb printing.

If you'd bought that equipment from VAA and let our organization receive a donation (rather than a commission) for every piece of equipment placed, we could now be setting up "help for I.D. Theft victims" offices all over the country.

I have been in contact with the IRS and was informed that the equipment must be purchased equally from all eligible suppliers. I don't believe this has been done.

We were prepared to supply equipment that:

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- Digitally scanned thumbprints
- While simultaneously matching that scan with one encrypted in driver licenses (and other forms of I.D.) made to hold that information to be sure the I.D. matched with the person standing there.
- As you take photos – (If states encrypted pictures AND thumbprints) our equipment could be made to read *both* encryptions.
- We have access to equipment that can be networked between the police, airports, and DMV info and is computer downloadable.

That last point is VERY critical for Identity Theft issues. We have for example:

- A 3 year old victim in Connecticut who had a home in California bought in her name and Social Security Number.
- An 80 year old disabled victim in Ohio who has a criminal perpetrator in New Jersey using this mans name and social every time he commits a crime in New Jersey.
- A 65 year old in Louisiana who had someone totally empty out this victim's Social Security Retirement Benefits.
- A 15 year old Texan who has an 8 year criminal record at the hand of someone in Georgia.

I could go on and on and on . . .

If this equipment were in place and we at VAA:

- Got retailers, closing attorneys, jails & Prisons, secure building, quickie marts and human resource departments (to name a few) to purchase their equipment through VAA (to fund our victims programs) we could be:
  - Nipping I.D. Theft "in the bud" while at the same time
  - Putting together and funding a phenomenal organization to help the millions of victims of this crime at the same time.

Please consider:

- Sending orders through VAA for your equipment as you make purchases for the airports. It shouldn't cost you any more.

Because of that last hackers attack to our phones, mail, computers, etc (as we left the AAMVA meeting) our phones are still down. The only sign of life at VAA is our help to victims' website.

Please help our fledgling organization by supporting our VAA National Community Action Project and be a big reason that we could afford offices in every state for the help to these victims.

And . . . Shame on you (TSA), AAMVA, and the IACP if you took the information about our project (collected from me at that AAMVA meeting) and diverted those funds elsewhere (as Seldon Fritchner said "politically" you wanted to do.)

Most Sincerely,

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