

## Chapter 27 Credit and the Law

### *BusinessWeek* Reader Case Study

#### “Stopping a Scam from Spreading”

**Directions** Read the *BusinessWeek* Reader on page 482 of your textbook and answer the questions.

#### Literal Comprehension

1. At what types of institutions are identity thieves taking aim?  
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2. What credit union employs Jim Nichols?  
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3. How much money did the identity thief charge on the credit card he or she had received using someone else’s information?  
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4. In which U.S. state is Numerica Credit Union based?  
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#### Making Inferences

5. When do you think the credit union first suspected something was not right with their “new” customer?  
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6. Why do you suppose identity theft is becoming a greater risk than ever before?  
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#### Critical Thinking

7. Given the higher incidence of identity theft, do you think that it is safe for individuals to provide personal information to financial institutions via the Internet? Explain your answer.  
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