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Hi, My name is [redacted]. I had been a victim of identity theft and the collateral damage was irreversible. You may Google my name and it'll provide all the details of the path of destruction it did to my life. I currently work for the Identity Theft Resource Center in San Diego, CA. I work here to help other people from suffering the same problems as I did. There are a number of ways we can reduce the number of identity theft victims, the most dangerous form of which is: Criminal identity theft- this leaves an innocent victim labeled as a criminal for the rest of their life with a criminal record that can destroy an innocent person's life. (See the above attachment)

We currently have technologies that can be implemented and used to help reduce the number of false identifications when police officers cite a suspect either for a misdemeanor, infraction or a felony. This would be something like a thumbprint scanner that would allow peace officers to determine the true identity of a suspect even if the suspect has no ID on their person. I truly believe it is far better to do what we can to prevent these crimes from occurring in the first place rather than continuously raising the penalties (as though capital punishment has ever deterred anyone from committing the crime of murder?). Why not start with the simple idea of making it mandatory that peace officers must place a suspects thumbprint on a docket or citation therefore preventing misidentification of an arrestee (which as law enforcement knows) often results in back logs of FTA's or failure to appears.

Thank you for all your help. Sincerely,

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## Jailing the Wrong Man

For most people, losing a wallet is an annoying inconvenience. For Terry Dean Rogan, it was shattering. Rogan, 27, misplaced his billfold in the Detroit area in January 1981. The following year a man, apparently using Rogan's identity cards, was linked to two murders and two robberies in Los Angeles, and a warrant in Rogan's name was entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) computer network. In the next 14 months, Rogan was arrested and jailed five times in Michigan and Texas, usually after police had first stopped him for traffic violations.

Last week Rogan, who lives in Saginaw, Mich., and says he has never been to California, sued the city of Los Angeles and two of its detectives for leaving his name in crime computers after he had repeatedly asked them to clear him. Rogan says the snafu caused him family problems and cost him a chance for a job. "I started drinking more," he says. "All I could think about was .38s at the side of my head."



**Rogan: caught in the computer**