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April 2021 Newsletter Topics

Tax Related Identity Theft:
Tax identity theft occurs when an individual's Social Security number is stolen to file a tax return and claim a fraudulent refund.

Free Weekly Credit Reports:
The free weekly access was scheduled to expire at the end of April 2021, but the credit reporting agencies recently announced that they are extending this benefit.

Fake Unemployment Benefits Websites:
These sites trick people into thinking they're applying for UI benefits, and they wind up giving the scammers their personal information.

Indoor TV Antenna Scams:
The FTC recently announced that it sued a company for allegedly lying about the performance of its indoor antennas and signal amplifies.

Mosquito Awareness Week:
There are over 80 species of mosquitoes found in Florida, of which nearly a quarter are public health threats due to the pathogens they transmit.

Filing a Consumer Complaint:
Florida consumers who have an issue with a business have the option of filing a complaint with FDACS.

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The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, protection and information. Consumers who would like information about filing a complaint against a business or who believe fraud has taken place can visit us online at FloridaConsumerHelp.com or contact the department's consumer protection and information hotline by calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) or 1-800-FL-AYUDA (352-9832) for Spanish speakers.

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