

# Cybersecurity

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- Using an unsuspecting victim's information to act like them
  - Start a credit card
  - Pass a background check
    - For a job
  - File fake tax return
  - Apply for an apartment
  - Apply for a loan



# Identity Fraud (Real Life)

- Abraham Abdallah (Early 2000's)
  - Stole over \$80 million from rich/famous
  - Identities stolen include:
    - Steven Spielberg
    - Oprah
    - Michael Bloomberg
    - Warren Buffett



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- How to defend against identity fraud
  - Protect PII (Personally Identifiable Information)
    - Only give out PII when necessary
    - Destroy and secure physical mail
    - Never throw out documents with PII
      - Destroy them
    - Monitor credit scores (if applicable)

