



## **Bay Village Press Release**

**1/25/21**

On January 20, 2021 at 5:49pm, Bay Village Police were dispatched to take an Identity Fraud report. The victim, a 33 year old, Longbeach Parkway resident told police that someone had used his identity and social security number to apply for unemployment benefits through the State of Ohio. The victim was advised by his employer that this had occurred. The employer told the Department of Jobs and Family Services that the individual was still employed. The victim filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission and contacted his financial institutions about the fraud. The Bay Village Detective Bureau is investigating.

On January 22, 2021 at 1:42pm, Bay Village Police were dispatched to take an Identity Fraud report. The victim, a 65 year old, Cowles Drive resident told police that an old neighbor, who purchased her home over 20 years ago, dropped of a letter that was mailed to the previous address from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. It turns out that someone had used her identity and social security number to apply for unemployment benefits. The victim is still employed and has no idea how the scammers got her information. The victim was told to contact her financial institutions about the fraud. She was also referred to the Unemployment Fraud website. The Bay Village Police Department is investigating.

On January 22, 2021 at 7:51pm, Bay Village Police were on patrol in the area of Lake Road and Bradley Road when they stopped a vehicle for numerous moving traffic violations. Police spoke with the male operator, a 44 year old Avon Lake resident, who appeared to be under the influence. The male failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. On station, the male refused to provide a

breath sample to test his blood alcohol content. The male is facing charges in Rocky River Municipal Court.