

## **Houston CPS worker accused in ID theft scam**

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Potential foster care and adoptive parents are the latest victims in an identity fraud scheme, organized in part by a Texas Child Protective Services worker in Houston, according to prosecutors.

Andrea Ann Daniels, a 44-year-old administrative tech, has been charged with stealing adoptive or foster care parents' personal information as part of the scam.

According to the Harris County District Attorney's office, she sent personal information about these parents via text message to Phillip James Moore Jr., 41, who then tried to apply for credit cards at various stores. Credit card companies, noticing irregularities about the in-store applications, contacted the Harris County District Attorney's office.

Moore was arrested on April 17. Police traced the text messages he received with the parents' IDs to Daniels' cell phone and she was arrested last Friday. On Monday, a judge refused to lower her \$100,000 bail.

Both Moore and Daniels are charged with fraudulent possession of identifying information, a third-degree felony. If convicted, they could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

At least 70 potential foster care or adoptive parents are believed to be victims, according to the Harris County District Attorney's office.

Daniels' attorney, Ramon Villagomez, did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

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