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FOR RELEASE: **Immediate**

DATE: **August 13, 2012**

Protect yourself from identity theft at  
Newport News Sheriff's Office FREE Shred Day

*Plus FREE sight and hearing tests... Plus FREE electronics recycling*

The Newport News Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting citizens from being victimized by identity theft. They continue their partnership with Stealth Shredding, Inc. and will offer a **Shred Day, Thursday, August 16th from 10:00am-1:00pm**. This bi-annual event is **FREE** and Open to the Public. It will be held at The Home Depot on Jefferson Avenue near Bland Boulevard in Newport News.

Destroying personal identifying documents is one way to keep a thief from using your good name to conduct unscrupulous business. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), nine-million Americans have their identities stolen each year. What do the thieves do with those identities? They can rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, and establish utility accounts in the victim's names, etc. The victim may not discover the theft until a debt collector comes knocking.

Something *new this year: electronics collection*. Synergy Recycling has agreed to collect unwanted electronic equipment free of charge. One other free service will be provided by the Oyster Point Mariner Lions Club. They will be offering sight and hearing tests for all ages. This is a good time for parents to have their child's vision checked before the start of a new school year.

**WHO:** Newport News Sheriff's Office and Stealth Shredding, Inc.

**WHAT:** FREE SHRED DAY! *Open to the Public*

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Home Depot  
Jefferson Avenue near Bland Blvd.  
Newport News, VA

**OTHER:** FREE sight and hearing tests and FREE electronics collection & recycling