



# Peninsula Detachment Crime Alert

## **4/25/07 – Shred-A-Thon this Saturday**

On 4/28/07 starting at 10 am, Rainier Pacific Bank, located at 3123 56th St Ct NW in Gig Harbor, will provide citizens with the opportunity to shred personal documents free of charge. The bank is hosting this event as part of a statewide shred-a-thon coordinated by Washington's Law Enforcement Group against Identity Theft (LEGIT).

In order to serve as many citizens as possible, there is a limit of three grocery bags or two file boxes per person. Documents to be shredded should include paperwork containing your account numbers, birthdate, passwords or PINs, signature or Social Security number.

The shred-a-thon is being hosted by financial institutions, businesses, non-profit organizations and law enforcement agencies volunteering their time and resources in an effort to educate citizens about the threat of identity theft. It takes only a moment for an identity thief to go through your mail or garbage and retrieve enough data to commit a crime. Once a crime has been committed, the repercussions can follow the victim for years.

This event will last until 2 pm or until trucks are full, whichever happens first. If you would like information about locations outside of the peninsula area, visit <http://www.atg.wa.gov/pressrelease.aspx?id=14728>