

# The Darknet: A New Passageway to Identity Theft

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## **Abstract**

*This paper considers how the darknet has emerged as a passageway for identity theft. The paper identifies the darknet as a means of facilitating the distribution of identification particulars and how this contributes toward identity theft. The paper considers the part of the darknet as an enabler in the distribution of information related to offending in identity crime and as a passive contributor toward identity crimes.*

**Index terms:** darknet, internet fraud, identity fraud

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