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## News Advisory

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### **UTD McDermott Library Talk to Address Identity Theft, Personal Cyber Crimes**

**Dr. E. Douglas Harris, executive director of the CyberSecurity and Emergency Preparedness Institute in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), will give a free lecture titled “Identity Theft and Other Personal Cyber Crimes” at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22 in UTD’s McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.410).**

Millie DeAnda, president of the North Texas Crime Commission, will join Harris in the presentation. According to Harris, millions of dollars are extorted from U.S. citizens each year, and most are unaware of how it happens. The talk will alert people about identity theft and other methods “cyber criminals” employ. Harris will include portions of a video by the U.S. Department of the Treasury that provides information about how to outsmart cyber crooks.

**Harris also is an associate dean for student services at UTD. His institute was created to deal with rapidly growing Homeland Security problems, such as cyber crime, information assurance and emergency preparedness. It is one of only a handful of entities of its kind in the United States. UTD offers courses in related topics through its Jonsson School.**

The talk is a part of the McDermott Library Lecture Series, which was designed to provide the public with an opportunity to hear and understand the types of research being conducted by UTD faculty and staff.

For more information about the lecture, please contact Tom Koch at 972-883-4951.

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