

75 People Are Still Using Poor Hilda’s Social Security Number For Auto Loans



This is a picture of Hilda Witcher. She is holding up social security card and smiling for the camera.

And why is she smiling? After all Hilda is the posterchild for identity theft and synthetic identity having been a victim over **50,000 times**.

To understand her story we need to start when she is just 30 years old living in New York.



It’s 1938. Hilda is young lady, just starting out her career. She is offered a job working for a very important man. This is EH Ferrere, the President of a manufacturer in New York that makes wallets.

EH Ferrere has just landed a massive contract with Woolworths department store stock the shelves with his wallets.

He has a brand new design for a red wallet with slots to hold identification cards and even store credit cards, but it was missing something. Then he landed on a great idea, why not put a social security card in the wallet so people could see just how functional the wallet would be. Like putting a photo in a picture frame. It would make it so much better.

So he put her card in that wallet and the wallet was a hit. Within 5 years hundreds of thousands of wallets were sold, any by the way, thousands of people were using Hilda’s social security number as their own. After all, it came with the wallet.

At its peak, 40,000 people were using Hilda’s social security number. When she passed away in 2015 she had millions in social security benefits because so many people had paid into her account.

But It’s Not Over For Poor Hilda - Close To 90 Years Later. Its Not On The Death Master File

We found 75 auto loan applications where people had used Hilda’s social security number with different names to obtain auto loans in the last few years! Over \$1 million in applications!



Regretfully, Hilda’s Social Security number is still extremely popular with fraudsters.

To this day it is used on hundreds of applications for bank cards, loans, apartments and anything else you can think of.

Why are fraudsters still using it? Well the SSA issued Hilda a new social security number back in the 1950’s with all the fraud that was circulating and as a result no Death Master File record was ever recorded.

A search of public records reveals that 205 people with different names appear to be using her social security number today.

And Point Predictive reveals that we have found 75 applications with people using a variety of names to get car loans. Over \$1 million in applications.