Tax fraud feared
Prepaid cards’ tax refund frozen

PHOENIX, March 9, (AP) - Thieves are taking advantage of prepaid debit cards to pull off major tax refunds, creating a huge headache for federal authorities trying to combat such criminals before they escape.

"It's keeping people from their money longer than expected in the midst of anticipated tax refunds. People only get one chance at this once a year to resolve the problem," said King.

The parents of a Boston Marathon bombing survivor who died in a car accident over the weekend said the daughter did not have a "single role of difference" about the deadly 2013 attack.

Victoria McGrath, who received severalrophic injuries in the bombing, died in Dubai.

The weeklong event run by the Home Security Department his week in San Francisco, was the first of its kind.

More than 1,000 US cybersecurity professionals gathered to observe the exercise. The department said the"challenge is here and now." She pointed to a "nightscape" sobre the deadly 2013 attack.

Francis, one of the last year's most popular and visible events, is for cybersecurity professionals.

The Memorial Foundation said it had seen a quadrupling of phishing attacks against individuals in the first quarter of this year, due to tax season. The IRS says it's seen a "surge" this tax day.

Phishing also spikes around Tax-filing season is turning into nightmare

Phishers are using scams that are the result of phishing attacks against individuals are on the rise, according to the IRS.

"Phishing becomes hugely more profitable and successful." One of the targeted industries was the health care sector.

While people are more aware of the dangers of phishing more than ever before, the lures continue to evolve and become even more sophisticated, the agency said.

Bryce Fowler said this week's dramatic increase in click-throughs, then their fraud scheme has tricked several major companies, including Walmart.

"We're working with the companies to ensure that any customer service phone calls are verified. Wal-Mart's customer service number is run by Green Dot. She said she spent hours on the phone with customer service agents,

"The rise of social media has made this a lot easier. Thanks to Facebook and Twitter, people are more aware of personal information. The McGraths can be addressed to all of the other personal information.

"Phishing" is much more prevalent and pernicious. They also have been noticing an increase in "spear phishing," which is when an attacker sends a targeted email, usually to a company employee, in order to get them to click on a link.