

June 28, 2023

Via E-Mail: Idtheft@oag.state.md.us

Attorney General Anthony G. Brown
Office of the Attorney General
Identity Theft Unit
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Data Security Incident

Dear Attorney General Brown:

FisherBroyles, LLP represents Treadwell, Tamplin & Co., CPA's, LLP ("Treadwell Tamplin"), located at 157 W Jefferson St, Madison, GA 30650, with respect to a data security incident described in more detail below. Treadwell Tamplin takes the security and privacy of the information in its control seriously and has taken steps to prevent a similar incident from occurring in the future.

1. Description of the Incident.

On or about March 16, 2023, Treadwell Tamplin experienced a ransomware incident which may have resulted in the inadvertent exposure of personal information (the "Incident"). Treadwell Tamplin has since worked diligently to determine what happened and what information may have been impacted as a result of this Incident.

Following an investigation conducted by third-party forensic specialists, an extensive data mining exercise was conducted to identify the potentially impacted individuals and what elements of personally identifiable information may have been affected. The investigation and data mining exercise determined that the following elements of personal information of a Maryland resident was potentially accessed and/or acquired by an unauthorized individual: name and Social Security number.

As of this writing, Treadwell Tamplin has not received any reports of fraud or identity theft related to this matter.

2. Number of Maryland residents affected.

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Treadwell Tamplin discovered that the Incident may have resulted in the unauthorized exposure of information pertaining to one (1) Maryland resident. A notification letter to this individual was mailed on June 14, 2023, via First Class Mail. A sample copy of the notification letter is attached as **Exhibit A**.

3. Steps taken.

Upon discovery of the Incident, Treadwell Tamplin reported the Incident to law enforcement and worked with cybersecurity counsel and forensic experts to investigate how the Incident occurred and what information may have been impacted. Treadwell Tamplin is committed to ensuring the security of all information in its control and is taking steps to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future, including strengthening its security posture. Additionally, the notified Maryland resident was offered complimentary identity theft and credit monitoring services for twelve (12) months.

4. Contact information.

Treadwell Tamplin remains dedicated to protecting the sensitive information within its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at Richard.Reiter@fisherbroyles.com or (914) 523-2976.

Very truly yours,

Richard Reiter

Richard Reiter, Partner
FisherBroyles, LLP

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EXHIBIT A

Treadwell, Tamplin & Co., CPA's, LLP

Return to IDX:

4145 SW Watson Avenue, Suite 400

Beaverton, OR 97005



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Enroll, Please Call:

1-800-939-4170

Or Visit:

<https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect>

Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXXXXX>>

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>

<<Address1>> <<Address2>>

<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

Via First-Class Mail

June 14, 2023

Notice of Data <<Incident/Breach>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Treadwell, Tamplin & Co., CPA's, LLP recently experienced a data security incident which may have affected the information of certain Treadwell, Tamplin & Co., CPA's, LLP clients and potentially, their dependents and/or beneficiaries. A third-party forensic investigation determined this information may have included your personal information. Based on our current review, we have no indication that your personal information has been or will be used inappropriately, but we wanted to make you aware of the incident, the measures we have taken in response, and to provide details on the proactive steps you can take to help protect your information. We take the protection and proper use of personal information seriously and are working to prevent a similar incident from occurring again in the future. <<CA Residents: This notification was not delayed by law enforcement.>>

What Happened

On or about March 16, 2023, Treadwell, Tamplin & Co., CPA's, LLP experienced a ransomware incident. During a typical ransomware incident, cybercriminals try to "lock" an organization's digital files in an attempt to get paid for a digital key to unlock the files. We promptly launched an investigation, engaged a national cybersecurity firm to assist in assessing the scope of the incident and took steps to mitigate the potential impact to our community. Unfortunately, these types of incidents are becoming increasingly common and even organizations with some of the most sophisticated IT infrastructure available are affected. We have worked diligently to determine what happened and what information was involved as a result of this incident.

What Information Was Involved

The elements of your personal information that may have been impacted may have included, and potentially were not limited to, your: <<data elements>>. Please note that we have no evidence at this time that any of your personal information has been misused as a result of the incident.

What We Are Doing

We are taking this incident seriously and are committed to strengthening our systems' security to prevent a similar event from occurring again in the future. Additionally, out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for you to enroll in a complementary, credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: <<twelve (12)/twenty-four (24)>> months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

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What You Can Do

To enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring service that we are offering you, please go to <https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect> and using Enrollment Code provided above, follow the steps to receive the credit monitoring service online within minutes. If you do not have access to the Internet and wish to enroll, please call IDX's toll-free hotline at 1-800-939-4170.

You can sign up for the credit monitoring service anytime between now and September 14, 2023. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain <<twelve (12)/twenty-four (24)>> months of credit monitoring service which will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more. The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

At this time, we are not aware of anyone experiencing fraud as a result of this incident. As data incidents are increasingly common, we encourage you to always remain vigilant, monitor your accounts, and immediately report any suspicious activity or suspected misuse of your personal information. Additionally, we recommend that you review the following page, which contains important additional information about steps you can take to safeguard your personal information, such as the implementation of fraud alerts and security freezes.

For More Information

Please know that the protection of personal information is a top priority, and we understand the inconvenience and concern this incident may cause. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 1-800-939-4170, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 9 pm Eastern time.

Sincerely,

Treadwell, Tamplin & Co., CPA's, LLP

Additional Important Information

For residents of Hawaii, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and Wyoming: It is recommended by state law that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing credit card account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity.

For residents of Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, and West Virginia:

It is required by state laws to inform you that you may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, whether or not you suspect any unauthorized activity on your account. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies. To order your free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com, or call toll-free at 1-877-322-8228. You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports>) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281.

For residents of Vermont: If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).

For residents of New Mexico: Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcftp_consumer-rights-summary_2018-09.pdf, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

For Residents of Washington, D.C.: You can obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at: 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 202-727-3400; www.oag.dc.gov.

For residents of Iowa: State law advises you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Attorney General.

For residents of Oregon: State laws advise you to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Attorney General, and the Federal Trade Commission.

For residents of Maryland, Rhode Island, Illinois, New York, and North Carolina: You can obtain information from the Maryland and North Carolina Offices of the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft

Maryland Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202 1-888-743-0023 www.oag.state.md.us

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903 1-401-274-4400 www.riag.ri.gov

North Carolina Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 1-877-566-7226 www.ncdoj.com

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, DC 20580 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft

New York Office of Attorney General Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224 1-800-771-7755 <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft>

For residents of Massachusetts and Rhode Island: It is required by state law that you are informed of your right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

For residents of all states:

Fraud Alerts: You can place fraud alerts with the three credit bureaus by phone and online with Equifax (https://assets.equifax.com/assets/personal/Fraud_Alert_Request_Form.pdf); TransUnion (<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>); or Experian (<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>). A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit. As of September 21, 2018, initial fraud alerts last for one year. Victims of identity theft can also get an extended fraud alert for seven years. The phone numbers for all three credit bureaus are at the bottom of this page.

Monitoring: You should always remain vigilant and monitor your accounts for suspicious or unusual activity.

Security Freeze: You also have the right to place a security freeze on your credit report. A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you need to make a request to each consumer reporting agency. You may make that request by certified mail, overnight mail, regular stamped mail, or by following the instructions found at the websites listed below. The

following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse or a minor under the age of 16, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. As of September 21, 2018, it is free to place, lift, or remove a security freeze. You may also place a security freeze for children under the age of 16. You may obtain a free security freeze by contacting any one or more of the following national consumer reporting agencies:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788

Atlanta, GA 30348

equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/

1-800-349-9960

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554

Allen, TX 75013

experian.com/freeze/center.html

1-888-397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160

Woodlyn, PA 19094

transunion.com/credit-freeze

1-888-909-8872

More information can also be obtained by contacting the Federal Trade Commission listed above.