



September 19, 2023

Via E-mail (Idtheft@oag.state.md.us)

Office of the Attorney General
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Md. Code Ann. § 14-3504(h)(1), I am writing on behalf of the Sheriff's Office of the City of Richmond (the "Sheriff's Office"), to notify you regarding the nature and circumstances of a recent data security incident. The Sheriff's Office's address is 1701 Fairfield Way, Richmond, VA 23223.

On or about June 21, 2023, an unauthorized user acquired access to the business email account of a single Sheriff's Office employee. The Sheriff's Office was informed of the significance of this unauthorized access on or about July 17, 2023. The Sheriff's Office coordinated with the City of Richmond who engaged leading outside cybersecurity experts and confirmed that the unauthorized user's access was limited to the single Sheriff's Office email account. Additionally, the City of Richmond alerted relevant law enforcement. However, the impacted email account contained certain personally identifiable information under Virginia law.

It is unknown whether the unauthorized user was able to discover or access the personal information present in the compromised account. There is no evidence indicating that the unauthorized user was able to use any of the personal information the email account contained to cause any harm, or for any malicious purpose.

As described in detail in the attached notification letters, personal information involved may have included one or more of the following types of information: name, driver's license number, Social Security number, address, and/or a limited amount of health or medical diagnostic and treatment information. Examples typical of medical information in the email account include data pertaining to prescription drug dosage, notations concerning special medical needs, and other information used to ensure the safety of everyone entering our jails and court system.

Collectively, there are approximately 5 Maryland residents potentially impacted by this incident. We have worked expeditiously to identify each of these individuals. Attached for your reference are copies of the notices we plan to mail out to impacted Maryland residents on September 15, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact our outside counsel, Billy Tunner, via email at wtunner@t-mlaw.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Irving", is written over a light blue grid background.

Dr. Antionette V. Irving
Sheriff
City of Richmond

Enclosures



C/O Experian Return Mail Processing
Return Mail Processing
PO Box 589
Claysburg, PA 16625-0589

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Dear Sample A. Sample,

Recently, like many governmental and business entities around the country, the Sheriff's Office of the City of Richmond (the "Sheriff's Office") discovered it was the victim of an incident that may involve some of your personal information. The Sheriff's Office is committed to protecting the security and privacy of the information we maintain. Although **we have no indication of identity theft or fraud related to your information**, we are providing you with information about this incident and our response, as well as measures you can take to help protect your information.

What Happened and What Information Was Involved? In July 2023, the Sheriff's Office was informed that an unauthorized user briefly gained access to the business email account of a single Sheriff's Office employee. In coordination with the City of Richmond, the Sheriff's Office promptly took steps to mitigate the incident including launching an investigation led by third-party experts and notifying law enforcement. Additionally outside experts engaged an extensive review to identify any personal information contained in the impacted account, including any files containing personal information.

Based on this review, we have determined that your information may have been impacted, including one or more of the following types of information: your name coupled with a limited amount of health or medical diagnostic and treatment information. Examples typical of medical information in the email account include data pertaining to prescription drug dosage, notations concerning special medical needs, and other information used to ensure the safety of everyone entering our jails and court system. Please note, the email account **did not** contain any information that could be leveraged to cause you financial harm such as a Social Security number or the requisite information to access your financial accounts.

We have no evidence that the unauthorized user was able to discover or access your information within these files contained within the impacted email account. We also have no evidence the unauthorized user used any of your information to cause any harm, or it was used maliciously. However, out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to write to notify you of this matter.

What We Are Doing. While we have no evidence that the unauthorized party was successful in removing your personal information for a malicious purpose, as a precaution, we are offering you access to 12 months of complimentary credit monitoring services through Experian. Details of this offer and instructions on how to activate these services are enclosed with this letter.

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In response to this event, we are also reviewing and enhancing our information security policies and procedures. We take our obligation to safeguard personal information very seriously and are continuing to evaluate additional actions to strengthen our network security in the face of an ever-evolving cyber threat landscape.

What You Can Do. We encourage you to stay vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity and to detect errors. Please review the enclosed Identity Theft and Protection Guide for additional information on how to protect against identity theft and fraud. You may also take advantage of the complimentary credit monitoring services being offered for you through Experian *IdentityWorks*. Information regarding the credit monitoring enrollment is included in the attached Identity Theft and Protection Guide.

For More Information. If you have any further questions regarding this matter or the credit monitoring services provided, please call 877-656-0515 Saturday and Sunday from 11 am – 8 pm Eastern (excluding major U.S. holidays). Please be prepared to provide your engagement number ENGAGE#.

Please also note that the Sheriff's Office is utilizing Experian's return mail service, so the return address on this letter is to their mailing center, which is not located within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

We deeply regret that this event occurred and are committed to supporting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Irving', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Antionette V. Irving
Sheriff
City of Richmond

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION GUIDE AND INFORMATION

We encourage affected individuals to take the following steps:

Register for Credit Monitoring and Identity Restoration Services.

To help protect your identity, we are offering complimentary access to Experian IdentityWorksSM for twelve months.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information as a result of this event and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that identity restoration support is needed then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each event of fraud that occurred from the date of the event (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that Identity Restoration is available to you for twelve months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration.

While identity restoration assistance is immediately available to you, we also encourage you to activate the fraud detection tools available through your complimentary twelve-month membership in Experian IdentityWorks. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll** by December 31, 2023 (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/credit
- Provide your **activation code**: ABCDEFGHI

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with Identity Restoration that arose as a result of this event or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-656-0515 by December 31, 2023. Be prepared to provide engagement number **ENGAGE#** as proof of eligibility for the Identity Restoration services by Experian.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR TWELVE-MONTH MEMBERSHIP IN EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks. You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE™:** You receive the same high level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance**:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Monitor Your Accounts

We recommend that you regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

Equifax®
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com

Experian
P.O. Box 9701
Allen, TX 75013-9701
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion®
P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016-1000
1-800-916-8800
www.transunion.com

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or creditor inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. Look for information, such as a home address and Social Security number that is not accurate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents: You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

Credit Freeze

You have the right to put a security freeze, also known as a credit freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other

third parties will not be able to access your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact all three major consumer reporting agencies listed below.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
[www.equifax.com/personal/
credit-report-services](http://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services)

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013-9554
1-888-397-3742
[www.experian.com/
freeze/center.html](http://www.experian.com/freeze/center.html)

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
1-800-916-8800
[www.transunion.com/
credit-freeze](http://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze)

You must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting agency. The following information should be included when requesting a credit freeze:

- 1) Full name, with middle initial and any suffixes;
- 2) Social Security number;
- 3) Date of birth (month, day, and year);
- 4) Current address and previous addresses for the past five (5) years;
- 5) Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6) Other personal information as required by the applicable credit reporting agency.

If you request a credit freeze online or by phone, then the credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving your request to place a credit freeze on your credit file report. If you request a lift of the credit freeze online or by phone, then the credit reporting agency must lift the freeze within one (1) hour. If you request a credit freeze or lift of a credit freeze by mail, then the credit agency must place or lift the credit freeze no later than three (3) business days after getting your request.

Fraud Alerts

You also have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert lasts 1 year and is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below. The agency you contact will then contact the other two credit agencies.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-766-0008
[www.equifax.com/personal/
credit-report-services](http://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services)

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013-9554
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
1-800-916-8800
[www.transunion.com/fraud-
victim-resource/place-
fraud-alert](http://www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert)

Monitor Your Personal Health Information

If applicable to your situation, we recommend that you regularly review the explanation of benefits statement that you receive from your insurer. If you see any service that you believe you did not receive, please contact your insurer at the number on the statement. If you do not receive the regular explanation of benefits statements, contact your provider and request them to send such statements following the provision of services in your name or number. You may want to order copies of your credit reports and check for any



bills that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, call the credit reporting agency at the phone number on the report. Keep a copy of this notice for your records in case of future problems with your records.

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft and the steps you can take to protect yourself by contacting your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Instances of known or suspected identity theft should be reported to law enforcement, your state Attorney General, and the FTC.

The Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338)
TTY: 1-866-653-4261
www.ftc.gov/idtheft

For Virginia residents: You may contact the Virginia Attorney General's Office, 202 North Ninth Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, <https://www.oag.state.va.us/contact-us/contact-info>.

For North Carolina residents: The North Carolina Attorney General's Office may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699, (919) 716-6000, www.ncdoj.gov/contact-doj/.

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

For New York residents: The Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

For Connecticut residents: You may contact the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-808-5318, www.ct.gov/ag.

For Massachusetts residents: You may contact the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, 1-617-727-8400, www.mass.gov/ago/contact-us.html.

For Rhode Island residents: You may contact the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General at 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, 1-401-274-4400, <https://riag.ri.gov/>.

For District of Columbia residents: You may contact the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia at 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, 1-202-442-9828, <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection/consumer-alert-online-privacy>.

Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.

For Iowa residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the Iowa Attorney General.

For Massachusetts residents: You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

For Oregon residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General.