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October 4, 2024

**ONLINE SUBMISSION**

Attorney General Bob Ferguson  
Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
1125 Washington Street SE  
P.O. Box 40100  
Olympia, WA 98504-0100  
Email: SecurityBreach@atg.wa.gov

**RE: NOTICE OF DATA SECURITY INCIDENT**

Attorney General Ferguson:

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP, represents 5.11, Inc. ("5.11") in connection with a recent data security incident described in greater detail below. 5.11 takes the protection of all information within its possession very seriously and has taken measures to reduce the likelihood of a similar incident reoccurring. This notice is being sent on behalf of 5.11 because personal information for Washington residents may have been involved in the incident.

**I. NATURE OF THE SECURITY INCIDENT**

On August 5, 2024, 5.11 was alerted of unusual activity involving our online store. Upon discovering this activity, 5.11 took immediate steps to further secure its website and customer information. 5.11 also engaged a nationally-recognized digital forensics firm to conduct an independent investigation into the activity and determine whether any customer payment card information had been accessed or acquired without authorization.

After a thorough forensic investigation, on September 12, 2024, 5.11 determined that this incident may have involved payment card information for customers who purchased products through 5.11's online store between July 12, 2024 and August 22, 2024. 5.11 thereafter worked diligently to identify all potentially affected customers and provide them with appropriate notification.

**II. NUMBER OF WASHINGTON RESIDENTS INVOLVED**

On September 27, 2024, 5.11 determined that the notification population included 699 Washington residents. On October 4, 2024, 5.11 provided notification by first-class U.S. mail to these individuals via the attached notification letter template or a substantially similar version thereof.

Alabama Arkansas California Colorado District of Columbia Florida Georgia Illinois  
Indiana Maryland Massachusetts Minnesota Missouri New Jersey New York  
North Carolina Oregon Pennsylvania South Carolina Tennessee Texas Virginia Washington

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The potentially affected personal information included names, email addresses, payment card numbers, expiration dates, and security codes.

### **III. STEPS TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE INCIDENT**

As soon as 5.11 became aware of the incident, it took steps to further secure its website and conducted a comprehensive investigation. 5.11 also worked with the payment card brands and law enforcement to provide information related to the incident and has implemented additional measures to further enhance the security of its e-commerce platform and reduce the likelihood of a similar incident reoccurring.

5.11 has established a toll-free call center through IDX to answer questions about the incident and address related concerns. 5.11 has also arranged to provide all potentially affected customers with complimentary restoration assistance through IDX, which will work with individuals to help resolve issues with unrecognized payment card transactions.

### **IV. CONTACT INFORMATION**

5.11 remains dedicated to protecting the information in its control. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [aweaver@constangy.com](mailto:aweaver@constangy.com).

Sincerely,



Aubrey Weaver  
Partner  
Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete, LLP

Encl. Sample Notification Letter



P.O. Box 989728  
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9728

<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>  
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<<Address2>>  
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>  
<<Country>>

October 3, 2024

**Subject: Notice of <<Variable Text 1>>**

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

5.11 is writing to notify you of a data security incident relating to your purchase through our online store, 511tactical.com, which may have involved your payment card information. At 5.11, we take the privacy and security of your information very seriously so we are writing to inform you of the incident and the steps we have already taken, as well as to advise you about steps you can take to protect your information.

**What Happened?** In August 2024, 5.11 was alerted of unusual activity involving our online store. Upon discovering this activity, we took immediate steps to further secure our website and customer information. We also engaged a nationally-recognized digital forensics firm to conduct an independent investigation into the activity and determine whether any customer payment card information had been accessed or acquired without authorization.

**What Information Was Involved?** After a thorough forensic investigation, on September 12, 2024, we determined that this incident may have involved payment card information of customers who purchased products through our online store between July 12, 2024 and August 22, 2024. We then worked diligently to identify all potentially affected customers. The information that may have been involved includes names, email addresses, payment card numbers, expiration dates, and security codes.

**What We Are Doing.** As soon as we discovered the incident, we took the steps described above. In addition, we reported the matter to the payment card brands and law enforcement in an effort to protect your information and prevent fraudulent activity. In order to reduce the likelihood of a similar incident occurring in the future, we have implemented additional measures to enhance the security of our e-commerce platform.

**What You Can Do.** You can follow the recommendations included with this letter to protect your personal information. We recommend that you review your current and past credit and debit card account statements for discrepancies or unusual activity. If you see anything that you do not understand or that looks suspicious, or if you suspect that any fraudulent transactions have taken place, you should call the bank that issued the credit or debit card immediately.

In addition, 5.11 has arranged to provide its customers complimentary restoration assistance through IDX, a data breach and recovery services expert. If you identify any payment card transactions that you do not understand or that look suspicious, or if you suspect that any fraudulent transactions have taken place, you can contact IDX's Certified Recovery Advocates at 1-877-225-2109, who will work on your behalf to help resolve these issues. IDX's Certified Recovery Advocates are available Monday through Friday from 6:00 am and 6:00 pm Pacific Time.

**For More Information.** If you have any questions regarding this letter, we encourage you to contact our dedicated call center at 1-877-225-2109 between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm Pacific Time.

Rest assured, we take our customers' trust in 5.11, and this matter, very seriously. Please accept our apologies for any concern or inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Deborah Ajeska". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah Ajeska, Chief Administrative Officer

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

**Review Your Account Statements and Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity:** As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You also should promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

**Copy of Credit Report:** You may obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting agencies once every 12 months by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com/>, calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You also can contact one of the following three national credit reporting agencies:

**Equifax**

P.O. Box 105851  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
1-800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**

P.O. Box 9532  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion**

P.O. Box 1000  
Chester, PA 19016  
1-800-916-8800  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

**Fraud Alert:** You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least one year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above. Additional information is available at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

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**Additional Free Resources:** You can obtain information from the consumer reporting agencies, the FTC, or from your respective state Attorney General about fraud alerts, security freezes, and steps you can take toward preventing identity theft. You may report suspected identity theft to local law enforcement, including to the FTC or to the Attorney General in your state.

**Federal Trade Commission**  
600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
[consumer.ftc.gov](http://consumer.ftc.gov)  
877-438-4338

**Maryland Attorney General**  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
[www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD)  
888-743-0023

**Oregon Attorney General**  
1162 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
[www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection](http://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection)  
877-877-9392

**California Attorney General**  
1300 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
[www.oag.ca.gov/privacy](http://www.oag.ca.gov/privacy)  
800-952-5225

**New York Attorney General**  
The Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224  
800-771-7755  
[ag.ny.gov](http://ag.ny.gov)

**Rhode Island Attorney General**  
150 South Main Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
[www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov)  
401-274-4400

**Iowa Attorney General**  
1305 E. Walnut Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
[www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov)  
888-777-4590

**NY Bureau of Internet and Technology**  
28 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10005  
[www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/)  
212.416.8433

**Washington D.C. Attorney General**  
400 S 6th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
[oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection](http://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection)  
202-442-9828

**Kentucky Attorney General**  
**700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**  
**[www.ag.ky.gov](http://www.ag.ky.gov)**  
**502-696-5300**

**NC Attorney General**  
**9001 Mail Service Center**  
**Raleigh, NC 27699**  
**[ncdoj.gov/protectingconsumers/](http://ncdoj.gov/protectingconsumers/)**  
**877-566-7226**

**You also have certain rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA):** These rights include to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; as well as other rights. For more information about the FCRA, and your rights pursuant to the FCRA, please visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf>.



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Deborah Ajeska, Chief Administrative Officer



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[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

**Experian**

P.O. Box 9532  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

**TransUnion**

P.O. Box 1000  
Chester, PA 19016  
1-800-916-8800  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

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200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
[www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD](http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD)  
888-743-0023

**Oregon Attorney General**  
1162 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
[www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection](http://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection)  
877-877-9392

**California Attorney General**  
1300 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
[www.oag.ca.gov/privacy](http://www.oag.ca.gov/privacy)  
800-952-5225

**New York Attorney General**  
The Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224  
800-771-7755  
[ag.ny.gov](http://ag.ny.gov)

**Rhode Island Attorney General**  
150 South Main Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
[www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov)  
401-274-4400

**Iowa Attorney General**  
1305 E. Walnut Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319  
[www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov)  
888-777-4590

**NY Bureau of Internet and Technology**  
28 Liberty Street  
New York, NY 10005  
[www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/)  
212.416.8433

**Washington D.C. Attorney General**  
400 S 6th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
[oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection](http://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection)  
202-442-9828

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**700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**  
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**502-696-5300**

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