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SENT VIA EMAIL: SECURITYBREACH@ATG.WA.GOV

Washington Office of the Attorney General
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RE: Notice of Data Security Incident

Pursuant to RCW 42.56.590, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) is notifying you of a breach of security involving residents of the state of Washington.

Nature of Breach

On February 11, 2020, the WSP received a letter envelope from a law firm in Everett, WA, that was to contain a thumb drive containing documents provided to the law firm by WSP, under a protection order. The associated, non-redacted documents contained personal identifying information from a child exploitation investigation, conducted in 2016. The law firm represented one of the arrested suspects and requested documents of their client's arrest as well as several other documents associated with other suspects arrested during the operation. Witness personal identifying information was also contained in the provided documents.

The law firm received the thumb drive from WSP without incident but returned the thumb drive in a manner that did not demonstrate the same level of protection to prevent loss. As a result, the letter envelope the thumb drive was placed in, to send back to WSP, was breached and the thumb drive lost.

Number of Affected Individuals

We have identified 16 individuals who lost personal identifying information. Information each individual lost varies but includes some or a combination of the following: names and dates of birth, names and dates of birth of suspect/witness children, driver's license numbers and pictures, abstract of driving records, social security numbers, residence addresses, phone numbers, vehicle registrations, and criminal history information.

Steps WSP Has Taken With Respect To Incident

We are notifying the affected persons, by first class mail deposited on this date, of the possible exposure of their personal information. Attached is a sample copy of the notice.

Contact Information

For further information about this notice, please contact Captain Roger Wilbur at (360) 704-2395 or via email at Roger.Wilbur@wsp.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Assistant Chief Robert E. Huss
Investigative Services Bureau

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Enclosure (1)
cc: Captain Roger D. Wilbur



March 11, 2020

Name
Address
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Subject: Inadvertent Release of Information

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the potential loss of your personal information contained in electronic records maintained by the Washington State Patrol (WSP).

The WSP produced records containing personal information to a law firm, under a protective order. It is our understanding the law firm mailed a thumb drive containing those records to the WSP through the United States Postal Service (USPS). However, the thumb drive did not arrive at the WSP, and it appears to have been lost in transit. The WSP has contacted the relevant mail courier to locate the thumb drive, and has made a claim with the USPS to locate the thumb drive.

The personal information contained on the thumb drive may have included your name and date of birth, your child/children's names and dates of birth, address and driver's license number, abstract copy of driving record, social security number, residence address, criminal history, and/or phone number. We have no evidence any of the data has been accessed or used, but we want to notify you of the possibility. We apologize for this incident and any inconvenience it may have caused.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this incident, please contact Captain Roger Wilbur at (360) 704-2395 or via email at Roger.Wilbur@wsp.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Assistant Chief Robert E. Huss
Investigative Services Bureau

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