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# THE CITY OF **DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

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[Date]

[First Name] [Last Name]

[Address]

[City, State, Zip]

Dear [Name],

The City of Dothan ("the City") was recently notified by its third-party vendor, CentralSquare Technologies ("CentralSquare"), of an event that may involve some of your personal information.

The security of personal information is extremely important to us, and we apologize for any inconvenience this incident may cause. Upon notification of this incident, the City promptly launched an internal investigation with the assistance of third-party investigators. The City takes this incident very seriously and attached in the "Steps You Can Take to Protect Your Information" we are providing you with information and access to resources so that you can better protect your personal information, should you feel it is appropriate to do so.

We understand you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. To ensure your questions are answered in a timely manner, you may contact 855-930-0684, which can be reached Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You may also contact to us directly at 334-615-4100 or write to us directly at ATTN: IT Director, 126 N. St. Andrews Street, Dothan, AL, 36303 or [dothanutilities@dothan.org](mailto:dothanutilities@dothan.org).

We sincerely regret any inconvenience this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Mason".

Jack Mason  
IT Director  
City of Dothan, AL



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## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

It is always good practice to remain vigilant over the next twelve to twenty-four months against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, and to monitor your credit reports for suspicious activity, and we encourage you to take those steps. Under U.S. law you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report.

## VENDOR ENROLLMENT LANGUAGE

At no charge, you can also have these credit bureaus place a "fraud alert" on your file that alerts creditors to take additional steps to verify your identity prior to granting credit in your name. Note, however, that because it tells creditors to follow certain procedures to protect you, it may also delay your ability to obtain credit while the agency verifies your identity. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts on your file. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, or should you have any questions regarding your credit report, please contact any one of the agencies listed below.

Equifax  
P.O. Box 105069  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

Experian  
P.O. Box 2002  
Allen, TX 75013  
888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

TransUnion  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 19106  
800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

Under Massachusetts law, consumers may place a security freeze on their credit reports. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without the consumer's written authorization. However, please be advised that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit mortgages, employment, housing, or other services. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a security freeze on your credit report.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion by regular, certified or overnight mail to the addresses below:

Experian Security Freeze  
PO Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
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  
1-888-909-8872  
[www.transunion.com/credit-freeze](http://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze)

Equifax Security Freeze  
PO 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)



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In order to request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, provide the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.);
7. If you are a victim of identity theft, include a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft;

The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit file report. The credit bureaus must also send written confirmation to you within five (5) business days and provide you with a unique personal identification number (PIN) or password, or both, that can be used by you to authorize the removal or lifting of the security freeze.

To lift the security freeze in order to allow a specific entity or individual access to your credit report, you must call or send a written request to the credit reporting agencies by mail and include proper identification (name, address, and Social Security number) **and** the PIN number or password provided to you when you placed the security freeze, as well as the identities of those entities or individuals you would like to receive your credit report or the specific period of time you want the credit report available. The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft, security freezes, and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The Federal Trade Commission can be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov); 1-877-ID-THEFT (877-438-4338); and TTY: 866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them, and you can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement, the FTC, the Massachusetts Attorney General and the relevant financial institution.