



## Sample Individual Notification Letter

October 8, 2021

[Full Name]
[Address 1]
[Address 2]
[City], [State] [Zip Code]

# **Notice of Security Incident**

## Dear [FIRST NAME]:

We are writing to inform you of an incident potentially involving some of your personal information held by Terrier Media Buyer, Inc. dba Cox Media Group ("CMG"). We want to make clear at the outset that keeping personal data safe and secure is very important to us and we deeply regret that this incident occurred.

### WHAT HAPPENED?

On June 3, 2021, we discovered that an unauthorized third party had gained remote access to our network in an effort to disrupt our operations.

#### WHAT INFORMATION WAS INVOLVED?

The types of personal information that the unauthorized third party could have obtained included your name, [additional data fields]. However, CMG currently has no evidence confirming that your information has actually been removed from its system or misused.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING

We have implemented enhanced security controls and have been cooperating with law enforcement to investigate this incident.

Although at this time we have no indication of any misuse of your information, as a precaution, we are offering a complimentary two-year membership of IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B which includes credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Experian.

Once you enroll, Experian provides you with the following key features:

• Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*

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 Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.

- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM: 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.

#### **Enrollment Instructions**

- 1. ENROLL by: [Enrollment End Date] (Your code will not work after this date.)
- 2. VISIT the **Experian IdentityWorks website** to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- 3. PROVIDE the Activation Code: [Activation Code]
  - Enrollment URL: <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit;">https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit;</a> Engagement number: [Engagement Number]

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at (833) 281-4830. Be prepared to provide engagement number [Engagement Number] as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for more information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at (833) 281-4830.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

We strongly encourage you to contact Experian and take advantage of the credit monitoring and identify theft protection services we are offering to you free of charge. Remain vigilant and carefully review your financial accounts for any suspicious activity.

If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should change the password and security questions associated with the account, and promptly notify law enforcement, the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained and any relevant government agency, such as the IRS, SSA, or state DMV, as applicable.

If you would like to take additional steps to protect your personal information, attached to this letter are helpful resources on how to do so, including recommendations by the Federal Trade

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Commission regarding identity theft protection and details on how to place a fraud alert or a security freeze on your credit file where relevant.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

We take our responsibility to protect your information extremely seriously, and we sincerely regret any inconvenience this incident has caused you. If you have any questions, you can contact us at Inquiries@cmg.com or (833) 281-4830.

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<sup>\*</sup> Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.



### **Additional Resources**

Below are additional helpful tips you may want to consider to protect your personal information.

Review Your Credit Reports and Account Statements; Notify Law Enforcement of Suspicious Activity: As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant by reviewing your credit reports and account statements 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. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You can also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft. You can contact the FTC at:

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

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 https://www.annualcreditreport.com, calling toll-free 877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to the Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You can print this form at https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action. Credit reporting agency contact details are provided below.

Equifax:	Experian:	TransUnion:
equifax.com equifax.com/personal/credit- report-services P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374	experian.com experian.com/help P.O. Box 2002 Allen, TX 75013 888-397-3742	transunion.com transunion.com/credit-help P.O. Box 1000 Chester, PA 19016 888-909-8872
866-349-5191		

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or credit inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. Look for information, such as home address and Social

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Security number, that is inaccurate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

Fraud Alert: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit file. An initial fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit file for at least 90 days. 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. If you have already been a victim of identity theft, you may have an extended alert placed on your report if you provide the appropriate documentary proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three credit reporting agencies identified above.

**Security Freeze**: You have the ability to place a security freeze on your credit report at no charge. A security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent but may delay your ability to obtain credit. To place a security freeze, you must contact each of the three credit bureaus listed above and may be required to provide your full name; SSN; date of birth; the addresses where you have lived over the past five years; proof of current address, such as a utility bill or telephone bill; a copy of a government issued identification card; and if you are the victim of identity theft, the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency.

- The credit reporting agencies have three (3) business days after receiving your request to place a security freeze on your credit 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 remove the security freeze, you must contact each of the three credit bureaus 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. The credit bureaus have three (3) business days after receiving your request to remove the security freeze.

Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act Rights: The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) is federal legislation that regulates how consumer reporting agencies use your information. It promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of consumer information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. As a consumer, you have certain rights under the FCRA, which the FTC has summarized as follows: you must be told if information in your file has been used against you; you have the right to know what is in your file; you have the right to ask for a credit score; you have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; you may seek damages from violators. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.

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For more information about these rights, you may go to www.ftc.gov/credit or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 13-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

**Additional Information**: You have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of fraud or identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report.

You may consider starting a file with copies of your credit reports, any police report, any correspondence, and copies of disputed bills. It is also useful to keep a log of your conversations with creditors, law enforcement officials, and other relevant parties.