Fleming, Tawfall & Company, P.C.

Return to IDX: 4145 SW Watson Avenue, Suite 400 Beaverton, OR 97005



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June 16, 2023

Notice of Data Incident

Dear <<First name>> <<Middle name>> <<Last name>> <<Sufx>>:

Fleming, Tawfall & Company, P.C. was recently alerted of a data security incident involving an affiliated company, Carlinville CPA Group (CVCPA), which may have affected your personal information between April 10, 2023 and April 11, 2023. Based on our current review, **we have no indication that your personal information has been or will be used inappropriately**, but we wanted to make you aware of the incident, the measures we have taken in response, and to provide details on the proactive steps you can take to help protect your information. We take the protection and proper use of your information seriously and are working to prevent a similar incident from occurring again in the future.

What Information Was Involved

The elements of your personal information that may have been impacted may have included, and potentially were not limited to, your: name, <<data elements>>. Please note that we have no evidence at this time that any of your personal information has been or will be misused as a result of the incident.

What We Are Doing

As you may know, CVCPA was previously a part of Fleming, Tawfall & Company, P.C. until earlier this year. During the migration process, some Fleming Tawfall & Company, P.C. data was accessible to CVCPA, some of which was impacted by CVCPA's incident. In response to the incident, we have taken steps to complete the separation of these companies and ensure only current members of Fleming, Tawfall & Company, PC, have access to its data and systems. Additionally, out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for you to enroll in a complementary, credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through IDX, the data breach and recovery services expert. IDX identity protection services include: twenty-four (24) months of credit and CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed identity theft recovery services. With this protection, IDX will help you resolve issues if your identity is compromised.

What You Can Do

You can sign up for the credit monitoring service anytime between now and September 16, 2023. Due to privacy laws, we cannot register you directly. Please note that credit monitoring services might not be available for individuals who do not have a credit file with TransUnion or an address in the United States (or its territories) and a valid Social Security number. Enrolling in this service will not affect your credit score.

Once you are enrolled, you will be able to obtain twenty-four (24) months of credit monitoring service which will notify you if there are any critical changes to your credit file at TransUnion, including fraud alerts, new inquiries, new accounts, new public records, late payments, changes of address, and more. The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

At this time, we are not aware of anyone experiencing fraud as a result of this incident. However, as data incidents are increasingly common, we encourage you to always remain vigilant, monitor your accounts, and immediately report any suspicious activity or suspected misuse of your personal information. Additionally, we recommend that you review the following page, which contains important additional information about steps you can take to safeguard your personal information, such as the implementation of fraud alerts and security freezes.

For More Information

Please know that the protection of personal information is a top priority, and we understand the inconvenience and concern this incident may cause. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 1-800-939-4170, Monday – Friday, from 6 am - 6 pm Pacific Time.

Sincerely,

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Additional Important Information

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.

Massachusetts law also allows consumers to place a security freeze on their credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, please be aware 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. Under federal law, you cannot be charged to place, lift, or remove a security freeze.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must make a direct request by telephone, secure electronic means (website), or written request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax; Experian; and TransUnion at the addresses and/or numbers below:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/ (800) 349-9960

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 experian.com/freeze/center.html (888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094 <u>transunion.com/credit-freeze</u> (888) 909-8872

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- 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 (5) years;
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Once enrolled, you will have twenty-four (24) months of unlimited CyberScan dark web monitoring. CyberScan monitoring which will monitor criminal websites, chat rooms, and bulletin boards for illegal selling or trading of your child's personal information. The service also includes access to an identity restoration program that provides assistance in the event that your child's identity is compromised and up to \$1,000,000 in identity theft insurance with no deductible. (Policy limitations and exclusions may apply.)

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