





November 20, 2024

Subject: Notice of Data Security Incident

Dear :

We are writing to inform you of a data security incident that may have involved your personal information. Mark Cerrone, Inc. ("Mark Cerrone") takes the privacy and security of the data under our care very seriously and we regret any concern or inconvenience this may cause. Please read this letter carefully as it contains information regarding the incident and steps you can take to help protect your personal information.

What Happened. On September 7, 2024, Mark Cerrone discovered suspicious activity within its network. Upon discovery, we immediately took steps to address the issue and secure our environment, including engaging a team of cybersecurity specialists, working with law enforcement, and launching a comprehensive investigation. The investigation determined that certain personal information may have been acquired without authorization. We thereafter undertook a comprehensive review to determine the nature of the information, the individuals to whom the information pertained and the addresses for those individuals. That process was completed in October 2024.

What Information Was Involved. The information may have included your name and Social Security number.

What We Are Doing. As soon as we discovered this incident, we took the steps described above and implemented measures to enhance security and minimize the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future.

In response to the incident, we are providing you with access to Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud. These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services.

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <a href="https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate">https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate</a> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services:

In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.

What You Can Do. You can follow the recommendations on the following page to help protect your personal information. You can also enroll in the complimentary services offered to you through TransUnion using the instructions provided in this letter.

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**For More Information.** Further information about how to protect your personal information appears on the following page. If you have questions or need assistance, please call 1-800-405-6108 between the hours of 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Again, we take your trust in us and this matter very seriously and regret any concern or inconvenience it may cause.

Sincerely,

Mark Cerrone, Inc. 2368 Maryland Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14305

## Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Personal 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 incidence of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, your state attorney general, and/or the Federal Trade Commission (the "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 <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>, 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	Experian	TransUnion
P.O. Box 105851	P.O. Box 9532	P.O. Box 1000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-916-8800
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	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 <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.

Security Freeze: You have the right to put a security freeze on your credit file for up to one year at no cost. This will prevent new credit from being opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A security freeze is designed to prevent potential creditors from accessing your credit report without your consent. As a result, using a security freeze may interfere with or delay your ability to obtain credit. You must separately place a security freeze on your credit file with each credit reporting agency. In order to place a security freeze, you may be required to provide the consumer reporting agency with information that identifies you including your full name, Social Security number, date of birth, current and previous addresses, a copy of your state-issued identification card, and a recent utility bill, bank statement or insurance statement.

**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 877-438-4338 **Maryland Attorney General** 

200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202

www.maryland attorney general.gov/Pages/

CPD

888-743-0023

**California Attorney General** 

1300 I Street

Sacramento, CA 95814 www.oag.ca.gov/privacy

800-952-5225

**Iowa Attorney General** 

1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines, Iowa 50319 www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov

888-777-4590

**Kentucky Attorney General** 

700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 118

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

www.ag.ky.gov 502-696-5300 **New York Attorney General** 

The Capitol Albany, NY 12224 800-771-7755

ag.ny.gov

NY Bureau of Internet and Technology

28 Liberty Street New York, NY 10005

www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection/

212.416.8433

**NC Attorney General** 

9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699

ncdoj.gov/protectingconsumers/

877-566-7226

**Oregon Attorney General** 

1162 Court St., NE Salem, OR 97301

www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protecti

on

877-877-9392

**Rhode Island Attorney General** 

150 South Main Street Providence, RI 02903 www.riag.ri.gov 401-274-4400

Washington D.C. Attorney General

400 S 6th Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection

202-442-9828

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 www.consumer.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/articles/pdf/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf.