

NOTICE OF DATA EVENT

November 27, 2024 – Ware, Jackson, Lee, O’Neill, Smith & Barrow, LLP (“Ware Jackson” or “We”) recently discovered an event that may have impacted the privacy of information related to certain individuals. As we continue to investigate and work toward notifying impacted individuals directly, we are providing information about the event, our response, and steps potentially impacted individuals can take to better protect against the possible misuse of their information should they feel it is appropriate to do so.

What Happened. Ware Jackson recently received information suggesting that unauthorized activity occurred within our technology environment. After ensuring the continued security of our environment, we launched an investigation with the assistance of third-party specialists. On November 7, 2024, Ware Jackson confirmed that an unauthorized actor accessed our systems and certain information within them. On November 8, 2024, Ware Jackson launched efforts to confirm the contents of the accessible information. The investigation remains ongoing.

What Information Was Affected. At this time, we have not confirmed the contents of the accessible dataset but believe it may include information provided to Ware Jackson during the course of legal representation.

How Will Individuals Know If They Are Affected By This Event? The website and media notices provide information currently known about the event. We are reviewing the accessible dataset to determine its contents and whether further notice is due to any individual.

What We are Doing. We take this event and the obligation to safeguard the information in our care very seriously. After discovering the event, we worked to confirm our system’s continued security and brought in specialists to help us investigate what happened.

What Affected Individuals Can Do. We will notify individuals, if statutorily necessary, whose personal information is located within the accessible dataset. We encourage individuals to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft by reviewing their financial account statements for unusual activity. Additional information can be found below in the *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information* and in the notification letters that will be sent to affected individuals.

For More Information. If you have questions, please contact us at 2929 Allen Pkwy, 39th Floor, Houston, TX 77019 or email us at info@warejackson.com

Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information

Monitor your credit reports for suspicious or unauthorized activity. Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Place a fraud alert on your credit file. Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended “fraud alert” on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a one-year alert that is placed on a consumer’s credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer’s credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer’s identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

Place a security freeze on your credit file. As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a “credit freeze” on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer’s express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial, as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to 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.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place fraud alerts or credit freezes, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
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https://www.equifax.com/persona/credit-report-services/ 1-888-298-0045 Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069 Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	https://www.experian.com/help/ 1-888-397-3742 Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013 Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	https://www.transunion.com/credit-help 1-800-916-8800 TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016 TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094
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Additional Information

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; 1-202-727-3400; and oag.dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and <http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>.

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

For New Mexico residents, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus 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 credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not

summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; 1-401-274-4400; and www.riag.ri.gov. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event.