

February 14, 2006

David Webb

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Dear David Webb:

We are writing to inform you that an Ernst & Young employee recently had a laptop containing personally identifiable information stolen from their locked car. We believe that a file containing your name and Social Security number was stored on the laptop. The file name gave no indication of its contents. No other information about you was included in this file. We have reported this crime to law enforcement authorities and are working with them on this matter.

The stolen laptop requires a password to use it, and it appears that the theft was a random criminal act. We have no reason to believe that any of the information on the laptop has been accessed or misused.

Ernst & Young takes the security and privacy of our clients' personal information very seriously and deeply regrets that this incident has occurred. To assist you so you can take steps to protect against possible identity theft, we have taken the following steps:

- We have set up a call center with a special toll-free number – (866) 317-1689, or if you are outside the United States and Canada, +1 (201) 872-0161 – to assist you with questions or concerns you may have related to this incident. Our call center will be staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, from now until May 1. Callers may leave a message after hours and they will receive a call back on the next business day.
- We have contacted the three major U.S. credit bureaus to inform them of this incident. Upon a request from you, the agencies will place a "fraud alert" on your file which alerts creditors to take additional steps to verify your identity prior to granting credit in your name. There is no charge to you for this service. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, contact any one of the following bureaus:

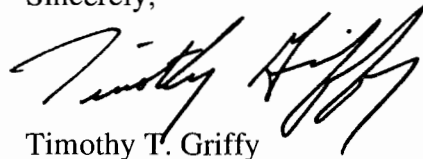
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Toll-Free</i>	<i>International Toll</i>	<i>Website</i>
Experian	888-397-3742	N/A	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>
Equifax	800-525-6285	404-885-8709	<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>
TransUnion	800-680-7289	N/A	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

- We have arranged for you, at your option, to enroll in credit monitoring, at no cost to you, for the next year. Once you enroll, you will receive communications detailing any key changes to your credit reports from all three credit bureaus. If there is no activity, you will be updated on a monthly basis. To enroll in this service, please contact our call center to obtain instructions and a promotion code and then register at <http://partner.consumerinfo.com/ey>.

You are also entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll-free (877) 322-8228. For additional information on how to further protect yourself against identity theft, you may wish to visit the web site of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/).

Again, we deeply regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause you.

Sincerely,



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