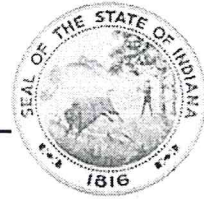


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Members of the Press and Media:

In the interest promoting trust and sharing information between the residents of Warrick County and the Prosecutor's Office, we offer the following press release:

Shortly after taking office, I became aware of a possible breach of computer security that occurred in the Prosecutor's Office sometime in March or April of 2014. This breach was the result of email that was infected with something known as a "cryptolocker virus." This type of virus infects a servers' files, and encrypts them so that they are no longer useful. A secondary aspect of this particular virus is a message from the originator of the virus that for a certain amount of "cyber" money (e.g. bitcoin), the encryption would be reversed and the files restored.

Some of the files that were included in this security breach were those in the Child Support Division, which include potential personal identifiers such as Social Security Numbers, Names, Addresses, Personal Tax information, etc.

The duties and responsibilities of this office mandate that the elected Prosecutor immediately notify certain government agencies of a suspected breach, including the I.R.S, the Federal Social Security Administration, and the State Child Support Bureau (among others). After a thorough investigation, it was determined that such notification was never done. In fact, during this investigation, it was discovered the elected Prosecutor at the time, Ms. Joann Krantz, not only failed to notify any of the respective agencies, she issued express orders to all employees that this matter was not to be discussed with anyone. This directive was contained in an email that stated, "Important reminder- "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas"- including issues/problems we might have with software and equipment." (See attached).

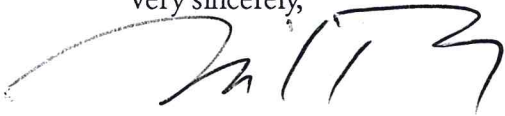
Conversely, upon receipt of the information of the security breach, I immediately notified the District 8 Regional Child Support Representative of the suspected breach. This individual in turn, notified the State Child Support Bureau, who then began an exhaustive investigation into this matter, which included cooperation among the Warrick County Prosecutor's Office, the Federal SSA, the IRS, and members of the State Child Support Bureau.

Several points of emphasis were gleaned from this investigation. First, under the direction of the elected prosecutor, the child support staff were improperly scanning Title IV-D cases and

storing them in an unsecured fashion. Secondly, the elected prosecutor failed to fulfill the duties and obligations of her office by reporting the suspected breach and instead elected to suppress this information, which action hindered the subsequent efforts to determine if any personal information had been illegally obtained.

Finally, to the best information that all the invested parties to this investigation can determine at this date and time, there appears to not have been any personal and identifying information obtained by impermissible parties as a result of this breach. All available resources have been marshaled to ensure that future breaches will be next to impossible. We, as law enforcement officials are more than aware that Identity Theft is a very serious, and ever increasing crime. The Warrick County Prosecutor's Office assigns the protection of an individual's personal, identifying information as a highest priority. If, however, by some illegal method, the computer servers of this office are invaded by some outside source, we can assure the general public that all appropriate authorities will be notified, all steps will be taken to protect the identities and identifying information of individuals who may have such on file with our office, and all individuals responsible for these criminal actions will be prosecuted.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MJP', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Michael J. Perry,
Warrick County Prosecutor

From: JoAnn Krantz

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:52 AM

To: Amy Steinkamp Miskimen; Daniel Miller; Jennifer Greer; JoAnn Krantz; Michael Land; Parker Trulock; Amber Wittenbraker; Andrea Fueger; Cheryl Chodkiewicz; Erin Borgman; Hope York; Nancy Underhill; Wendi Myers; Amy Pollock; Cyndi Payne; Dawn Garrett; Jennifer Lamp

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