Statement from UCM: Indictment of Individuals in Data Case

The University of Central Missouri appreciates the work of the U.S. Attorney for the Western District and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and others such as the University’s Department of Public Safety who have helped bring this case involving unauthorized access to campus databases to the legal system. We hope that justice will now be served.

The University of Central Missouri takes campus security very seriously. This was a case involving a compromise of credentials that led to unlawful access of data. Once the university learned that information was unlawfully attained, we acted immediately to notify individuals who may be affected and alert them of steps that they can take to help protect themselves from misuse of the accessed information, including offering paid one-year memberships to Experian credit monitoring service. We have also taken measures to keep the campus community informed of steps they can take as individuals to ensure good computing procedures, such as protecting their passwords, to help maximize our protection from similar events. We are confident that we have good systems and processes in place to protect data.

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