

**MAINE SECURITY BREACH REPORTING FORM
PURSUANT TO ME. STAT. § 1348**

ATTACHMENT 1

GERALD O. DRY, P.A.

This attachment provides additional details relating to an update regarding a previously reported data security incident in which it is believed that an unauthorized third party gained access to an electronic database used by Gerald O. Dry, P.A. (the “Firm”). The Firm provides its clients with accounting and tax preparation services from its location in Concord, North Carolina.

This data security incident stems from a malicious malware attack on the Firm’s servers where taxpayer information was kept. In February 2022, the Firm began to experience an abnormally high rejection rate when electronically filing clients’ federal tax returns. The Firm then received notice from Intuit, the Firm’s tax handling software vendor, of possible suspicious activity. The Firm quickly began an investigation and, after a thorough analysis of the available forensic logs, it was discovered that the Firm’s server, where all tax returns are stored prior to filing, was compromised in 2021 by the introduction of malware that could have allowed an unauthorized person to gain remote access. This malware was removed by endpoint protection software installed by the Firm’s third-party managed IT provider on or about June 8, 2021.

The Firm first mailed formal notice of this incident to individual tax filer clients and their spouses. This notice was mailed on March 25, 2022.

Thereafter, the Firm conducted a careful review of its remaining records to identify any additional individuals whose information may have been compromised. Following this review, it was determined that five (5) additional Maine residents were affected. These individuals are primarily dependents of primary tax filers notified in the Firm’s initial review or individuals associated with the business entities for whom the Firm files tax returns. Notice, in substantially the same form as the enclosed sample letters, was mailed to these individuals or their parent/guardian on July 6, 2022.

The Firm is offering all potentially affected persons a complimentary one-year membership in identity theft protection services from IDX. This offering includes CyberScan monitoring, a \$1,000,000 insurance reimbursement policy, and fully managed ID theft recovery services. Additionally, all adults who register with IDX will receive credit monitoring for the duration of the identity theft protection services.

Finally, please note that the form of the written notice will vary depending on whether a notified individual is a minor-dependent, non-minor-dependent, or someone associated with a business entity. All three versions are included in the single PDF attached to the Firm’s supplemental report.

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