



Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Dear MnDOT employee:

I write to notify you that private data about you, maintained by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) may have been accessed by an unauthorized person.

On August 16, 2013, a MnDOT laptop was stolen. The password protected laptop contained a file, created by MnDOT's Office of Human Resources, which had both public data and private demographic data about you. The private demographic data included your sex, age, race, and whether or not you have a disability. If you have a disability, the file did not contain any details about your disability.

MnDOT immediately reported the theft to the appropriate law enforcement authority, determined the type of private data the file contained, consulted with MN.IT@DOT's Chief Information Security Officer, and notified the Office of the Legislative Auditor. Even though the file did not contain any social security numbers or home contact information, MnDOT is required to notify the three main Credit Reporting Agencies (TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian) about the possibility of unauthorized access to this data.

The Credit Reporting Agencies recommend that if you have concerns about the safety or integrity of your data, you place a notice of Fraud Alert or Security Freeze on any records they may have about you. To contact the three agencies, use the addresses or numbers below:

Experian Security Assistance
PO Box 72
Allen, TX 75013
www.experian.com
1-888-397-3742

Equifax Information Services
PO Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374
www.equifax.com
1-888-766-0008

TransUnion Fraud Victim Assistance Center
P.O. Box 6790
Fullerton, CA 92834
www.transunion.com
1-800-680-7289

MnDOT takes its responsibility to protect data very seriously and deeply regrets the disclosure and any inconvenience or distress this disclosure may cause for you. Please feel free to contact me at (651) 366-4837 or peter.zuniga@state.mn.us if you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Zuniga
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