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DPS Sends Notification to Individuals of Compromised Personal Information

As part of an ongoing investigation of the burglary and theft that occurred at the Department of Public Safety building which began 12/22/2016, it was discovered that approximately 1,020 people were identified as potentially having some of their personal information compromised. This prompted the DPS to notify these individuals so that they can take appropriate steps to minimize their risk of becoming a victim of identity theft.

On December 30, 2016, an employee of the Division of Statewide Services was arrested for criminal theft from the office. During the execution of search warrants of the employee's property, the investigation revealed that the employee removed several records from the office to include documents containing personal information displaying social security numbers. The records included a number of individuals who completed transactions with DPS between 02/04/16 and 12/30/16.

At this time, DPS has no evidence to suggest there has been any misuse of this information. However, individuals are encouraged to take precautions to guard against the misuse of personal information that could result in identity theft.

If a person who received a notification through the mail concerning their transaction(s), or that provided personal information to DPS, during this time frame, has questions pertaining to a submitted background check or whether or not their data was part of the thefts, they can contact the Department of Public Safety, Division of Statewide Services, Criminal Records & Identification Bureau at: 907-269-5634.

Link to the original release for the Burglary/Theft posted on the Daily Dispatches webpage:
<https://dps.alaska.gov/dailydispatch/AK16091967>

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