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July 6, 2006

North Carolina Attorney General's Office
Consumer Protection Division
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

Re: Reporting Data Loss involving Social Security Numbers of State Residents

Dear Sir or Madam:

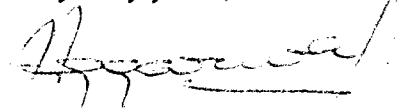
On June 12th, a laptop containing names and social security numbers of 1,924 current and former employees was reported to the company as stolen from an employee's home. While the data was in a file that was deleted even from the recycle bin, on June 29th we sent written notification to effected individuals, some of whom are North Carolina residents. This notice was sent to the individuals' last known address that the company had on file. There were three individuals, however, whose addresses could not be found.

While we continue to make efforts to locate these individuals, we would like to notify your office of this data breach. We are also attaching the written notice that was sent out to the effected individuals.

We deeply regret the occurrence of this incident. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide you with any additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Neeraj Aggarwal
Director of Financial Operations

Enclosure: Copy of Notice sent to employees.



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We want to alert you that a laptop was recently stolen that contained your name and social security number in a "deleted" file. The laptop was used by an employee in our financial planning group and the information was to be used for data analysis.



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Because the information was in a deleted file, we believe the likelihood of any misuse is low. Indeed, we believe that the thieves were interested in the hardware, rather than any data it contained. Nevertheless, we consider this breach to be very serious, and we have taken a number of steps to mitigate any damage that may result from this unfortunate incident. We reported the theft immediately to the police and other government authorities. In addition:

1. We have hired ConsumerInfo.com, an Experian® company, to provide you with free credit monitoring for one full year. This will enable you to identify any possible fraudulent use of your information, and you will be automatically notified of any activity that may be a sign of identity theft. Your complimentary membership includes:

- One "3-Bureau Report" when you sign up;
- Monitoring of all three of your national credit reports every day;
- Email or SMS text alerts when suspicious activity is identified;
- \$10,000 identity theft insurance provided by Virginia Surety Company Inc.; and
- Access to fraud resolution representatives should you become a victim of identity theft.

To take advantage of this free membership, please activate it within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter. Visit <http://partner.experiandirect.com/premium> and enter the code provided below for instructions.

Your Credit Monitoring Access Code: «Pass_Code»

We strongly urge you to activate your credit monitoring membership immediately. The membership will be effective for twelve (12) months from the date of activation.

2. We have contacted the three major credit bureaus to advise them of this incident. The bureaus require that individuals contact them directly regarding theft of personal information. We encourage you to contact them so that they can record the theft in your credit file. This may be important if someone does use your information fraudulently.

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You need to call only one of the bureaus in order to alert all three, but you should do this only **after** you have signed up for the credit monitoring service described above.

- Equifax, www.equifax.com, 800-525-6285
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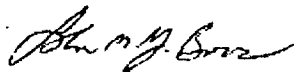
3. We have set up a toll free number, 877-586-6926, where you can leave a message with any questions or concerns that you have about this incident. Your phone call will be returned within one business day. You may also e-mail us at frsecurityhelp@fr.com if you have questions or concerns not covered in this letter. Additional resources may be found at www.consumer.gov/idtheft, a Federal Trade Commission Web site.

We want to emphasize that no one from Fish & Richardson will call you about this matter except to return calls made to the toll free number. If someone does call you, please do not give them personal information. Instead, please contact us immediately at frsecurityhelp@fr.com.

We are very concerned about this situation and want to give you all the help that we can so that you are not adversely affected. Preserving the security of electronic data is a serious issue today, and recently many companies have experienced similar thefts. Fish & Richardson treats the security of personal information with utmost sensitivity and is putting added safeguards in place to help prevent future occurrences.

We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you. We fully recognize and appreciate the trust you put in our organization. We will work to maintain your trust as we resolve any issues that may arise from this security breach. We hope that you will contact us with your questions and concerns at 877-586-6926 or frsecurityhelp@fr.com.

Sincerely,



Alison M. Y. Boos
Chief Financial Officer

North Carolina Security Breach Reporting Form
Pursuant to the Identity Theft Protection Act of 2005

Name of Business Experiencing Breach: Fish & Richardson
Address: 265 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110
Telephone: 617-542-5070
Fax: 617-330-1060
Email: Aggarwal@fr.com

PLEASE SUBMIT FORM TO:
Consumer Protection Division
NC Attorney General's Office
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
Telephone: (919) 716-6000
Toll Free in NC: (877) 566-7226
FAX: (919) 716-6050

Date Security Breach Reporting Form submitted: 7/18/2006

Date the Security Breach was discovered: 6/12/2006

Estimated number of affected individuals: 1,924

Estimated number of NC residents affected: 10

Name of business contractor where breach occurred if breach occurred at a business maintaining or processing records for the business that owns or licenses the records: N/A

Describe the circumstances surrounding the Security Breach: An employee's home was broken into and a laptop containing names and social security numbers of some current and former employees was stolen.

State whether the information breached or potentially breached was password protected or encrypted in some manner. _____ If so, please describe the security measures protecting the information: The data was in a "deleted" file that was even emptied out of the recycle bin.

Describe any measures taken to prevent a similar Security Breach from occurring in the future: All laptops are password protected. Encryption software is being loaded.

Date affected NC residents were/will be notified: 6/29/2006

If there has been any delay in notifying affected NC residents, describe the circumstances surrounding the delay pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-65(a) and (c): Some addresses on file were old. Updated addresses were found and subsequently mailed out.

How NC residents were/will be notified?
(pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 75-65(e))

Please attach copy of the notice if in written form or a copy of any scripted notice if in telephonic form.

written notice
 electronic notice (email)
 telephone notice
 substitute notice

Signature: Aggarwal Date: 7/18/2006
Contact Person, Title: Neeraj Aggarwal, Director of Financial Operations
Address: _____
(if different from above)
Telephone: 617-542-5070 Fax: 617-330-1060 Email: Aggarwal@fr.com

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Kim D' Arruda
Assistant Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
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Re: Security Breach Reporting Form

Dear Ms. D' Arruda:

Please find enclosed the completed North Carolina Security Breach Reporting Form. As requested, the events surrounding data theft are:

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You had also asked us about the steps we were taking to protect personal information and to prevent similar security breach in the future. We have put the following measures in place:

- All laptops are password protected;
- Data encryption software is being loaded on all laptops to prevent any unauthorized access even if somebody tried to steal the hard drive;
- Guidance on taking any sensitive information on a laptop have been communicated across the firm which emphasizes on securing such information;
- A team has been formed to look at the overall data security matters in the entire company and implement best practices.



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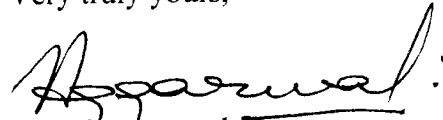
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Kim D' Arruda
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We once again regret the occurrence of this incident. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide you with any additional information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aggarwal", with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Neeraj Aggarwal
Director of Financial Operations

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