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January 19, 2024

# VIA E-MAIL

Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301 E-mail: <u>DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov</u>

# Re: Notice of Data Event

To Whom it May Concern:

We represent First Mid Bancshares, Inc. ("First Mid") located at 1421 Charleston Avenue, Matton, Illinois 61938. We are writing to notify your office of an event that may affect the security of certain personal information relating to five (5) New Hampshire residents on behalf of First Mid. By providing this notice, First Mid does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

#### Nature of the Data Event

On October 17, 2023, FMB learned from Fiserv, its service provider, of an incident related to vulnerabilities discovered in MOVEit Transfer by Progress Software, the commonly used secure Managed File Transfer (MFT) software supporting file transfer activities by thousands of organizations around the world. The MOVEit Transfer software was used by Fiserv to support First Mid's services.

Fiserv's analysis to date has identified unauthorized activity in the relevant MOVEit Transfer environment between May 27 to 31, 2023, which was before Progress Software publicly disclosed the existence of this vulnerability. During that time, unauthorized actors obtained files transferred via MOVEit Transfer which included certain personal information. This incident did not involve any First Mid systems.

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The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes

# Notice to New Hampshire Residents

On or about January 16, 2024, First Mid provided written notice of this event to potentially affected individuals. This mailing includes notice to approximately five (5) New Hampshire residents.

Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as Exhibit A.

### **Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken**

Upon discovering the event, First Mid moved quickly to investigate and respond to the event, assess the security of First Mid systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. First Mid is providing access to credit monitoring services for through Kroll, to individuals whose personal information was potentially impacted by this event, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, First Mid is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. First Mid is providing individuals with information on how to place fraud alerts and credit freezes on their credit files, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

# **Contact Information**

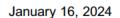
Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at

Very truly yours,

Ryan C. Loughlin of MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT** A







#### NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

#### Dear

We are contacting you regarding an incident involving MOVEit Transfer used by our service provider Fiserv through which some of your personal information was disclosed to a third party.

#### What Happened?

On October 17,2023, we learned from our service provider of an incident related to vulnerabilities discovered in MOVEit Transfer by Progress Software, the commonly used secure Managed File Transfer (MFT) software supporting file transfer activities by thousands of organizations around the world. The MOVEit Transfer software was used by our service provider to support our institution's services.

Our service provider's analysis to date has identified unauthorized activity in the relevant MOVEit Transfer environment between May 27 to 31, 2023, which was before Progress Software publicly disclosed the existence of this vulnerability. During that time, unauthorized actors obtained files transferred via MOVEit Transfer which included certain personal information. This incident did not involve any First Mid systems.

#### What Information Was Involved?

From a careful review of the contents of the files, our service provider determined that one or more of the files may have contained information including your

#### What We Are Doing.

We wanted to notify you of this incident and to assure you that we take it seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we took immediate steps to launch a comprehensive investigation, identify individuals affected and notified regulatory bodies as required. To help prevent something like this happening again, our service provider has remediated all technical vulnerabilities and patched systems in accordance with the MOVEit software provider's guidelines. Our service provider also mobilized a technical response team to examine the relevant MOVEit Transfer systems and ensure that there were no further vulnerabilities.

#### What You Can Do.

We have arranged for you to receive a complimentary free identity monitoring service through Kroll for 1 . Kroll is a global leader in risk mitigation and response, and their team has extensive experience helping people who have sustained an unintentional exposure of confidential data. Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration.

For more information on identity theft prevention, including instructions on how to activate your identity monitoring, as well as some additional steps you can take for your protection, please review Attachments A and B that follow this letter.

Regardless of whether you elect to activate the identity monitoring service, we strongly recommend that you remain vigilant for the next twelve to twenty-four months and regularly review and monitor all of your credit history to guard against any unauthorized transactions or activity. We also recommend that you closely monitor your account statements and notify us or any other of your financial institutions if you suspect any unauthorized activity.

#### For More Information.

Please be assured that we are taking steps to address the incident and to help protect the security of your data. If you have any questions about this notice or the incident, please contact the MoveIt Incident Response Line at (866) 731-2928 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Time, excluding major U.S. holidays.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Dively President and CEO First Mid Bank & Trust, NA

#### ATTACHMENT A

Visit https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

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Membership Number:

You have until

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For more information about Kroll and your Identity Monitoring services, you can visit info.krollmonitoring.com or call the MoveIt Incident Response Line at

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#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

#### Single Bureau Credit Monitoring

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

#### **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to help protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

#### **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

#### ATTACHMENT B

#### ADDITIONAL STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

To help protect against possible fraud, identity theft or other financial loss, we encourage you to remain vigilant over the next twelve to twenty-four months, to review your account statements and to monitor your credit reports. Provided below are the names and contact information for the three major U.S. credit bureaus and additional information about steps you can take to obtain a free credit report, and place a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit report. If you believe you are a victim of fraud or identity theft you should consider contacting your local law enforcement agency, your state's Attorney General, or the Federal Trade Commission.

#### INFORMATION ON OBTAINING A FREE CREDIT REPORT

U.S. residents are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit bureaus. To order your free credit reports, visit <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u> or call toll-free (877) 322-8228.

#### INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTING A FRAUD ALERT, CREDIT FREEZE, OR CREDIT LOCK

To place a fraud alert, credit freeze, or credit lock on your credit report, you must contact the three consumer reporting agencies below:

Equifax:	Experian:	TransUnion:
Equifax Information Services LLC	Credit Fraud Center	Fraud Victim Assistance Department
P.O. Box 105788	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30348	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19022-2000
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**Fraud Alert**: Consider contacting the three major consumer reporting agencies at the addresses above to place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert indicates to anyone requesting your credit file that you suspect you are a possible victim of fraud. A fraud alert does not affect your ability to get a loan or credit. Instead, it alerts a business that your personal information might have been compromised and requires that business to verify your identity before issuing you credit. Although this may cause some short delay if you are the one applying for the credit, it might help protect against someone else obtaining credit in your name.

To place a fraud alert, contact any of the three major consumer reporting agencies listed above and request that a fraud alert be put on your file. The agency that you contacted must notify the other two agencies. A fraud alert is free and lasts 90 days, but can be renewed.

**Credit Freeze**: A credit freeze prohibits a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report until the freeze is lifted. When a credit freeze is in place, no one—including you—can open a new account. As a result, please be aware that placing a security freeze on your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any requests you make for new loans, credit, mortgages, employment, housing, or other services.

Placing a credit freeze is free. To place a credit freeze, contact all three consumer reporting agencies listed above and provide the personal information required by each agency to place a freeze, which may include:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security Number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. If you have moved in the past five (5) years, the addresses where you have lived over the prior five years;
- 5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6. A legible photocopy of a government issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either a police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

When you place a credit freeze, you will be provided a PIN to lift temporarily or remove the credit freeze. A credit freeze generally lasts until you lift or remove it, although in some jurisdictions it will expire after seven years.

**Credit Lock**: Like a credit freeze, a credit lock restricts access to your credit report and prevents anyone from opening an account until unlocked. Unlike credit freezes, your credit can typically be unlocked online without delay. To lock your credit, contact all three consumer reporting agencies listed above and complete a credit lock agreement. The cost of a credit lock varies by agency, which typically charges monthly fees.

You may also contact the U.S. Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") for further information on fraud alerts, credit freezes, credit locks, and how to help protect yourself from identity theft. The FTC can be contacted at 400 7th St. SW, Washington, DC 20024; telephone 1-877-382-4357; or <u>www.consumer.gov/idtheft.</u>

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Your state Attorney General may also have advice on preventing identity theft, and you should report instances of known or suspected identity theft to law enforcement, your State Attorney General, or the FTC.

**District of Columbia Residents**: The Attorney General can be contacted at the Office of the Attorney General, 441 4th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001; (202) 727-3400; or <u>https://oag.dc.gov/.</u>

**Maryland Residents**: The Attorney General can be contacted at Office of Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202; (888) 743-0023; or <u>https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/</u>.

**Massachusetts Residents**: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in connection to the incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

North Carolina Residents: The Attorney General can be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 276999001; (919) 716-6400; or <u>http://www.ncdoj.gov</u>.

**New Mexico Residents**: You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), which governs the collection and use of information pertaining to you by consumer reporting agencies. For more information about your rights under the FCRA, please visit <u>https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf</u> or <u>www.ftc.gov</u>.

**New York Residents**: You may contact the New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY, 12231-001, (518) 474-8583/(800) 697-1220, <u>http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumerprotection</u>; and New York State Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY, 12224-0341, (800) 771-7755, <u>https://ag.ny.gov</u>.

**Rhode Island Residents:** The Attorney General can be contacted at (401) 274-4400 or <u>http://www.riag.ri.gov/</u>. You may also file a police report by contacting local or state law enforcement agencies.