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**CONSUMER PROTECTION** 

August 24, 2017

# **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Attorney General Gordon MacDonald New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Data Security Incident Notification

Dear Attorney General MacDonald:

I am writing on behalf of Crescent Mortgage Company, domiciled in Atlanta, Georgia, and a wholly owned subsidiary of CresCom Bank, domiciled in Charleston, South Carolina. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a data security incident which affects seven residents in your state. As a wholly owned subsidiary of a federally insured institution bank that is supervised and regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Crescent Mortgage Company is subject to the requirements of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act and has fulfilled its requirements to notify its regulator and affected consumers under the Act.

While New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 359-C:20(V) exempts Crescent Mortgage Company from notifying your office of this incident, because it has complied with its obligations under Federal law, Crescent Mortgage Company is providing your office with this courtesy notice because the Company's consumer notification letter advises affected consumers to contact you in the event that they become a victim of identity theft. For your reference, please find enclosed a sample consumer notification letter which Crescent Mortgage Company will use to notify all affected residents on August 25, 2017.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

David F. Katz

**Enclosure** 



<<MemberFirstName>> <<MemberMiddleName>> <<MemberLastName>> <<Address1>> <<Address2>> <<City>>, <<State>> <<ZipCode>>

<< Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

#### NOTICE OF DATA BREACH

Dear << Member First Name>> << Member Last Name>>,

Crescent Mortgage Company values your business and respects the privacy of your information, which is why we are writing to let you know about a data security incident that involves your personal information.

## What Happened?

On August 4, 2017, we learned that certain information related to customer mortgage loans was accessed without authorization by an outside third party between the dates of July 14, 2017 and August 5, 2017. After discovering this compromise, we immediately engaged cyber security experts to assist us in investigating this incident. Based on the results of the investigation, we determined that your sensitive customer information and information related to your loan application and closing documents, including wiring instructions, were potentially accessed without authorization by the outside third party.

On August 15, 2017, Crescent Mortgage Company reported this incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We have ensured this information is no longer accessible by the unauthorized party and have implemented additional security measures designed to prevent such an incident from again occurring.

### What Information Was Involved

As a result of this incident, an unauthorized person may have accessed some of your sensitive personal information, including your first and last name, home address, phone number, social security number, and financial accounts, as well as personal information contained within documents related to your loan application and closing documents, including wiring instructions.

## What We Are Doing

In order to help protect your personal information, we are offering you access to a one-year membership to Kroll identity monitoring services at no cost to you. Your Kroll identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, a Current Credit Report, Web Watcher, Public Persona, Quick Cash Scan, \$1 Million Fraud Loss Reimbursement Insurance and Fraud Consultation and Identity Theft Restoration Services.

Visit my.idmonitoringservice.com to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

Membership Number: << Member ID>>>

To receive credit services by mail instead of online, please call 1-855-401-2640. Additional information describing your services is included with this letter.

We encourage you to review the description and to consider enrolling in this product. You must complete the enrollment process by no later than **December 7, 2017**.

## What You Can Do

We encourage you to remain vigilant with respect to your personal information and we encourage you to consider the following steps:

- Closely monitor your financial accounts and, if you see any unauthorized activity, promptly contact your financial institution.
- Monitor your credit report at all three of the national credit reporting agencies. Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your credit reports, we recommend that you check your credit report periodically.
- You can order a free copy of your credit report by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, calling 877-322-8228, or completing the Annual Credit Report Form on the Federal Trade Commission website at http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/ articles/pdf-0093-annual-report-request-form.pdf. The contact information for all three national credit reporting agencies is listed below.

| Equifax               | Experian              | TransUnion            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Phone: 1-800-685-1111 | Phone: 1-888-397-3742 | Phone: 1-800-888-4213 |
| P.O. Box 740241       | P.O. Box 9532         | P.O. Box 6790         |
| Atlanta, GA 30374     | Allen, TX 75013       | Fullerton, CA 92834   |
| www.equifax.com       | www.experian.com      | www.transunion.com    |

- Consider placing a fraud alert message on your credit file. By placing this alert on your credit file, any company
  that requests your credit file will receive a message warning them that you may have been a victim of fraud.
  Companies that receive this alert may request that you provide proof of your identity. This step will help to protect
  you from accounts being opened or used by anyone other than yourself. If you would like to place a fraud alert
  on your credit file, call Equifax at 1-888-766-0008 or request a fraud alert at https://www.alerts.equifax.com/
  AutoFraud\_Online/jsp/fraudAlert.jsp.
- If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been
  misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and the Attorney General's office in
  your state. You can also obtain information from these sources about additional methods to prevent identity
  theft, and you can obtain information from the Federal Trade Commission and the consumer reporting agencies
  for more information regarding fraud alerts and security freezes. Contact information for the Federal Trade
  Commission is as follows:

## **Federal Trade Commission**

Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20580 1-877-438-4338 www.ftc.gov/idtheft

## For More Information

We take the protection of your personal information very seriously and apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact 1-855-401-2640.

Sincerely.

Fowler Williams
President and CEO

Crescent Mortgage Company

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# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

# Contact information for the three nationwide credit reporting agencies is:

**Equifax**, PO Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374, www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111 **Experian**, PO Box 2104, Allen, TX 75013, www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742 **TransUnion**, PO Box 2000, Chester, PA 19022, www.transunion.com, 1-800-888-4213

**Free Credit Report.** It is recommended that you remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring your credit report for unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies.

To order your annual free credit report please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228.

You can also order your annual free credit report by mailing a completed Annual Credit Report Request Form (available from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at www.consumer.ftc.gov) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281.

For Colorado, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and Vermont residents: You may obtain one or more (depending on the state) additional copies of your credit report, free of charge. You must contact each of the credit reporting agencies directly to obtain such additional report(s).

**Fraud Alert.** You may place a fraud alert in your file by calling one of the three nationwide credit reporting agencies above. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. For that reason, placing a fraud alert can protect you, but also may delay you when you seek to obtain credit.

Security Freeze. You have the ability to place a security freeze on your credit report.

A security freeze is intended to prevent credit, loans and services from being approved in your name without your consent. To place a security freeze on your credit report, you may be able to use an online process, an automated telephone line, or a written request to any of the three credit reporting agencies listed above. The following information must be included when requesting a security freeze (note that if you are requesting a credit report for your spouse, this information must be provided for him/her as well): (1) full name, with middle initial and any suffixes; (2) Social Security number; (3) date of birth; (4) current address and any previous addresses for the past five years; and (5) any applicable incident report or complaint with a law enforcement agency or the Registry of Motor Vehicles. The request must also include a copy of a government-issued identification card and a copy of a recent utility bill or bank or insurance statement. It is essential that each copy be legible, display your name and current mailing address, and the date of issue. The credit reporting agencies may charge a fee to place a freeze, temporarily lift it or permanently remove it. The fee is waived if you are a victim of identity theft and have submitted a valid investigative or law enforcement report or complaint relating to the identity theft incident to the credit reporting agencies. (You must review your state's requirement(s) and/or credit bureau requirement(s) for the specific document(s) to be submitted.)

For Massachusetts residents: The fee for each placement of a freeze, temporary lift of a freeze, or removal of a freeze is \$5.

Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General Offices. If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Attorney General's office in your home state. You may also contact these agencies for information on how to prevent or avoid identity theft.

You may contact the **Federal Trade Commission**, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/, 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338).

**For Maryland residents:** You may contact the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, www.oag.state.md.us, 1-410-576-6557.

For North Carolina residents: You may contact the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov, 1-877-566-7226.

# Reporting of identity theft and obtaining a police report.

**For lowa residents:** You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement or to the lowa Attorney General.

For Massachusetts residents: You have the right to obtain a police report if you are a victim of identity theft.

**For Oregon residents:** You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Oregon Attorney General.

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# TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES

You've been provided with access to the following services<sup>1</sup> from Kroll:

# Triple Bureau Credit Monitoring and Single Bureau Credit Report

Your current credit report is available for you to review. You will also receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data at any of the three national credit bureaus—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 can help you determine if it's an indicator of identity theft.

# Web Watcher

Web Watcher monitors internet sites where criminals may buy, sell, and trade personal identity information. An alert will be generated if evidence of your personal identity information is found.

#### Public Persona

Public Persona monitors and notifies when names, aliases, and addresses become associated with your Social Security number. If information is found, you'll receive an alert.

## Quick Cash Scan

Quick Cash Scan monitors short-term and cash-advance loan sources. You'll receive an alert when a loan is reported, and you can call a Kroll fraud specialist for more information.

# \$1 Million Identity Fraud Loss Reimbursement

Reimburses you for out-of-pocket expenses totaling up to \$1 million in covered legal costs and expenses for any one stolen identity event. All coverage is subject to the conditions and exclusions in the policy.

# **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to 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 can dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

<sup>1</sup> Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, and Safari. 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.