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**Re: Notice of Data Breach**

Dear <<Name 1>>:

Famous Smoke Shop is regretfully writing to notify you of a recent incident that may impact your personal information. Please note you are receiving this letter as a current or former employee of Famous Smoke Shop or as a dependent or beneficiary of a current or former employee.

**What Happened?** On July 7, 2021, Famous Smoke Shop was the victim of a ransomware attack. Once we became aware of this, we promptly engaged cybersecurity experts and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the attack. While we were able to stop the ransomware attack, the attacker was able to encrypt certain files within our network, including files that included current and former employee, dependent, and beneficiary information.

**What Information Was Involved?** The forensic investigation determined the attacker had access to certain parts of our network to encrypt files. Based on the files that were encrypted, your personal information may have been accessible. This personal information includes your name, <<Breached Elements>>. However, we are unable to confirm if your personal information was accessed or acquired by the attacker as a result of this incident.

**What Are We Doing?** We take this incident and the security of your information very seriously. We are offering you two (2) years of complimentary credit monitoring and identity restoration services with Equifax. We have also notified certain state regulators of this incident as required. In addition to taking the steps detailed above and providing this notice to you, we are reviewing our policies and procedures, implementing additional safeguards, and working with cybersecurity experts to better protect against future incidents of this nature.

**What You Can Do.** You should review the enclosed **Steps You Can Take To Protect Your Information**, which contains instructions on how to enroll in the complimentary credit monitoring and identity restoration services. It also includes additional information on steps you may wish to take to better protect yourself against the possibility of identity theft and fraud if you feel it is appropriate to do so. Please note that while we will cover the cost of the credit monitoring and identity restoration services, you must complete the enrollment process.

**For More Information.** We understand you may have questions beyond what is explained in this letter. To ensure your questions are answered in a timely manner, please contact our dedicated call center at 800-601-9106. The call center is available Monday through Friday, between 9:00am and 9:00pm EST.

We deeply regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Arthur Zaretsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Arthur Zaretsky  
President  
Famous Smoke Shop

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

**Enroll in Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold:** To enroll in Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold, please:

- Go to [www.equifax.com/activate](http://www.equifax.com/activate), enter this unique activation code: <<Activation Code>>, and click submit.
- Complete the form with your contact information and click continue.
- Create an account and complete Equifax's identity verification process.
- Upon successful verification of your identity, you will see the Checkout Page. Click 'Sign Me Up' to finish your enrollment.

Once enrolled, you will have access to two (2) years of credit monitoring and identity restoration services. Additional key features of Equifax Credit Watch™ Gold include:

- Credit monitoring with email notifications of key changes to your Equifax credit report.
- Daily access to your Equifax credit report.
- WebScan notifications when your personal information, such as Social Security Number, credit/debit card or bank account numbers are found on fraudulent Internet trading sites.
- Automatic fraud alerts, which encourages potential lenders to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit, plus blocked inquiry alerts and Equifax credit report lock.
- Identity Restoration to help restore your identity should you become a victim of identity theft, and a dedicated Identity Restoration Specialist to work on your behalf.
- Up to \$1,000,000 of identity theft insurance coverage for certain out of pocket expenses resulting from identity theft. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

**Monitor your accounts:** We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports for suspicious activity or errors.

**Check credit reports:** Under United States law, you are entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus. To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call toll-free 1-877-322-8228. You may also contact the three major credit bureaus directly to request a free copy of your credit report at:

Equifax  
P.O. Box 740256  
Atlanta, GA 30374  
1-800-525-6285  
[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)

Experian  
P.O. Box 2002  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

Transunion  
P.O. Box 2000  
Chester, PA 10916  
1-800-680-7289  
[www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

**Place a security freeze:** You may place a security freeze on your credit reports, free of charge. A security freeze prohibits a credit reporting agency from releasing any information from a consumer's credit report without written authorization. However, 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. You will need to place a security freeze separately with each of the three major credit bureaus if you wish to place a freeze on all of your credit files. In order to request a security freeze, you will need to supply your full name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, current address, all addresses for up to five previous years, email address, a copy of your state identification card or driver's license, and a copy of a utility bill, bank or insurance statement, or other statement proving residence. To find out more on how to place a security freeze, contact the credit reporting agencies at:

Equifax  
P.O. Box 105788  
Atlanta, GA 30348  
1-800-349-9960  
[www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/](http://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/)

Experian  
P.O. Box 9554  
Allen, TX 75013  
1-888-397-3742  
[www.experian.com/freeze](http://www.experian.com/freeze)

Transunion  
P.O. Box 160  
Woodlyn, PA 19094  
1-888-909-8872  
[www.transunion.com/credit-freeze](http://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze)

**Place a fraud alert:** At no charge, you can also have the three major credit bureaus place a "fraud alert" on your file that alerts creditors to take additional steps to verify your identity prior to granting credit in your name. Note, however, that because it tells creditors to follow certain procedures to protect you, it may also delay your ability to obtain credit while the agency verifies your identity. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place fraud alerts on your file. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, or should you have any questions regarding your credit report, please contact the credit reporting agencies.

**Review additional resources:** If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe that your personal information has been misused, you should contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or your state Attorney General. You can obtain information from these sources about additional steps you can take to protect yourself against identity theft and fraud, as well as information on security freezes and fraud alerts. You can contact the Federal Trade Commission at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov); and 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). Instances of known or suspected identity theft should be promptly reported to law enforcement and you have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. This notification was not delayed by law enforcement. **For New York residents:** The Attorney General can be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capital, Albany, New York 12224; 1-800-771-7755; and [ag.ny.gov](http://ag.ny.gov). **For North Carolina residents:** The Attorney General can be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699; 877-566-7226; and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).