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<<First Name>> <<Last Name>>
<<Address1>>
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<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>>

Enrollment Code: <<XXXXXXXX>> Enrollment Deadline: March 9, 2026

To Enroll, Scan the QR Code Below:



Or Visit: https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect

December 9, 2025

NOTICE OF <<VARIABLE DATA 1>>

Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>:

Pierce County Library System ("PCLS") is writing to inform you of a recent incident that may impact the security of some of your personal information. While we are unaware of any actual misuse of your information, we are providing you with information about the incident, our response, and steps you may take to protect against any misuse of your information, should you feel it necessary to do so.

What Happened? Earlier this year, PCLS was alerted to suspicious activity on its system. PCLS promptly took steps to secure our systems and initiated an investigation into the nature and scope of the event. The investigation determined our environment was subject to unauthorized access and between April 15 and April 21, 2025 certain files were copied and taken. In response, PCLS undertook a thorough review of the impacted systems to determine what information was present and to whom it relates. PCLS completed this review on October 10, 2025, and determined that information related to you was located within the impacted systems subject to unauthorized access.

What Information Was Involved? PCLS determined that your name and the following information was located in the impacted files: <<Variable Data 2>>.

What We Are Doing. PCLS takes the confidentiality, privacy, and security of information in its care very seriously. Upon discovering the issue, we immediately commenced an investigation to confirm the nature and scope, and to identify what information could have been affected. As an added precaution, we are offering you access to << Membership Offering Length>> months of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services through IDX at no cost to you. A description of the services and instructions on how to enroll can be found within the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*. Please note that you must complete the enrollment process yourself as we are not permitted to enroll you in these services.

What You Can Do. 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 and to detect errors. Please also review the enclosed *Steps You Can Take to Protect Personal Information*, which includes additional information on what you can do to protect your information against misuse, should you feel it necessary to do so.

For More Information. We understand you may have questions about the incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have questions please call 1-855-201-0132, Monday through Friday 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Pacific Time. You may also write to us at Pierce County Library System, 3005 112th St. E, Tacoma, WA 98446.

Sincerely,

Pierce County Library System

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Enroll in Monitoring Services

- **1. Website and Enrollment.** Scan the QR image or go to https://app.idx.us/account-creation/protect and follow the instructions for enrollment using your Enrollment Code provided at the top of the letter.
- **2. Activate the credit monitoring** provided as part of your IDX identity protection membership. The monitoring included in the membership must be activated to be effective. Note: You must have established credit and access to a computer and the internet to use this service. If you need assistance, IDX will be able to assist you.
- **3. Telephone.** Contact IDX at 1-855-201-0132 to gain additional information about this event and speak with knowledgeable representatives about the appropriate steps to take to protect your credit identity.

Monitor Your Accounts

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order a free credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. Consumers may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of their credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If consumers are the victim of identity theft, they are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should consumers wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in a consumer's name without consent. However, consumers should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in their credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application they make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, consumers cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on their credit report. To request a credit freeze, individuals may need to provide some or all of the following information:

- 1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth:
- 4. Addresses for the prior two to 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, etc.); and
- 7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if they are a victim of identity theft.

Should consumers wish to place a credit freeze or fraud alert, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-	https://www.experian.com/help/	https://www.transunion.com/data-
<u>report-services/</u>		<u>breach-help</u>
1-888-298-0045	1-888-397-3742	1-833-799-5355
Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069	Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box	TransUnion, P.O. Box 2000,
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069	9554, Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19016
Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788	Experian Credit Freeze, P.O.	TransUnion, P.O. Box 160,
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788	Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013	Woodlyn, PA 19094

Additional Information

Consumers may further educate themselves regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps they can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or their state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; www.identitytheft.gov; 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. Consumers can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. Consumers have the right to file a police report if they ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, consumers will likely need to provide some proof that they have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and the relevant state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

For District of Columbia residents, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 400 6th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; (202) 442-9828; and oag.dc.gov.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023; and https://oag.maryland.gov.

For New Mexico residents, consumers have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in their credit file has been used against them, the right to know what is in their credit file, the right to ask for their credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to consumers' files is limited; consumers must give consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; consumers may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance based on information in their credit report; and consumers may seek damages from violators. Consumers may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active-duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage consumers to review their rights pursuant Fair Credit Reporting to the www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504 cfpb summary your-rights-under-fcra.pdf, or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20580.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or https://ag.ny.gov.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, individuals have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this event. There is approximately 1 Rhode Island resident that may be impacted by this event.