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DETR Detects Fraudulent Unemployment Insurance Claims Targeting Nevada State Employees

CARSON CITY, NV —The Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation’s (DETR) unemployment insurance program has recently detected an uptick in the number of fraudulent “imposter” claims being filed using the personal identifiable information of state employees, said Don Soderberg, DETR director. There has been no breach detected within the unemployment program or within any other state system.

Claims are being filed for unemployment benefits on behalf of state employees who are not aware of the claims and are still employed. These claims are not limited to state employees but are representative of Nevada residents as a whole. Additionally, there are a number of other states that are experiencing the same type of imposter claim scheme.

DETR is actively working with the United States Department of Labor Office of the Inspector General during this investigation. Because this is an ongoing fraud investigation, specific details about the nature of the scheme cannot be released, Soderberg said.

“We take very seriously illegal activity affecting our unemployment insurance program and are deeply concerned about individuals impacted,” said Soderberg. “Our fraud detection unit moved quickly to mitigate the circumstances surrounding this scheme. We will continue to work with the Department of Labor and the Nevada Department of Administration in preventing any further fraudulent activity. We encourage anyone who suspects that their information has been compromised to alert appropriate authorities.”

Below are actions and resources that can be used to help individuals that have had their personal identifying information compromised. While these resources cannot guarantee there are no further issues, they can provide helpful tools to combat future usage of your personal identifying information.

1. **File a police report with your local jurisdiction:** File an Identity Theft or Personal Identifiable Information Complaint alleging that your personal information has been compromised and used to file a UI claim. You should

advise your local law enforcement agency that this is a “*courtesy*” report and request a copy of the report and retain that copy in your personal records.

2. **Contact the Federal Trade Commission:** The FTC can provide resources for victims of identity theft. <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1>
3. **Contact the Internal Revenue Service:** Advise the IRS that your personal information has been compromised and is in the possession of criminal elements which can result in filing fraudulent tax returns using your information. This is a critical step! <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Identity-Protection>
4. **Contact the State of Nevada Attorney General Office:** Inquire about the Identity Theft Passport Program. http://ag.nv.gov/Hot_Topics/Victims/IDTheft/
5. **Contact the Social Security Administration:** The SSA will not likely issue you a new social security number. <http://oig.ssa.gov/report-fraud-waste-or-abuse/what-cant-oig-investigate/identity-theft>
6. **Credit Securing Actions:** The division cannot recommend or suggest the use of any credit securing services as they are all pay services. If you do elect to use a credit securing service, you may wish to first review the information at the FTC website.



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices. It also supports economic development efforts through improving Nevada's workforce.