

Phishing scheme compromises 2 million state emails

Scheme sent to more than 400 workers in two large state agencies

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Oregon Capital Bureau

A phishing scheme that successfully compromised 2 million emails from Oregon Department of Human Services accounts targeted more than 400 accounts at two major state agencies.

Nine employees in four units of Human Services departments inadvertently gave hackers access to their accounts, said agency spokesman Robert Oakes.

Oakes said Friday that the state still hasn't established how many state clients' information was accessed. The agency was required by state statute to notify the public because of the potential for it to impact at least 350,000 people.

The breach occurred in late January, but state officials didn't disclose it until Thursday, attributing the time lag to work needed to assess what happened.

The state has retained an outside firm for \$480,000 to do a forensic examina-



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tion of the breach and help impacted clients. That contract provides for service covering a breach impacting up to one million people, according to the contract with IDExperts of Portland. The firm's contract would

be boosted if its investigation determines more than one million had their data exposed, according to the contract. DHS provides services to 1.6 million people.

As of Friday, IDExperts were operating a call center

and website to provide information to potential victims of the hack.

IDExperts is required to give DHS frequent updates on its findings and security recommendations. Its forensic examination will deter-

mine what personal information was available to the hackers, how much was taken and how many people are impacted. That is expected to take two weeks, according to the contract.

Elizabeth Craig, spokeswoman for the Department of Administrative Services, said the state has used IDExperts for several years for such work. The Department of State Lands and the Department of Revenue both experienced data breaches in 2018.

The details of the attacked files are still not clear. Oakes said that on Jan. 8, 429 employees at Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority received an email stating their Outlook email account had expired and they had to reregister. The email, provided Friday to the Oregon Capital Bureau, included a link. Thirty-six DHS and OHA employees clicked the link. Nine then entered their username and password, giving the hackers access to their accounts.

Those accounts were immediately frozen by state IT workers. By Jan. 28, DHS established that the hack exposed personal information.

On March 15, it contacted

IDExperts about a forensic review, according to the contract, and the agreement was finalized Tuesday. DHS sent out a news release announcing the breach Thursday. Oakes couldn't provide details on why it took nearly two months from the time the department realized the breach included personal information to the time it notified the public.

The employees caught in the attack worked in the child welfare, self-sufficiency, aging and people with disabilities and vocational rehabilitation programs. Collectively, their accounts contained 2 million emails, which included spreadsheets with personal information, such as dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

All 8,500 DHS employees go through training to avoid being caught in such hacks, though they are not always effective. On Thursday, Oakes said "human error" was at play but also said the attack was very sophisticated.

People who are worried their information was involved can call 800-792-1750 or visit <http://ide.myid-care.com/oregonDHS> for help.

COPS AND COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Grant County Circuit Court

Charges brought against Andrew S. Ballou, 25, Mt. Vernon, were dismissed March 15 after a civil compromise was granted. Ballou was originally charged with felony second-degree burglary, felony first-degree theft and misdemeanor second-degree criminal trespass allegedly committed at an Oregon Telephone Co. building in Mt. Vernon on Nov. 15.

Charges brought against Ronald Lambeth, 66, Canyon City, were dismissed March 19 in the interests of justice. Lambeth was originally charged with felony first-degree burglary, felony first-degree criminal trespass and misdemeanor second-degree criminal mischief allegedly committed at a residence in Canyon City on Dec. 28.

Stephen L. Meeks III, 28, Bend, pleaded guilty March 14 to two counts of first-degree burglary, felon in possession of a firearm and unauthorized use of a vehicle, all felonies committed on Dec. 5. He was sentenced to 34 months in prison, 36 months post-prison supervision and a \$600 fine. His driver's license was suspended for one year, and he was ordered to pay \$3,672 in compensatory fines for four individuals. Seven counts were dismissed, including theft, felon in possession of a firearm, criminal mischief, criminal trespass and driving while a license was suspended or revoked. Two counts of first-degree theft were merged into the burglary counts.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of March 20:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 17
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 12
- Releases: 13
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 1
- Civil papers: 12
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 1

March 18: Daniel Wagner, 26, Hines, was cited for speeding, 82/65 zone, and failure to install an ignition interlock.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 162 calls during the week of March 18-25, including:

• John Day Police Department

March 18: Advised of loud noise at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

March 19: Responded to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a domestic report. Fawn Warrington, 38, John Day, was arrested and charged with interfering with a 911 call.

March 20: Took a harassment report at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

March 21: Advised of criminal mischief at the high school in John Day.

March 21: Responded to Main Street in downtown John Day for a non-injury crash.

March 21: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Kellyn A. Joslin, 33, John Day, was cited for no driver's license or insurance and failure to properly wear a seat belt.

March 22: Received a report of loud noise at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

March 22: Responded to a noise complaint at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

March 23: Responded to a mobile home park on West Main Street for a theft report.

March 24: Advised of a theft report at South Canyon Boulevard and Fourth Street in John Day.

March 24: Assisted with safe removal of a horse running loose on West Main Street in John Day.

• Oregon State Police
March 21: Advised of cows on Highway 26 near Moon Creek Road.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

March 18: Received a report of a domestic incident on Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

March 20: Advised of a suspicious vehicle on Dog Creek Road in John Day.

March 21: Received a report of a suspicious person at a motel on Highway 26 east of Prairie City.

March 22: Advised of harassment from a residence on Highway 26 east of John Day.

March 22: Received a report of shots fired on Charolais Heights Road in John Day.

March 22: Received a report of a missing person.

March 23: Received a report of a domestic incident on West Sixth Street in Prairie City.

March 23: Advised of fraud on East Third Street in Prairie City.

• John Day ambulance
March 18: Responded with Monument ambulance to John Day Street for an elderly woman.

March 18: Dispatched to South Hall Street in Prairie City for a 911 call.

March 18: Responded to Northeast Elm Street in John Day for a 91-year-old man.

March 19: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

March 19: Dispatched to Thomason Lane for an 86-year-old man.

March 19: Responded

to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a person who had fallen.

March 19: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

March 19: Dispatched with Monument ambulance to Highway 402 for a female patient.

March 20: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

March 20: Responded with John Day police to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a 7-month-old infant.

March 21: Dispatched to Aslin Avenue in Mt. Vernon for a 70-year-old woman with back pain.

March 21: Responded to Laycock Creek Road for a 75-year-old man.

March 21: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

March 21: Paged to Three Point Road for a man who had fallen and had difficulty breathing.

March 22: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

March 22: Dispatched to East Fifth Street in John Day for a 911 call.

March 23: Responded to Northeast Dayton Street in John Day for an 85-year-old woman with abnormal

bleeding.

March 23: Dispatched to South Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a woman with headaches and shortness of breath.

March 23: Transported a woman from a senior home in Prairie City to the hospital in John Day.

March 23: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a possible overdose.

March 24: Responded to La Costa Avenue in John Day for an 85-year-old woman.

March 24: Dispatched to Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon.

March 24: Responded to an apartment complex on East Main Street in John Day, but the caller refused the ambulance.

March 24: Dispatched to Belshaw Creek Road for a 72-year-old woman with unusual bleeding and vomiting.

• Mt. Vernon fire

March 20: Responded to a brush fire near the Mt. Vernon city shops on Council Drive.

• Oregon Department of Transportation

March 23: Advised of boulders on Highway 26 in Picture Gorge.

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A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus.

FRIDAY (4:20) 7:10 9:40
SAT. (1:20) (4:20) 7:10 9:40
SUN. (1:20) (4:20) 7:10
MON - THURS 7:10

US (R)
A family's serenity turns to chaos when a group of doppelgängers begins to terrorize them.

FRIDAY (4:10) 7:00 9:35
SAT. (1:10) (4:10) 7:00 9:35
SUN. (1:10) (4:10) 7:00
MON - THURS 7:00

CAPTAIN MARVEL (PG-13)
Carol Danvers becomes one of the universe's most powerful heroes when Earth is caught in the middle of a galactic war between two alien races.

FRIDAY (4:00) 6:45 9:30
SAT. (1:00) (4:00) 6:45 9:30
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Thanks to the Grant County Court and Northeast Oregon Forests Resource Advisory Committee, Grant Weed Control is able to offer a **25% Cost share program for Noxious Weed Control on Private Grazing Lands**, through a Title II funded Grant Project. This program will provide a maximum \$5,000 of noxious weed control services with a \$1,250 maximum landowner contribution to qualifying participants. To be eligible for participation, the treatment property must not be actively irrigated and must be primarily managed for livestock grazing, minimum of 20 acres in size, located within Grant County, and must contain priority noxious weed species. Applications for this limited weed control assistance opportunity will be ranked and funded according to a priority noxious weed list..

Contact the Grant Soil and Water Conservation District Office at (541) 575-1554 or visit 721 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845 for applications and additional information.

The application deadline for this program is April 12th, 2019.

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