

Compliance Today – October 2020 Data breaches: Don't lose sight of the individual

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In June, a man was arrested in Detroit, Michigan, and accused of stealing the data of 65,000 employees.^[1] The man, Justin Sean Johnson, is under indictment related to conspiracy, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft charges tied to a 2014 hack of the human resources databases at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Prosecutors have alleged that Johnson conspired with others in South America to sell stolen data (e.g., names, addresses, Social Security numbers) on the dark web. It is further alleged the actions resulted in the filing of false tax returns to the tune of \$1.7 million.

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