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Official statement from The University of Texas-Pan American administration regarding a data security incident:

*The UTPA administration was notified that a mobile drive device containing the names, Social Security numbers and salaries of UTPA full-time employees was lost. The device contained no other personal information, and was reported missing to the University campus police Tuesday, June 5.*

*The information was downloaded by a University employee for the purpose of working at home over the weekend. Prior to returning to work, the employee discovered the device was missing. The loss was promptly reported and the UTPA Police immediately initiated an investigation. At this point, there is no reason to believe that the device has been acquired by a third party or that any of the information contained on the device has been accessed. Nonetheless, the University felt it was important to inform the campus community of this incident.*

*As a precaution, the University has recommended that the employees who were directly affected check their credit report in the next couple of months and again in six months to verify that their expenditures and debts are accurate. A letter explaining what to do was sent to the employees and included detailed information and recommendations on how to obtain free credit reports as well as what to do to protect themselves should they find their information has been compromised.*

*The University is committed to maintaining the privacy and security of its employees' personal information. We are in the process of reviewing our relevant procedures to ensure that any similar occurrences can be avoided in the future.*

*The University regrets that this incident has occurred and will notify its employees if new information surfaces.*

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