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Are You One of the ECMC 3.3 Million?

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Educational Credit Management Corp (“[ECMC](#)”), a large guarantor of federal student loans, recently reported the [theft](#) of stored confidential information, allegedly by an employee who is now in custody. This information included names, Social Security Numbers, date of birth and address of people who have student loans.

ECMC [notified](#) approximately 3.3 million people that their information may have been compromised and is offering to pay for a year of [credit monitoring services](#) for those affected.

These types of notices shake people up; they are unsure whether this information has been used or sold to scammers and they are equally unsure how to find the truth.

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft, [here](#) are the [Federal Trade Commission's](#) immediate steps. If your business handles personally identifying information, [here](#) are some guidelines for protecting that information.

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