

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

In re Tift Regional Health System, Inc. Data Breach Litigation
Case No. 2023CV0313
Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia

**IF YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION WAS COMPROMISED IN THE AUGUST 2022
TIFT REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. AND SOUTHWELL, INC.,
DATA SECURITY INCIDENT, A PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS, AND ENTITLE YOU TO BENEFITS
AND A CASH PAYMENT.**

A court has authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

You are not being sued.

Please read this Notice carefully and completely.

- A Settlement has been reached with Tift Regional Health System, Inc. and Southwell, Inc. (“Tift” or “Defendants”) in a class action lawsuit. This case is about the targeted cyberattack on Tift's computer systems that occurred in August 2022 (the “Data Security Incident”). Certain files that contained private information were accessed. These files may have contained personal information such as names; dates of birth; Social Security numbers; and medical information.
- The lawsuit is called *In re Tift Regional Health System, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, Case No. 2023CV0313. It is pending in the Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia (the “Litigation”).
- Tift denies that it did anything wrong, and the Court has not decided who is right.
- The parties have agreed to settle the lawsuit (the “Settlement”) to avoid the costs and risks, disruptions, and uncertainties of continuing the Litigation.
- Tift's records indicate that you are a Class Member, and entitled to benefits under the Settlement. You may have received a previous notice directly from Tift.
- Your rights are affected whether you act or don't act. ***Please read this Notice carefully and completely.***

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SUMMARY OF YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT		DEADLINE
SUBMIT A CLAIM	The only way to receive benefits or payments from this Settlement is by submitting a valid and timely Claim Form. The fastest way to submit your Claim Form is online at www.TiftDataSettlement.com. If you prefer, you can download the Claim Form from the Settlement Website and mail it to the Settlement Administrator. You may also call or email the Settlement Administrator to receive a paper copy of the Claim Form.	October 15, 2026
OPT OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT	You can choose to opt out of the Settlement and receive no benefit or payment. This option allows you to sue, continue to sue, or be part of another lawsuit against the Defendants related to the legal claims resolved by this Settlement. You can hire your own lawyer at your own expense.	September 15, 2026
OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT AND/OR ATTEND A HEARING	If you do not opt out of the Settlement, you may object to it by writing to the Court about why you don't like the Settlement. You may also ask the Court for permission to speak about your objection at the Final Approval Hearing. If you object, you may also file a claim for Settlement benefits.	September 15, 2026
DO NOTHING	Unless you opt out of the Settlement, you are automatically part of the Settlement. If you do nothing, you will not receive benefits or payments from this Settlement and you will give up the right to sue, continue to sue, or be part of another lawsuit against the Defendant related to the legal claims resolved by this Settlement.	No Deadline

- These rights and options—**and the deadlines to exercise them**—are explained in this Notice.
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement.

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Basic Information

1. Why was this Notice issued?

The Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia, authorized this Notice. You have a right to know about the proposed Settlement of this class action lawsuit, and about all of your options, before the Court decides whether to grant final approval of the Settlement. This Notice explains the lawsuit, your legal rights, what benefits are available, and who can receive them.

The lawsuit is called *In re Tift Regional Health System, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, Case No. 2023CV0313. It is pending in the Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia. The people that filed this lawsuit are called the “Plaintiffs” (or “Class Representatives”) and the companies they sued, Tift Regional Health System, Inc. and Southwell, Inc., are called the “Defendants.”

2. What is this lawsuit about?

This lawsuit alleges that during the August 2022 targeted cyberattack on Tift's computer systems, certain files that contained private information were accessed. These files may have contained personal information such as names; dates of birth; Social Security numbers; and medical information.

3. What is a class action?

In a class action, one or more individuals sue on behalf of other people with similar claims. These individuals are called the “Plaintiffs” or “Class Representatives.” Together, the people included in the class action are called a “Class” or “Class Members.” One court resolves the lawsuit for all Class Members, except for those who opt out from the settlement. In this Settlement, the Class Representatives are Chaka Davis; Brooke Dobbins; Janice Farley; and Zoie Walsh. Everyone included in this Lawsuit are the Class Members.

4. Why is there a Settlement?

The Court did not decide whether the Plaintiffs or the Defendants are right. Both sides have agreed to a Settlement to avoid the costs and risks of a trial, and to allow the Class Members to receive benefits from the Settlement. The Plaintiffs and their attorneys think the Settlement is best for all Class Members.

Who is in the Settlement?

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5. Who is included in the Settlement?

The Court has defined the Class this way: “All individuals residing in the United States whose Private Information may have been compromised or otherwise impacted in the Data Security Incident, including all those who received notice of the breach.”

6. Are there exceptions to being included?

Yes. Excluded from the Class are: (1) the Judge(s) presiding over the Litigation, and the Judge’s immediate family and staff; (2) Tift and its officers, directors, related companies, successors, predecessors, and any entity in which Tift has a controlling interest; (3) anyone who validly excludes themselves from the Settlement; and (4) the successors or assigns of any such excluded natural person.

If you are not sure whether you are a Class Member, you can ask for free help any time by contacting the Settlement Administrator at:

- Email: info@TiftDataSettlement.com
- Call toll free, 24/7: 1-(833) 421-7345
- By mail: Tift Data Security Incident Settlement
c/o Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 25226
Santa Ana, CA 92799-9958

You may also view the Settlement Agreement at www.TiftDataSettlement.com.

The Settlement Benefits

7. What does the Settlement provide?

Tift will establish a Settlement Fund of \$1,200,000.00. The Settlement Fund will first be used to pay court-approved attorneys’ fees and costs, Service Award payments for the Plaintiffs, and the costs of administering the Settlement. The net remaining money will be used to pay for the benefits described below.

All Class Members are eligible to enroll in **Credit Monitoring Services** and one of two **cash payment** options. These benefits are described in more detail below.

CREDIT MONITORING SERVICES. All Class Members are eligible to enroll in two years of CyEx Medical Shield Complete. This comprehensive service comes with \$1 million of medical identity theft insurance, and includes monitoring for:

- healthcare insurance ID exposure
- Medical Record Number (MRN) exposure
- unauthorized Health Savings Account (HSA) spending

If anything suspicious happens, you will be able to talk to a fraud resolution agent to help fix any problems.

CASH PAYMENT OPTIONS

Documented Loss Payment. If you incurred actual, documented out-of-pocket losses due to the Data Security Incident, you can get back up to **\$5,000.00**. The losses must have occurred between August 11, 2022, and **October 15, 2026**.

This benefit covers out-of-pocket expenses like:

- losses because of identity theft or fraud
- fees for credit reports, credit monitoring, or freezing and unfreezing your credit
- cost to replace your IDs
- postage to contact banks by mail

You need to send proof, like bank statements or receipts, to show how much you spent or lost. You can also send notes or papers you made yourself to explain or support other proof, but those notes or papers alone are not enough to make a valid claim. Your proof or notes should show that your expenses were because of the Data Security Incident.

You cannot claim a payment for expenses that have already been reimbursed by a third party.

Alternative Cash Payment. *Instead of the Documented Loss Payment*, you may claim a one-time *pro rata* cash payment.

It is expected that a significant amount of money will remain in the Settlement Fund after all expenses and all other benefits have been paid. All of this remaining money will be divided equally between everyone who claims an Alternative Cash Payment.

This payment is expected to be **\$75.00**, but may be larger or smaller depending on the total claims filed. You do not have to provide any proof or explanation to claim this payment.

If you have questions about these benefits, you can ask for free help any time by contacting the Settlement Administrator at:

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8. What claims am I releasing if I stay in the Class?

If you stay in the class, you won't be able to be part of any other lawsuit against Tift about the issues that this Settlement covers. The "Releases" section of the Settlement Agreement (Section 4) describes the legal claims that you give up if you remain in the Class. The Settlement Agreement is available at www.TiftDataSettlement.com.

Submitting a Claim Form for a Settlement Payment

9. How do I submit a claim for a Settlement benefit?

The fastest way to submit your Claim Form is online at www.TiftDataSettlement.com. If you prefer, you can download a printable Claim Form from the website and mail it to the Settlement Administrator at:

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You may also contact the Settlement Administrator to request a Claim Form by telephone, toll free, 1-(833) 421-7345, by email info@TiftDataSettlement.com, or by U.S. mail at the address above.

10. Are there any important Settlement payment deadlines?

If you are submitting a Claim Form online, you must do so by **October 15, 2026**. If you are submitting a claim by U.S. mail, the completed and signed Claim Form, including supporting documentation, must be postmarked no later than **October 15, 2026**.

11. When will the Settlement benefits be issued?

The Court will hold a final approval hearing on September 14, 2026 (*see Question 18*). If the Court approves the Settlement, there may be appeals. We do not know if appeals will be filed, or how long it will take to resolve them if they are filed.

Settlement payments will be distributed if the Court grants final approval, and after any appeals are resolved.

The Lawyers Representing You

12. Do I have a lawyer in the case?

Yes, the Court has appointed attorneys Gary Mason of Mason LLP; William B. Federman of Federman & Sherwood; Bryan L. Bleichner of Chestnut Cambronne PA; and Kevin Laukaitis of Laukaitis Law LLC, to represent you and other Class Members (“Class Counsel”).

13. Should I get my own lawyer?

You will not be charged for Class Counsel’s services. If you want your own lawyer, you may hire one at your expense.

14. How will Class Counsel be paid?

Class Counsel will ask the court to approve \$360,000.00 as reasonable attorneys’ fees, plus reimbursement of litigation costs. This amount will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

Class Counsel will also ask for Service Award payments of \$2,500.00 for each of the Class Representatives. Service Award payments will also be paid from the Settlement Fund.

Excluding Yourself from the Settlement

15. How do I opt out of the Settlement?

If you do not want to be part of the Settlement, you must formally exclude yourself from the Settlement. This is called a Request for Exclusion, and is sometimes also called “opting out.” If you opt out, you will not receive Settlement benefits or payment. However, you will keep any rights you may have to sue Tift on your own about the legal issues in this case.

If you exclude yourself, you are telling the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement. You will not be eligible to receive any Settlement benefits if you exclude yourself.

The deadline to exclude yourself from the Settlement is **September 15, 2026**.

To be valid, your Request for Exclusion must have the following information:

- (1) the name of the Litigation: *In re Tift Regional Health System, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, Case No. 2023CV0313, pending in the Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia;
- (2) your full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address;

- (3) personal signature; and
- (4) the words “Request for Exclusion” or a clear and similar statement that you do not want to participate in the Settlement.

You may only exclude yourself—not any other person.

Mail your Request for Exclusion to the Settlement Administrator at:

Tift Data Security Incident Settlement
ATTN: Exclusion Request
P.O. Box 25226
Santa Ana, CA 92799-9958

Your Request for Exclusion must be submitted, postmarked, or emailed by **September 15, 2026**.

Commenting on or Objecting to the Settlement

16. How do I tell the Court if I like or do not like the Settlement?

If you are a Class Member and do not like part or all of the Settlement, you can object to it. Objecting means telling the Court your reasons for why you think the Court should not approve the Settlement. The Court will consider your views.

You cannot object if you have excluded yourself from the Settlement (*see* **Question 15**)

You must provide the following information for the Court to consider your objection:

- (1) the name of the Litigation: *In re Tift Regional Health System, Inc. Data Breach Litigation*, Case No. 2023CV0313, pending in the Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia;
- (2) your full name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address;
- (3) information that proves that you are a Class Member (such as a notice you have received);
- (4) a clear description of all the reasons you object; include any legal support, such as documents, you may have for your objection;
- (5) if you have hired your own lawyer to represent you for this objection, provide their name, bar number, and contact information;
- (6) if you or your lawyer have objected in any other cases in the past five years, list the names, courts, and civil action numbers for each of those cases;
- (7) whether or not you or your lawyer would like to speak at the Final Approval Hearing; and
- (8) your signature (if you have hired your own lawyer, their signature is not sufficient).

For your objection to be valid, it must meet each of these requirements.

To be considered by the Court, you must file your complete objection with the Clerk of Court by **September 15, 2026**. You must also send a copy of the objection to the Settlement Administrator.

Clerk of the Court	Settlement Administrator
Clerk of the Court 237 E 2 nd St	Tift Data Security Incident Settlement ATTN: Objections

17. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object to the Settlement only if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement. Excluding yourself from the Settlement is opting out and stating to the Court that you do not want to be part of the Settlement. If you opt out of the Settlement, you cannot object to it because the Settlement no longer affects you.

The Court's Final Approval Hearing

18. When is the Court's Final Approval Hearing?

The Court will hold a final approval on **September 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time**, at the Superior Court for Tift County, Georgia, 237 E 2nd St, Tifton, GA 31794.

At the final approval hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the Settlement. The court will also decide how Class Counsel should be paid, and whether to award Service Award payments to the Class Representatives. The Court will also consider any objections to the Settlement.

If you are a Class Member, you or your lawyer may ask permission to speak at the hearing at your own cost (**See Question 16**).

The date and time of this hearing may change without further notice. Please check www.TiftDataSettlement.com for updates.

19. Do I have to come to the Final Approval Hearing?

No. Class Counsel will answer any questions the Court may have. You may attend at your own expense if you wish, but you do not have to.

If you file an objection, you do not have to come to the Final Approval Hearing to talk about it; the Court will consider it as long as it was filed on time. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but you do not have to.

If I Do Nothing

20. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will not receive a benefit from this Settlement.

You will also give up the rights described in **Question 8**.

Getting More Information

21. How do I get more information?

This Notice is a summary of the proposed Settlement. The full Settlement Agreement and other related documents are available at the Settlement Website, www.TiftDataSettlement.com.

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You can obtain copies of publicly filed documents by visiting the office of the Clerk of the Court, 237 E 2nd St, Tifton, GA 31794.

**DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT OR CLERK OF COURT REGARDING THIS
SETTLEMENT**