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It was recently discovered that a server controlling access to Chicago campus parking facilities had been compromised. Specifically, unauthorized access to the server occurred by an unknown person or persons. The problem was identified and the affected server was taken off-line and rebuilt before being returned to the network. Additional protective measures were implemented to further restrict access to the server and network.

A single database resides on the server and contains personal information of Chicago parking permit holders and others with keycard access to NU Chicago parking facilities. An effort was underway towards the replacement of Social Security Numbers with employee ID numbers (EMPLID) and approximately 2/3 of the approximate 2500 records had been converted prior to the time the server was compromised.

It was discovered last week that the personal information that may have been exposed included Social Security Number and Name on those records that have not yet been converted. The server, logs and traffic flows were analyzed and there was no evidence that the database and personal data had been accessed. However, it is the University's position in these circumstances to notify individuals of the possibility of identity theft. An appropriate letter of notification has been prepared for delivery to those approximate 800 individuals whose data may have been accessed.

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