

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

DANIELLE SEABERG,
*individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

v.

CLASSICA CRUISE OPERATOR,
LTD, INC. d/b/a
MARGARITAVILLE AT SEA,

Defendant.

Case No.: 6:25-cv-2072

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

Plaintiff Danielle Seaberg (“Plaintiff”) brings this Class Action Complaint on behalf of herself, and all others similarly situated, against Defendant, Classica Cruise Operator, Ltd, Inc. d/b/a Margaritaville at Sea (“Defendant”), alleging as follows based upon information and belief and investigation of counsel, except as to the allegations specifically pertaining to them, which are based on personal knowledge:

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff and the proposed Class Members bring this class action lawsuit on behalf of all persons who entrusted Defendant with sensitive Personally Identifiable Information (“PII”¹) and Protected Health Information

¹ Personally identifiable information generally incorporates information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual’s identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information. 2 C.F.R. § 200.79. At a minimum, it includes all information that on its face expressly identifies an individual.

(“PHI”)² (together with PII, “Private Information) and that was impacted in a cyber incident (the “Data Breach” or the “Breach”).

2. Plaintiff’s claims arise from Defendant’s failure to properly secure and safeguard Private Information that was entrusted to it, and its accompanying responsibility to store and transfer that information.

3. Defendant is a cruiseline “where world-class dining, famous boat drinks, vibrant entertainment, and ahhh-worthy spas come together with iconic Margaritaville experiences.”³

4. Upon information and belief, a wide variety of Private Information was implicated in the Data Breach, including potentially: names, addresses, dates of birth, financial information, passport details, Social Security numbers, health and medical information and other information⁴.

5. The Data Breach was a direct result of Defendant’s failure to implement adequate and reasonable cyber-security procedures and protocols necessary to protect individuals’ Private Information with which it was hired to protect.

6. Defendant owed Plaintiff and Class Members a duty to take all reasonable and necessary measures to keep the Private Information collected

² As defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPPA”)

³ See <https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

⁴ See <https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/policies/privacy-policy> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

safe and secure from unauthorized access. Defendant solicited, collected, used, and derived a benefit from the Private Information, yet breached its duty by failing to implement or maintain adequate security practices.

7. The sensitive nature of the data exposed through the Data Breach signifies that Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered irreparable harm. Plaintiff and Class Members have lost the ability to control their private information and are subject to an increased risk of identity theft.

8. Defendant, despite having the financial wherewithal and personnel necessary to prevent the Data Breach, nevertheless failed to use reasonable security procedures and practice appropriate to the nature of the sensitive, unencrypted information it maintained for Plaintiff and Class Members, causing the exposure of Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information.

9. As a result of Defendant's inadequate digital security and notice process, Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information was exposed to criminals. Plaintiff and the Class Members have suffered and will continue to suffer injuries including: financial losses caused by misuse of their Private Information; the loss or diminished value of their Private Information as a result of the Data Breach; lost time associated with detecting and preventing identity theft; and theft of personal and financial information.

10. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of all persons whose Private

Information was compromised as a result of Defendant's failure to: (i) adequately protect the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members; (ii) warn Plaintiff and Class Members of Defendant's inadequate information security practices; (iii) effectively secure hardware containing protected Private Information using reasonable and adequate security procedures free of vulnerabilities and incidents; and (iv) timely notify Plaintiff and Class Members of the Data Breach. Defendant's conduct amounts to at least negligence and violates federal and state statutes.

11. Accordingly, Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant seeking redress for its unlawful conduct and asserting claims for: (i) negligence and negligence *per se*, (ii) breach of implied contract, (iii) breach of fiduciary duty (iv) unjust enrichment.

12. Plaintiff seeks to remedy these harms and prevent any future data compromise on behalf of herself, and all similarly situated persons whose personal data was compromised and stolen as a result of the Data Breach and who remain at risk due to Defendant's inadequate data security practices.

PARTIES

13. Plaintiff Danielle Seaberg is an adult individual who at all relevant times has been a citizen and resident of Florida.

14. Plaintiff Danielle Seaberg is a customer of Defendant and entrusted her Private Information to Defendant in connection with booking and/or sailing aboard Margaritaville cruises.

15. Upon information and belief, at the time of the Data Breach, Defendant retained Plaintiff's Private Information in its system.

16. Plaintiff is very careful about sharing her sensitive Private Information. Plaintiff stores any documents containing her Private Information in a safe and secure location. She has never knowingly transmitted unencrypted sensitive Private Information over the internet or any other unsecured source.

17. Plaintiff anticipates spending considerable time and money on an ongoing basis to try to mitigate and address harms caused by the Data Breach. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff is at a present risk and will continue to be at increased risk of identity theft and fraud for years to come.

18. Plaintiff greatly values her privacy, and would not have provided her Private Information, undertaken the services and paid the amounts that she did if she had known that her Private Information would be maintained using inadequate data security systems.

19. Plaintiff suffered actual injury from having her Private Information compromised as a result of the Data Breach including, but not limited to: (i) invasion of privacy; (ii) theft of her Private Information; (iii) lost

or diminished value of Private Information; (iv) lost time and opportunity costs associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data Breach; (v) loss of benefit of the bargain; (vi) lost opportunity costs associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data Breach; (vii) nominal damages; and (viii) the continued and certainly increased risk to her Private Information, which: (a) remains unencrypted and available for unauthorized third parties to access and abuse; and (b) remains backed up in Defendant's possession and is subject to further unauthorized disclosures so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the Private Information.

20. The Data Breach has caused Plaintiff to suffer fear, anxiety, and stress, which has been compounded by the fact that Defendant has still not informed him of key details about the Data Breach's occurrence. However is aware that her information is on the Dark Web and available for purchase to cybercriminals.

21. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff is at a present risk and will continue to be at increased risk of identity theft and fraud for years to come.

22. Plaintiff has a continuing interest in ensuring that her Private Information, which, upon information and belief, remains backed up in Defendant's possession, is protected and safeguarded from future breaches.

23. Defendant Classica Cruise Operator Ltd. is a corporation with its principal place of business located at 420 S Orange Ave, Suite 250, Orlando, Florida, 32801 and operates and does business as Margaritaville at Sea.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

24. This Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this action under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2). The amount in controversy exceeds \$5 million, exclusive of interest and costs. At least one Class Member is diverse from Defendant, and there are over 100 putative Class Members.

25. This Court has general personal jurisdiction over Defendant because Defendant is incorporated in the state of Florida and maintains its headquarters and principal place of business in the state of Florida.

26. Venue is proper in this Court because Defendant's principal place of business is located in this District, and because a substantial part of the events, acts, and omissions giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred in this District.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. Background on Defendant

27. Defendant is a cruiseline "where world-class dining, famous boat drinks, vibrant entertainment, and ahhh-worthy spas come together with iconic Margaritaville experiences."⁵

28. Upon information and belief, Defendant made promises and

⁵ See <https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

representations to individuals, including Plaintiff and Class Members, that the Private Information collected from them would be kept safe and confidential, and that the privacy of that information would be maintained.

29. Defendants privacy policy provides that, “We use, maintain, and implement physical, technical, administrative, and organizational security measures to safeguard your personal data. These measures help ensure the integrity and confidentiality of your personal data.”⁶

30. Plaintiff and Class Members provided their Private Information to Defendant with the reasonable expectation and on the mutual understanding that Defendant would comply with its obligations to keep such information confidential and secure from unauthorized access.

31. As a result of collecting and storing the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members for its own financial benefit, Defendant had a continuous duty to adopt and employ reasonable measures to protect Plaintiff’s and the Class Members’ Private Information from disclosure to third parties.

B. The Data Breach

32. On or around September 23, 2025, Defendant experienced a Data Breach. The ransomware group Lynx claimed responsibility for the

⁶ <https://www.margaritavilleatsea.com/policies/privacy-policy>

cyberattack.⁷Lynx has threatened to leak sensitive data unless their demand for ransom are met.⁸

33. Lynx is a well-known cybergang who made an name for itself by targeting high-profile U.S. Companies and extorting millions in ransom payments.⁹

34. Upon information and belief, a wide variety of Private Information was implicated in the Data Breach, including potentially: names, addresses, dates of birth, financial information, passport details, Social Security numbers, and other information.

35. Defendant failed to take precautions designed to keep individuals' Private Information secure.

36. While Defendant sought to minimize the damage caused by the Data Breach, it cannot and has not denied that there was unauthorized access to the sensitive Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members.

37. Individuals affected by the Data Breach are, and remain, at risk that their data will be sold or listed on the dark web and, ultimately, illegally used in the future.

C. Defendant's Failure to Prevent, Identify, and Timely Report the Data Breach

⁷ <https://www.dexpose.io/lynx-ransomware-breaches-margaritaville-at-sea/>

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ <https://www.securitynewspaper.com/2025/04/01/how-lynx-ransomware-extorts-millions-from-u-s-companies/>

38. Defendant failed to take adequate measures to protect its systems against unauthorized access.

39. The Private Information that Defendant allowed to be exposed in the Data Breach is the type of private information that Defendant knew or should have known would be the target of cyberattacks.

40. Despite its own knowledge of the inherent risks of cyberattacks, and notwithstanding the FTC's data security principles and practices,¹⁰ Defendant failed to disclose that its systems and security practices were inadequate to reasonably safeguard Plaintiff and Class Members Private Information.

41. The FTC directs businesses to use an intrusion detection system to expose a breach as soon as it occurs, monitor activity for attempted hacks, and have an immediate response plan if a breach occurs.¹¹ Immediate notification of a Data Breach is critical so that those impacted can take measures to protect themselves.

D. Defendant Knew—or Should Have Known—of the Risk of a Data Breach

42. It is well known that Private Information is an invaluable

¹⁰ *Protecting Personal Information: A Guide for Business*, FED. TRADE COMM'N (Oct. 2016), <https://www.ftc.gov/business-guidance/resources/protecting-personal-information-guide-business>. (last visited Oct. 7, 2025).

¹¹ *Id.*

commodity and a frequent target of hackers.

43. Defendants' data security obligations were particularly important given the substantial increase in cyberattacks and/or data breaches in recent years. In light of past high profile data breaches at industry-leading companies, including, for example, Microsoft (250 million records, December 2019), Wattpad (268 million records, June 2020), Facebook (267 million users, April 2020), Estee Lauder (440 million records, January 2020), Whisper (900 million records, March 2020), and Advanced Info Service (8.3 billion records, May 2020), Defendant knew or, if acting as a reasonable business, should have known that the Private Information it collected and maintained would be vulnerable to and targeted by cybercriminals.

44. In 2024, a 3,158 data breaches occurred, exposing approximately 1,350,835,988 sensitive records—a 211% increase year-over-year.¹²

45. Indeed, cyberattacks have become so notorious that the FBI and U.S. Secret Service have issued a warning to potential targets, so they are aware of and take appropriate measures to prepare for and are able to thwart such an attack.¹³

¹² *2024 Data Breach Annual Report*, IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCE CENTER, <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/publication/2024-data-breach-report/> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

¹³ Ben Kochman, *FBI, Secret Service Warn of Targeted Ransomware*, LAW360 (Nov. 18, 2019), <https://www.law360.com/articles/1220974/fbi-secret-service-warn-of-targeted-ransomware> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

46. Therefore, the increase in such attacks, and attendant risk of future attacks, was widely known to the public and Defendant.

47. Despite the prevalence of public announcements of data breach and data security compromises, and despite its own acknowledgments of data security compromises, and despite its own acknowledgment of its duties to keep Private Information private and secure, Defendant failed to take appropriate steps to protect the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members from being compromised.

48. This readily available and accessible information confirms that, prior to the Data Breach, Defendant knew or should have known that (i) ransomware actors were targeting entities such as Defendant, (ii) ransomware gangs were ferociously aggressive in their pursuit of entities such as Defendant, (iii) ransomware gangs were leaking corporate information on dark web portals, and (iv) ransomware tactics included extortion and threatening to release stolen data.

49. In light of the information readily available and accessible before the Data Breach, Defendant, knew or should have known that there was a foreseeable risk that Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information could be accessed, exfiltrated, and published as the result of a cyberattack. Data breaches are so prevalent in today's society therefore making the risk of experiencing a data breach entirely foreseeable to Defendant.

E. Plaintiff and Class Members Suffered Common Injuries and Damages Due to Defendant's Conduct

50. Defendant's failure to implement or maintain adequate data security measures for Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information directly and proximately injured Plaintiff and Class Members by the resulting disclosure of their Private Information in the Data Breach.

51. Because of Defendant's failure to prevent the Data Breach, Plaintiff and Class members suffered—and will continue to suffer—damages. These damages include, *inter alia*, monetary losses, lost time, anxiety, and emotional distress. Also, they suffered or are at an increased risk of suffering:

- a. identity theft and fraud;
- b. loss of time to mitigate the risk of identity theft and fraud
- c. diminution in value of their Private Information;
- d. out-of-pocket costs from trying to prevent, detect, and recover from identity theft and fraud;
- e. lost benefit of the bargain and opportunity costs and wages from spending time trying to mitigate the fallout of the Data Breach by, *inter alia*, preventing, detecting, contesting, and recovering from identify theft and fraud;
- f. delay in receipt of tax refund monies;
- g. loss of the opportunity to control how their Private Information

is used;

- h. compromise and continuing publication of their Private Information;
- i. unauthorized use of their stolen Private Information;
- j. invasion of privacy; and
- k. continued risk to their Private Information—which remains in Defendant’s possession—and is thus as risk for futures breaches so long as Defendant fails to take appropriate measures to protect the Private Information.

F. Substantial Increased Risk of Continued Identity Theft

52. Plaintiff and Class Members are at a heightened risk of identity theft for years to come because of the Data Breach.

53. The FTC defines identity theft as “a fraud committed or attempted using the identifying information of another person without authority.” 17 C.F.R. § 248.201 (2013).

54. The FTC describes “identifying information” as “any name or number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific person,” including “[n]ame, Social Security number, date of birth, official State or government issued driver’s license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number.” *Id.*

55. The link between a data breach and the risk of identity theft is simple and well established. Criminals acquire and steal individuals' personal data to monetize the information. Criminals monetize the data by selling the stolen information on the internet black market (aka the dark web) to other criminals who then utilize the information to commit a variety of identity theft related crimes discussed below.

56. The dark web is an unindexed layer of the internet that requires special software or authentication to access.¹⁴ Criminals in particular favour the dark web as it offers a degree of anonymity to visitors and website publishers. Unlike the traditional or "surface" web, dark web users need to know the web address of the website they wish to visit in advance. For example, on the surface web, the CIA's web address is cia.gov, but on the dark web the CIA's web address is ciadotgov4sjwlzihbbgxnqg3xiyrg7so2r2o3lt5wz5ypk4sxyjstad.onion.¹⁵ This prevents dark web marketplaces from being easily monitored by authorities or accessed by those not in the know.

57. The unencrypted Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members has or will end up for sale on the dark web because that is the modus

¹⁴ *What Is the Dark Web?* EXPERIAN, available at <https://www.experian.com/blogs/ask-experian/what-is-the-dark-web/> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

¹⁵ *Id.*

operandi of hackers. In addition, unencrypted and detailed Private Information may fall into the hands of companies that will use it for targeted marketing without the approval of Plaintiff and Class Members. Unauthorized individuals can easily access the Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information.

58. The value of Plaintiff's and Class's Private Information on the black market is considerable. Stolen Private Information trades on the black market for years and is one of the most valuable commodities on the criminal information black market. According to Experian, a credit-monitoring service, stolen Private Information can be worth up to \$1,000.00 depending on the type of information obtained. criminals frequently post and sell stolen information openly and directly on the "dark web"—further exposing the information.

59. It can take victims years to discover such identity theft and fraud. This gives criminals plenty of time to sell the Private Information far and wide.

60. Because a person's identity is akin to a puzzle with multiple data points, the more accurate pieces of data an identity thief obtains about a person, the easier it is for the thief to take on the victim's identity, or to track the victim to attempt other hacking crimes against the individual to obtain more data to perfect a crime.

61. For example, armed with just a name and date of birth, a data thief can utilize a hacking technique referred to as "social engineering" to obtain

even more information about a victim's identity, such as a person's login credentials or Social Security number. Social engineering is a form of hacking whereby a data thief uses previously acquired information to manipulate and trick individuals into disclosing additional confidential or personal information through means such as spam phone calls and text messages or phishing emails. Data breaches are often the starting point for these additional targeted attacks on the victims.

62. Identity thieves can also use an individual's personal data and Private Information to obtain a driver's license or official identification card in the victim's name but with the thief's picture; use the victim's Private Information to obtain government benefits; or file a fraudulent tax return using the victim's information. In addition, identity thieves may obtain a job using the victim's information, rent a house or receive medical services in the victim's name, and may even give the victim's personal information to police during an arrest resulting in an arrest warrant issued in the victim's name.¹⁶

63. One example of criminals piecing together bits and pieces of compromised Private Information to create comprehensive dossiers on

¹⁶ *Identity Theft and Your Social Security Number*, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, 1 (2018), <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf>. (last visited Oct. 7, 2025).

individuals is called “Fullz” packages.¹⁷ These dossiers are both shockingly accurate and comprehensive. With “Fullz” packages, cybercriminals can cross-reference two sources of Private Information to marry unregulated data available elsewhere to criminally stolen data with an astonishingly complete scope and degree of accuracy to assemble complete dossiers on individuals. For example, they can combine the stolen Private Information, and with unregulated data found elsewhere on the internet (like phone numbers, emails, addresses, etc.).

64. The development of “Fullz” packages means that the Private Information exposed in the Data Breach can easily be linked to data of Plaintiff and the Class that is available on the internet. In other words, even if certain information such as emails, phone numbers, or credit card numbers may not be included in the Private Information stolen by the cyber-criminals in the

¹⁷ “Fullz” is fraudster speak for data that includes the information of the victim, including, but not limited to, the name, address, credit card information, social security number, date of birth, and more. As a rule of thumb, the more information you have on a victim, the more money that can be made off those credentials. Fullz are usually pricier than standard credit card credentials, commanding up to \$100 per record (or more) on the dark web. Fullz can be cashed out (turning credentials into money) in various ways, including performing bank transactions over the phone with the required authentication details in-hand. Even “dead Fullz,” which are Fullz credentials associated with credit cards that are no longer valid, can still be used for numerous purposes, including tax refund scams, ordering credit cards on behalf of the victim, or opening a “mule account” (an account that will accept a fraudulent money transfer from a compromised account) without the victim’s knowledge. *See, e.g.,* Brian Krebs, *Medical Records for Sale in Underground Stolen from Texas Life Insurance Firm*, KREBS ON SECURITY (Sep. 18, 2014), <https://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/09/medical-records-for-sale-in-underground-stolen-from-texas-life-insurance-firm> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

Data Breach, criminals can easily create a Fullz package and sell it at a higher price to unscrupulous operators and criminals (such as illegal and scam telemarketers) over and over. That is exactly what is happening to Plaintiff and Class members, and it is reasonable for any trier of fact, including this Court or a jury, to find that Plaintiff and other Class members' stolen Private Information is being misused, and that such misuse is fairly traceable to the Data Breach.

65. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) 2019 Internet Crime Report, Internet-enabled crimes reached their highest number of complaints and dollar losses that year, resulting in more than \$3.5 billion in losses to individuals and business victims.¹⁸

66. Further, according to the same report, "rapid reporting can help law enforcement stop fraudulent transactions before a victim loses the money for good."¹⁹ Yet, Defendant failed to rapidly report to Plaintiff and the Class that their Private Information was stolen. Defendant's failure to promptly and properly notify Plaintiff and Class members of the Data Breach exacerbated Plaintiff and Class members' injury by depriving them of the earliest ability to take appropriate measures to protect their Private Information and take

¹⁸ 2019 Internet Crime Report (Feb. 11, 2020) FBI.GOV, <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2019-internet-crime-report-released-021120> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

¹⁹ *Id.*

necessary steps to mitigate the harm caused by the Data Breach.

67. Victims of identity theft also often suffer embarrassment, blackmail, or harassment in person or online, and/or experience financial losses resulting from fraudulently opened accounts or misuse of existing accounts.

68. In addition to out-of-pocket expenses that can exceed thousands of dollars and the emotional toll identity theft can take, some victims must spend a considerable time repairing the damage caused by the theft of their Private Information. Victims of new account identity theft will likely have to spend time correcting fraudulent information in their credit reports and continuously monitor their reports for future inaccuracies, close existing bank/credit accounts, open new ones, and dispute charges with creditors.

69. Further complicating the issues faced by victims of identity theft, data thieves may wait years before attempting to use the stolen Private Information. To protect themselves, Plaintiff and Class Members will need to remain vigilant for years or even decades to come.

G. Loss of Time to Mitigate the Risk of Identify Theft and Fraud

70. As a result of the recognized risk of identity theft, when a data breach occurs, and an individual is notified by a company that their Private Information was compromised, as in this Data Breach, the reasonable person is expected to take steps and spend time to address the dangerous situation,

learn about the breach, and otherwise mitigate the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud. Failure to spend time taking steps to review accounts or credit reports could expose the individual to greater financial harm—yet the asset of time has been lost.

71. In the event that Plaintiff and Class Members experience actual identity theft and fraud, the United States Government Accountability Office released a report in 2007 regarding data breaches (“GAO Report”) in which it noted that victims of identity theft will face “substantial costs and time to repair the damage to their good name and credit record.

72. Thus, due to the actual and imminent risk of identity theft, Plaintiff and Class Members must monitor their financial accounts for many years to mitigate that harm.

73. Plaintiff and Class Members have spent, and will spend additional time in the future, on a variety of prudent actions, such as placing “freezes” and “alerts” with credit reporting agencies, contacting financial institutions, closing or modifying financial accounts, changing passwords, reviewing and monitoring credit reports and accounts for unauthorized activity, and filing police reports, which may take years to discover.

74. These efforts are consistent with the steps that FTC recommends that data breach victims take several steps to protect their personal and financial information after a data breach, including: contacting one of the

credit bureaus to place a fraud alert (consider an extended fraud alert that lasts for seven years if someone steals their identity), reviewing their credit reports, contacting companies to remove fraudulent charges from their accounts, placing a credit freeze on their credit, and correcting their credit reports.²⁰

75. Once Private Information is exposed, there is virtually no way to ensure that the exposed information has been fully recovered or contained against future misuse. For this reason, Plaintiff and Class Members will need to maintain these heightened measures for years, and possibly their entire lives, as a result of Defendant's conduct that caused the Data Breach.

H. Diminished Value of Private Information

76. Personal data like Private Information is a valuable property right.²¹

77. Its value is axiomatic, considering the value of Big Data in corporate America and the consequences of cyber thefts include heavy prison sentences. Even this obvious risk to reward analysis illustrates beyond doubt

²⁰ See *Federal Trade Commission*, IDENTITYTHEFT.GOV, <https://www.identitytheft.gov/Steps> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

²¹ See, e.g., John T. Soma, et al, Corporate Privacy Trend: The "Value" of Personally Identifiable Information ("PII/PHI") Equals the "Value" of Financial Assets, 15 Rich. J.L. & Tech. 11, at *3-4 (2009) ("PII/PHI, which companies obtain at little cost, has quantifiable value that is rapidly reaching a level comparable to the value of traditional financial assets.") (citations omitted) (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

that Private Information has considerable market value.

78. An active and robust legitimate marketplace for personal information also exists. In 2019, the data brokering industry was worth roughly \$200 billion.²²

79. In fact, the data marketplace is so sophisticated that consumers can actually sell their non-public information directly to a data broker who in turn aggregates the information and provides it to marketers or app developers.²³ Consumers who agree to provide their web browsing history to the Nielsen Corporation can receive up to \$60 a year.²⁴

80. As a result of the Data Breach, Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information, which has an inherent market value in both legitimate and black markets, has been damaged and diminished in its value by its unauthorized and likely release onto the dark web, where holds significant value for the threat actors.

81. However, this transfer of value occurred without any consideration paid to Plaintiff or Class Members for their property, resulting in an economic

²² *Shadowy data brokers make the most of their invisibility cloak* (Nov. 5, 2019) LA TIMES, <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2019-11-05/column-data-brokers> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

²³ *The Personal Data Revolution*, DATA COUP, <https://datacoup.com/> and *How it Works*, DIGI.ME, <https://digi.me/what-is-digime/> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

²⁴ *Frequently Asked Questions*, NIELSEN COMPUTER & MOBILE PANEL, <https://computermobilepanel.nielsen.com/ui/US/en/fagen.html> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

loss. Moreover, the Private Information is now readily available, and the rarity of the data has been lost, thereby causing additional loss of value.

I. Future Cost of Credit and Identify Theft Monitoring is Reasonable and Necessary.

82. To date, Defendant has done little to provide Plaintiff and Class Members with relief for the damages they have suffered due to the Data Breach.

83. Given the type of targeted attack in this case and sophisticated criminal activity, the type of information involved, and the modus operandi of cybercriminals, there is a strong probability that entire batches of stolen information have been placed, or will be placed, on the dark web for sale and purchase by criminals intending to utilize the Private Information for identity theft crimes— e.g., opening bank accounts in the victims’ names to make purchases or to launder money; filing false tax returns; taking out loans or insurance; or filing false unemployment claims.

84. Such fraud may go undetected until debt collection calls commence months, or even years, later. An individual may not know that his or her information was used to file for unemployment benefits until law enforcement notifies the individual’s employer of the suspected fraud. Fraudulent tax returns are typically discovered only when an individual’s authentic tax return is rejected.

85. Furthermore, the information accessed and disseminated in the Data Breach is significantly more valuable than the loss of, for example, credit card information in a retailer data breach, where victims can easily cancel their cards and request a replacement.²⁵

86. The information disclosed in this Data Breach is impossible to “close” and difficult, if not impossible, to change.

87. Consequently, Plaintiff and Class Members are at a present and ongoing risk of fraud and identity theft for many years into the future.

88. The retail cost of credit monitoring and identity theft monitoring can cost \$200 or more a year per Class Member. This is a reasonable and necessary cost to protect Class Members from the risk of identity theft that arose from Defendant’s Data Breach. This is a future cost for a minimum of five years that Plaintiff and Class Members would not need to bear but for Defendant’s failure to safeguard their Private Information.

J. Lost Benefit of the Bargain

89. Furthermore, Defendant’s poor data security deprived Plaintiff and Class Members of the benefit of their bargain.

90. When agreeing to provide their Private Information, which was a

²⁵ Jesse Damiani, *Your Social Security Number Costs \$4 On The Dark Web, New Report Finds*, FORBES (Mar. 25, 2020), <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jessedamiani/2020/03/25/your-social-security-number-costs-4-on-the-dark-web-new-report-finds/?sh=6a44b6d513f1> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

condition precedent to purchase products from Defendant, Plaintiff and Class Members, understood and expected that they were, in part, paying for services, in exchange for data security to protect the Private Information they were required to provide.

91. Plaintiff values data security. Indeed, data security is an important consideration for purchasing a product.

92. In 2024, the technology and communications conglomerate Cisco published the results of its multi-year “Consumer Privacy Survey.”²⁶ Therein, Cisco reported the following:

“For the past six years, Cisco has been tracking consumer trends across the privacy landscape. During this period, privacy has evolved from relative obscurity to a customer requirement with more than 75% of consumer respondents saying they won’t purchase from an organization they don’t trust with their data.”²⁷

93. “Privacy has become a critical element and enabler of customer trust, with 94% of organizations saying their customers would not buy from them if they did not protect data properly.”²⁸ 89% of consumers stated that “I care about data privacy.”²⁹ 83% of consumers declared that “I am willing to spend time and money to protect data” and that “I expect to pay more” for

²⁶ *Privacy Awareness: Consumers Taking Charge to Protect Personal*, CISCO, https://www.cisco.com/c/dam/en_us/about/doing_business/trust-center/docs/cisco-consumer-privacy-report-2024.pdf (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

²⁷ *Id.* at 3.

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ *Id.* at 9.

privacy.³⁰

94. Defendant did not provide the expected data security. Accordingly, Plaintiff and Class Members received services of a lesser value than what they reasonably expected to receive under the bargains struck with Defendant.

K. Defendant Could Have Prevented the Data Breach.

95. Data breaches are preventable.³¹ As Lucy Thompson wrote in the Data Breach and Encryption Handbook, “In almost all cases, the data breaches that occurred could have been prevented by proper planning and the correct design and implementation of appropriate security solutions.”³² She added that “[o]rganizations that collect, use, store, and share sensitive personal data must accept responsibility for protecting the information and ensuring that it is not compromised”³³

96. “Most of the reported data breaches are a result of lax security and the failure to create or enforce appropriate security policies, rules, and procedures Appropriate information security controls, including encryption, must be implemented and enforced in a rigorous and disciplined manner so that a data breach never occurs.”³⁴

³⁰ *Id.*

³¹ Lucy L. Thomson, “Despite the Alarming Trends, Data Breaches Are Preventable,” *in* DATA BREACH AND ENCRYPTION HANDBOOK (Lucy Thompson, ed., 2012).

³² *Id.* at 17.

³³ *Id.* at 28.

³⁴ *Id.*

97. In a Data Breach like the one here, many failures laid the groundwork for the Breach. For example, the FTC has published guidelines that establish reasonable data security practices for businesses. The guidelines also emphasize the importance of having a data security plan, regularly assessing risks to computer systems, and implementing safeguards to control such risks.

98. Additionally, several industry-standard best practices have been identified that—at a minimum—should be implemented by businesses like Defendant.

L. Defendant Failed to Adhere to FTC Guidelines.

99. According to the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”), the need for data security should be factored into all business decision-making. To that end, the FTC has issued numerous guidelines identifying best data security practices that businesses, such as Defendant, should employ to protect against the unlawful exposure of Private Information.

100. In 2016, the FTC updated its publication, Protecting Personal Information: A Guide for Business, which established guidelines for fundamental data security principles and practices for business. The guidelines explain that businesses should: (i) protect the personal information that they keep; (ii) properly dispose of personal information that is no longer needed; (iii) encrypt information stored on computer networks; (iv) understand

their network's vulnerabilities; and (v) implement policies to correct security problems.

101. The guidelines also recommend that businesses watch for large amounts of data being transmitted from the system and have a response plan ready in the event of a breach.

102. The FTC recommends that companies not maintain information longer than is needed for authorization of a transaction; limit access to sensitive data; require complex passwords to be used on networks; use industry-tested methods for security; monitor for suspicious activity on the network; and verify that third-party service providers have implemented reasonable security measures.

103. The FTC has brought enforcement actions against businesses for failing to adequately and reasonably protect individuals data, treating the failure to employ reasonable and appropriate measures to protect against unauthorized access to confidential consumer data as an unfair act or practice prohibited by Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act ("FTCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 45. Orders resulting from these actions further clarify the measures businesses must take to meet their data security obligations.

104. Defendant's failure to employ reasonable and appropriate measures to protect against unauthorized access to Plaintiff and Class Members Private Information constitutes an unfair act or practice prohibited

by Section 5 of the FTCA, 15 U.S.C. § 45.

M. Defendant Failed to Follow Industry Standards.

128. Experts studying cybersecurity routinely identify financial corporations as being particularly vulnerable to cyberattacks because of the value of the Private Information which they collect and maintain.

129. Several best practices have been identified that—at a minimum—should be implemented by businesses like Defendant. These industry standards include: educating all employees regarding cybersecurity; strong passwords; multi-layer security, including firewalls, anti-virus, and anti-malware software; encryption (making data unreadable without a key); multi-factor authentication; backup data; and limiting which employees can access sensitive data.

130. Other industry standard best practices include: installing appropriate malware detection software; monitoring and limiting the network ports; protecting web browsers and email management systems; setting up network systems such as firewalls, switches, and routers; monitoring and protection of physical security systems; protection against any possible communication system; and training staff regarding critical points.

131. Moreover, companies should retain personal data only as necessary, with legal justification. Personal data should not be stored beyond the time necessary to achieve its initial purpose of collection. In line with

industry standard practices, Defendant should have promptly deleted any data it no longer needed to provide services to Plaintiff and the Class.

132. Upon information and belief, Defendant failed to implement industry-standard cybersecurity measures, including failing to meet the minimum standards of both the NIST Cybersecurity Framework Version 2.0, and the Center for Internet Security’s Critical Security Controls (CIS CSC), which are established standards in reasonable cybersecurity readiness.

133. These frameworks are applicable and accepted industry standards. And by failing to comply with these accepted standards, Defendant opened the door to the criminals—thereby causing the Data Breach.

N. The Harm Caused by the Data Breach Now and Going Forward

105. Victims of data breaches are susceptible to becoming victims of identity theft. The FTC defines identity theft as “a fraud committed or attempted using the identifying information of another person without authority.” 17 C.F.R. § 248.201(9). When “identity thieves have your personal information, they can drain your bank account, run up charges on your credit cards, open new utility accounts, or get medical treatment on your health insurance.”³⁵

³⁵ *Prevention and Preparedness*, New York State Police, <https://troopers.ny.gov/prevention-and-preparedness> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

106. The type of data that may have been accessed and compromised here can be used to perpetrate fraud and identity theft.

107. Plaintiff and Class Members face a substantial risk of identity theft given that their Private Information was compromised in the Data Breach.

108. Stolen Private Information is often trafficked on the “dark web,” a heavily encrypted part of the Internet that is not accessible via traditional search engines. Law enforcement has difficulty policing the “dark web” due to this encryption, which allows users and criminals to conceal their identities and online activity.

109. When malicious actors infiltrate companies and copy and exfiltrate the Private Information that those companies store, the stolen information often ends up on the dark web where malicious actors buy and sell that information for profit.³⁶

110. For example, when the U.S. Department of Justice announced their seizure of AlphaBay—the largest online “dark market”—in 2017, AlphaBay had more than 350,000 listings, many of which concerned stolen or fraudulent documents that could be used to assume another person’s

³⁶*Shining a Light on the Dark Web with Identity Monitoring*, IDENTITYFORCE (Dec. 28, 2020) <https://www.identityforce.com/blog/shining-light-dark-web-identity-monitoring> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

identity.”³⁷ Marketplaces similar to the now-defunct AlphaBay continue to be “awash with [PII] belonging to victims from countries all over the world.”³⁸

111. PII remains of high value to criminals, as evidenced by the prices they will pay through the dark web. Numerous sources cite dark web pricing for stolen identity credentials. For example, personal information can be sold at a price ranging from \$40 to \$200, and bank details have a price range of \$50 to \$200.³⁹ Criminals can also purchase access to entire company data breaches from \$900 to \$4,500.⁴⁰

112. According to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) 2019 Internet Crime Report, Internet-enabled crimes reached their highest number of complaints and dollar losses in 2019, resulting in more than \$3.5 billion in losses to individuals and business victims.⁴¹

113. Further, according to the same report, “rapid reporting can help law enforcement stop fraudulent transactions before a victim loses the money

³⁷ *Stolen PII & Ramifications: Identity Theft and Fraud on the Dark Web*, ARMOR (April 3, 2018), <https://res.armor.com/resources/blog/stolen-pii-ramifications-identity-theft-fraud-dark-web/> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

³⁸ *Id.*

³⁹ *Id.*

⁴⁰ *Bryan Naylor, Victims of Social Security Number Theft Find It’s Hard to Bounce Back*, NPR (Feb. 9, 2015) <https://www.npr.org/2015/02/09/384875839/data-stolen-by-anthem-s-hackers-has-millions-worrying-about-identity-theft> (last visited Oct. 21m 2025).

⁴¹ *2019 Internet Crime Report Released*, FBI (Feb. 11, 2020) <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/2019-internet-crime-report-released-021120#:~:text=IC3%20received%20467%2C361%20complaints%20in,%2Ddelivery%20scams%2C%20and%20extortion> (last visited Oct. 21, 2025).

for good.”⁴² Defendant did not rapidly report to Plaintiff and Class Members that their Private Information had been stolen. Defendant notified impacted people nine months after learning of the Data Breach.

114. As a result of the Data Breach, the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members has been exposed to criminals for misuse. The injuries suffered by Plaintiff and Class Members, or likely to be suffered as a direct result of Defendant’s Data Breach, include: (a) theft of their Private Information; (b) costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity theft; (c) costs associated with time spent and the loss of productivity from taking time to address and attempt to ameliorate, mitigate, and deal with the consequences of this Breach; (d) invasion of privacy; (e) the emotional distress, stress, nuisance, and annoyance of responding to, and resulting from, the Data Breach; (f) the actual and/or imminent injury arising from actual and/or potential fraud and identity theft resulting from their personal data being placed in the hands of the ill-intentioned hackers and/or criminals; (g) damage to and diminution in value of their personal data entrusted to Defendant with the mutual understanding that Defendant would safeguard their Private Information against theft and not allow access to and misuse of their personal data by any unauthorized third party; and (h) the continued risk to their

⁴² *Id.*

Private Information, which remains in the possession of Defendant, and which is subject to further injurious breaches so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information.

115. In addition to a remedy for economic harm, Plaintiff and Class Members maintain an interest in ensuring that their Private Information is secure, remains secure, and is not subject to further misappropriation and theft.

116. Defendant disregarded the rights of Plaintiff and Class Members by (a) intentionally, willfully, recklessly, or negligently failing to take adequate and reasonable measures to ensure that its network servers were protected against unauthorized intrusions; (b) failing to disclose that it did not have adequately robust security protocols and training practices in place to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information; (c) failing to take standard and reasonably available steps to prevent the Data Breach; (d) concealing the existence and extent of the Data Breach for an unreasonable duration of time; and (e) failing to provide Plaintiff and Class Members prompt and accurate notice of the Data Breach.

117. The actual and adverse effects to Plaintiff and Class Members, including the imminent, immediate, and continuing increased risk of harm for identity theft, identity fraud and/or medical fraud directly or proximately

caused by Defendant's wrongful actions and/or inaction and the resulting Data Breach require Plaintiff and Class Members to take affirmative acts to recover their peace of mind and personal security including, without limitation, purchasing credit reporting services, purchasing credit monitoring and/or internet monitoring services, frequently obtaining, purchasing and reviewing credit reports, bank statements, and other similar information, instituting and/or removing credit freezes and/or closing or modifying financial accounts, for which there is a financial and temporal cost. Plaintiff and other Class Members have suffered, and will continue to suffer, such damages for the foreseeable future.

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

118. Plaintiff brings this class action, individually and on behalf of the following Class:

All persons residing in the United States who were impacted
by Defendant's Data Breach

119. Specifically excluded from the Class are Defendant, its officers, directors, agents, trustees, parents, children, corporations, trusts, representatives, principals, servants, partners, joint venturers, or entities controlled by Defendant, and its heirs, successors, assigns, or other persons or entities related to or affiliated with Defendant and/or its officers and/or directors, the judge assigned to this action, and any member of the judge's

immediate family.

120. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the Class definitions above if further investigation and/or discovery reveals that the Class should be expanded, narrowed, divided into subclasses, or otherwise modified in any way.

121. This action may be certified as a class action because it satisfies the numerosity, commonality, typicality, adequacy, and superiority requirements therein.

122. Numerosity: The Class is so numerous that joinder of all Class Members is impracticable. Upon information and belief, the Class is comprised of thousands of members. The Class is sufficiently numerous to warrant certification.

123. Typicality of Claims: Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of other Class Members because Plaintiff, like the unnamed Class, had her Private Information compromised as a result of the Data Breach. Plaintiff is a member of the Class, and her claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class. The harm suffered by Plaintiff is similar to that suffered by all other Class Members which was caused by the same misconduct by Defendant.

124. Adequacy of Representation: Plaintiff will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class. Plaintiff has no interests antagonistic to, nor in conflict with, the Class. Plaintiff has retained

competent counsel who are experienced in consumer and commercial class action litigation and who will prosecute this action vigorously.

125. Superiority: A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Because the monetary damages suffered by individual Class Members are relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impossible for individual Class Members to seek redress for the wrongful conduct asserted herein. If Class treatment of these claims is not available, Defendant will likely continue its wrongful conduct, will unjustly retain improperly obtained revenues, or will otherwise escape liability for its wrongdoing as asserted herein.

126. Predominant Common Questions: The claims of all Class Members present common questions of law or fact, which predominate over any questions affecting only individual Class Members, including:

- a. Whether Defendant failed to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature and scope of the information compromised in the Data Breach;
- b. Whether Defendant's data security systems prior to and during the Data Breach complied with applicable data security laws and regulations;
- c. Whether Defendant's storage of Plaintiff's and Class Member's Private Information was done in a negligent manner;
- d. Whether Defendant had a duty to protect and safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information;

- e. Whether Defendant's conduct was negligent;
- f. Whether Defendant's conduct violated Plaintiff's and Class Members' privacy;
- g. Whether Defendant's conduct violated the statutes as set forth herein;
- h. Whether Defendant took sufficient steps to secure Plaintiff and Class Members Private Information;
- i. Whether Defendant was unjustly enriched; and
- j. The nature of relief, including damages and equitable relief, to which Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled.

127. Information concerning Defendant's policies is available from Defendant's records.

128. Plaintiff knows of no difficulty which will be encountered in the management of this litigation which would preclude its maintenance as a class action.

129. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Class would run the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications and establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. Prosecution as a class action will eliminate the possibility of repetitious and inefficient litigation.

130. Given that Defendant had not indicated any changes to its conduct or security measures, monetary damages are insufficient and there is no complete and adequate remedy at law.

CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION **NEGLIGENCE AND NEGLIGENCE *PER SE*** **(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Classes)**

131. Plaintiff restates and realleges paragraphs 1-130, as if fully set forth herein.

132. Defendant owed a duty under common law to Plaintiff and Class Members to exercise reasonable care in obtaining, retaining, securing, safeguarding, deleting, and protecting their Private Information in its possession from being compromised, lost, stolen, accessed, and misused by unauthorized persons.

133. Defendant's duty to use reasonable care arose from several sources, including but not limited to those described below.

134. Defendant had a common law duty to prevent foreseeable harm to others. This duty existed because Plaintiff and Class Members were the foreseeable and probable victims of any inadequate security practices on the part of Defendant. By collecting and storing Private Information that is routinely targeted by criminals for unauthorized access, Defendant was obligated to act with reasonable care to protect against these foreseeable threats.

135. Defendant's duty also arose from Defendant's position as a business. Defendant holds itself out as a trusted data collector, and thereby assumes a duty to reasonably protect its customer's information. Indeed, Defendant, as a direct data collector, was in a unique and superior position to

protect against the harm suffered by Plaintiff and Class Members as a result of the Data Breach.

136. Defendant breached the duties owed to Plaintiff and Class Members and thus was negligent. Defendant breached these duties by, among other things: (a) mismanaging its system and failing to identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and integrity of customer information that resulted in the unauthorized access and compromise of Private Information; (b) mishandling its data security by failing to assess the sufficiency of its safeguards in place to control these risks; (c) failing to design and implement information safeguards to control these risks; (d) failing to adequately test and monitor the effectiveness of the safeguards' key controls, systems, and procedures; (e) failing to evaluate and adjust its information security program in light of the circumstances alleged herein; (f) failing to detect the breach at the time it began or within a reasonable time thereafter; and (g) failing to timely notify Plaintiff and Class Member about the Data Breach.

137. But for Defendant's wrongful and negligent breach of its duties owed to Plaintiff and Class Members, their Private Information would not have been compromised.

138. Section 5 of the FTC Act prohibits "unfair . . . practices in or affecting commerce" including, as interpreted and enforced by the FTC, the

unfair act or practice by entities such as Defendant or failing to use reasonable measures to protect PII. Various FTC publications and orders also form the basis of Defendant's duty.

139. Defendant violated Section 5 of the FTC Act by failing to use reasonable measures to protect the Private Information and not complying with the industry standards. Defendant's conduct was particularly unreasonable given the nature and amount of Private Information it obtained and stored and the foreseeable consequences of a data breach involving the Private Information of its customers.

140. Plaintiff and members of the Class are consumers within the class of persons Section 5 of the FTC Act was intended to protect.

141. Defendant's violation of Section 5 of the FTC Act constitutes negligence *per se*.

142. The harm that has occurred as a result of Defendant's conduct is the type of harm that the FTC Act was intended to guard against.

143. Defendant's duty to use reasonable security measures under HIPAA required Defendant to "reasonably protect" confidential data from "any intentional or unintentional use or disclosure" and to "have in place appropriate administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the privacy of protected health information." 45 C.F.R. § 164.530(c)(l). Some or all of the healthcare and/or medical information at issue in this case constitutes "protected health information" within the meaning of HIPAA.

144. For instance, HIPAA required Defendant to notify victims of the Breach within 60 days of the discovery of the Data Breach. Defendant has not yet notified Plaintiff or Class Members of the Data Breach despite, upon information and belief, Defendant knowing in September 2025, that unauthorized persons had accessed and acquired the private, protected, Private Information of Plaintiff and the Class.

145. Defendant violated its own policies not to use or disclose Private Information without written authorization.

146. Defendant violated its own policies by actively disclosing Plaintiff's and the Class Members' Private Information; by failing to provide fair, reasonable, or adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information; failing to maintain the confidentiality of Plaintiff's and the Class Members' records; and by failing to provide timely notice of the breach of Private Information to Plaintiff and the Class.

147. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered injuries, including:

- a. Theft of their Private Information;
- b. Costs associated with the detection and prevention of identity theft and unauthorized use of the financial accounts;

c. Costs associated with purchasing credit monitoring and identity theft protection services;

d. Lowered credit scores resulting from credit inquiries following fraudulent activities;

e. Costs associated with time spent and the loss of productivity from taking time to address and attempt to ameliorate, mitigate, and deal with the actual and future consequences of the Defendant Data Breach – including finding fraudulent charges, cancelling and reissuing cards, enrolling in credit monitoring and identity theft protection services, freezing and unfreezing accounts, and imposing withdrawal and purchase limits on compromised accounts;

f. The imminent and certainly impending injury flowing from the increased risk of potential fraud and identity theft posed by their Private Information being placed in the hands of criminals;

g. Damages to and diminution in value of their Private Information entrusted, directly or indirectly, to Defendant with the mutual understanding that Defendant would safeguard Plaintiff's and Class Members' data against theft and not allow access and misuse of their data by others;

h. Continued risk of exposure to hackers and thieves of their Private Information, which remains in Defendant's possession and is

subject to further breaches so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect Plaintiff's and Class Members' data;

i. Loss of their privacy and confidentiality in their Private Information;

j. The erosion of the essential and confidential relationship between Defendant – as a business – and Plaintiff and Class members as customers.

148. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence, Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to damages, including compensatory, punitive, and nominal damages, in an amount to be proven at trial.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
BREACH OF IMPLIED CONTRACT
(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Classes)

149. Plaintiff restates and realleges paragraphs 1-130, as if fully set forth herein.

150. Plaintiff and Class Members were required deliver their Private Information to Defendant as part of the process of obtaining products and/or services at Defendant.

151. Defendant solicited, offered, and invited Class Members to provide their PII as part of Defendant's regular business practices. Plaintiff and Class Members accepted Defendant's offers and provided their PII to Defendant.

152. Defendant accepted possession of Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information for the purpose of providing services to Plaintiff and Class Members.

153. Plaintiff and the Class entrusted their Private Information to Defendant. In so doing, Plaintiff and the Class entered into implied contracts with Defendant by which Defendant agreed to safeguard and protect such information, to keep such information secure and confidential, and to timely and accurately notify Plaintiff and the Class if their data had been breached and compromised or stolen.

154. In entering into such implied contracts, Plaintiff and Class Members reasonably believed and expected that Defendant's data security practices complied with relevant laws and regulations (including FTC guidelines on data security) and were consistent with industry standards.

155. Implicit in the agreement between Plaintiff and Class Members and the Defendant to provide Private Information, was the latter's obligation to: (a) use such Private Information for business purposes only, (b) take reasonable steps to safeguard that Private Information, (c) prevent unauthorized disclosures of the Private Information, (d) provide Plaintiff and

Class Members with prompt and sufficient notice of any and all unauthorized access and/or theft of their Private Information, (e) reasonably safeguard and protect the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members from unauthorized disclosure or uses, (f) retain the Private Information only under conditions that kept such information secure and confidential.

156. The mutual understanding and intent of Plaintiff and Class Members on the one hand, and Defendant, on the other, is demonstrated by their conduct and course of dealing.

157. On information and belief, at all relevant times Defendant promulgated, adopted, and implemented written privacy policies whereby it expressly promised Plaintiff and Class Members that it would only disclose Private Information under certain circumstances, none of which relate to the Data Breach.

158. On information and belief, Defendant further promised to comply with industry standards and to make sure that Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information would remain protected.

159. Plaintiff and Class Members paid money to Defendant with the reasonable belief and expectation that Defendant would use part of its earnings to obtain adequate data security. Defendant failed to do so.

160. Plaintiff and Class Members would not have entrusted their Private Information to Defendant in the absence of the implied contract between them and Defendant to keep their information reasonably secure.

161. Plaintiff and Class Members would not have entrusted their Private Information to Defendant in the absence of their implied promise to monitor their computer systems and networks to ensure that it adopted reasonable data security measures.

162. Every contract in this State has an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, which is an independent duty and may be breached even when there is no breach of a contract's actual and/or express terms.

163. Plaintiff and Class Members fully and adequately performed their obligations under the implied contracts with Defendant.

164. Defendant breached the implied contracts it made with Plaintiff and the Class by failing to safeguard and protect their personal information, by failing to delete the information of Plaintiff and the Class once the relationship ended, and by failing to provide accurate notice to them that personal information was compromised as a result of the Data Breach.

165. Defendant breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing by failing to maintain adequate computer systems and data security practices to safeguard Private Information, failing to timely and accurately disclose the Data Breach to Plaintiff and Class Members and continued

acceptance of Private Information and storage of other personal information after Defendant knew, or should have known, of the security vulnerabilities of the systems that were exploited in the Data Breach.

166. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of the implied contracts, Plaintiff and Class Members sustained damages, including, but not limited to: (i) invasion of privacy; (ii) theft of their Private Information; (iii) lost or diminished value of Private Information; (iv) lost time and opportunity costs associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data Breach; (v) loss of benefit of the bargain; (vi) lost opportunity costs associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data Breach; (vii) statutory damages; (viii) nominal damages; and (ix) the continued and certainly increased risk to their Private Information, which: (a) remains unencrypted and available for unauthorized third parties to access and abuse; and (b) remains backed up in Defendant's possession and is subject to further unauthorized disclosures so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the Private Information.

167. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to compensatory, consequential, and nominal damages suffered as a result of the Data Breach.

168. Plaintiff and Class Members are also entitled to injunctive relief requiring Defendant to, e.g., (i) strengthen its data security systems and

monitoring procedures; (ii) submit to future annual audits of those systems and monitoring procedures; and (iii) immediately provide adequate credit monitoring to all Class Members.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION
UNJUST ENRICHMENT
(On Behalf of Plaintiff and the Classes)

169. Plaintiff restates and realleges paragraphs 1-130, as if fully set forth herein.

170. Plaintiff brings this Count in the alternative to the breach of implied contract count above.

171. Plaintiff and Class Members conferred a monetary benefit on Defendant. Specifically, they paid money to Defendant and/or its agents for products and/or services and in so doing also provided Defendant with their Private Information. In exchange, Plaintiff and Class Members should have received from Defendant the products and/or services that were the subject of the transaction and should have had their Private Information protected with adequate data security.

172. Defendant knew that Plaintiff and Class Members conferred a benefit upon it and has accepted and retained that benefit by accepting and retaining the Private Information entrusted to it. Defendant profited from

Plaintiff's retained data and used Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information for business purposes.

173. Defendant failed to secure Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information and, therefore, did not fully compensate Plaintiff or Class Members for the value that their Private Information provided.

174. Defendant acquired the Private Information through inequitable record retention as it failed to investigate and/or disclose the inadequate data security practices previously alleged.

175. If Plaintiff and Class Members had known that Defendant would not use adequate data security practices, procedures, and protocols to adequately monitor, supervise, and secure their Private Information, they would have entrusted their Private Information at Defendant or obtained products and/or services at Defendant.

176. Plaintiff and Class Members have no adequate remedy at law.

177. Under the circumstances, it would be unjust for Defendant to be permitted to retain any of the benefits that Plaintiff and Class Members conferred upon it.

178. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered and will suffer injury, including but not limited to: (i) invasion of privacy; (ii) theft of their Private Information; (iii) lost or diminished value of Private Information; (iv) lost time and opportunity costs

associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data Breach; (v) loss of benefit of the bargain; (vi) lost opportunity costs associated with attempting to mitigate the actual consequences of the Data Breach; (vii) statutory damages; (viii) nominal damages; and (ix) the continued and certainly increased risk to their Private Information, which: (a) remains unencrypted and available for unauthorized third parties to access and abuse; and (b) remains backed up in Defendant's possession and is subject to further unauthorized disclosures so long as Defendant fails to undertake appropriate and adequate measures to protect the Private Information.

179. Plaintiff and Class Members are entitled to full refunds, restitution, and/or damages from Defendant and/or an order proportionally disgorging all profits, benefits, and other compensation obtained by Defendant from its wrongful conduct. This can be accomplished by establishing a constructive trust from which the Plaintiff and Class Members may seek restitution or compensation.

180. Plaintiff and Class Members may not have an adequate remedy at law against Defendant, and accordingly, they plead this claim for unjust enrichment in addition to, or in the alternative to, other claims pleaded herein.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and Class Members, requests judgment against Defendant and that the Court grants the following:

- A. For an Order certifying this action as a class action and appointing Plaintiff and her counsel to represent the Classes;
- B. For equitable relief enjoining Defendant from engaging in the wrongful conduct complained of herein pertaining to the misuse and/or disclosure of Plaintiff's and Class Members' Private Information, and from refusing to issue prompt, complete and accurate disclosures to Plaintiff and Class Members;
- C. For injunctive relief requested by Plaintiff, including, but not limited to, injunctive and other equitable relief as is necessary to protect the interests of Plaintiff and Class Members, including but not limited to an order:
 - i. prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the wrongful and unlawful acts described herein;
 - ii. requiring Defendant to protect, including through encryption, all data collected through the course of their business in accordance with all applicable regulations, industry standards, and federal, state or local laws;
 - iii. requiring Defendant to delete, destroy, and purge the personal identifying information of Plaintiff and Class Members unless Defendant can provide to the Court reasonable justification for the retention and use of such

information when weighed against the privacy interests of Plaintiff and Class Members;

- iv. requiring Defendant to implement and maintain a comprehensive Information Security Program designed to protect the confidentiality and integrity of the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members;
- v. prohibiting Defendant from maintaining the Private Information of Plaintiff and Class Members on a cloud-based database;
- vi. requiring Defendant to engage independent third-party security auditors/penetration testers as well as internal security personnel to conduct testing, including simulated attacks, penetration tests, and audits on Defendant's systems on a periodic basis, and ordering Defendant to promptly correct any problems or issues detected by such third-party security auditors;
- vii. requiring Defendant to engage independent third-party security auditors and internal personnel to run automated security monitoring;
- viii. requiring Defendant to audit, test, and train their security personnel regarding any new or modified

procedures; requiring Defendant to segment data by, among other things, creating firewalls and access controls so that if one area of Defendant's network is compromised, hackers cannot gain access to other portions of Defendant's systems;

- ix. requiring Defendant to conduct regular database scanning and securing checks;
- x. requiring Defendant to establish an information security training program that includes at least annual information security training for all employees, with additional training to be provided as appropriate based upon the employees' respective responsibilities with handling personal identifying information, as well as protecting the personal identifying information of Plaintiff and Class Members;
- xi. requiring Defendant to routinely and continually conduct internal training and education, and on an annual basis to inform internal security personnel how to identify and contain a breach when it occurs and what to do in response to a breach;

- xii. requiring Defendant to implement a system of tests to assess its respective employees' knowledge of the education programs discussed in the preceding subparagraphs, as well as randomly and periodically testing employees' compliance with Defendant's policies, programs, and systems for protecting personal identifying information;
- xiii. requiring Defendant to implement, maintain, regularly review, and revise as necessary a threat management program designed to appropriately monitor Defendant's information networks for threats, both internal and external, and assess whether monitoring tools are appropriately configured, tested, and updated;
- xiv. requiring Defendant to meaningfully educate all Class Members about the threats that they face as a result of the loss of their confidential personal identifying information to third parties, as well as the steps affected individuals must take to protect themselves;
- xv. requiring Defendant to implement logging and monitoring programs sufficient to track traffic to and from Defendant's servers; and

- xvi. for a period of 10 years, appointing a qualified and independent third party assessor to conduct a SOC 2 Type 2 attestation on an annual basis to evaluate Defendant's compliance with the terms of the Court's final judgment, to provide such report to the Court and to counsel for the class, and to report any deficiencies with compliance of the Court's final judgment;
- D. For an award of actual damages, compensatory damages, statutory damages, and nominal damages, in an amount to be determined, as allowable by law;
- E. For an award of punitive damages, as allowable by law;
- F. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs, and any other expenses, including expert witness fees;
- G. Pre- and post-judgment interest on any amounts awarded; and
- H. Such other and further relief as this court may deem just and proper.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

A jury trial is demanded on all claims so triable.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

DANIELLE SEABERG, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Porter County, IN (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

CLASSICA CRUISE OPERATOR, LTD. INC., d/b/a MARGARITAVILLE AT SEA

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692) <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)

Brief description of cause:
Data breach

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☒ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$
5000000

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

Oct 28, 2025

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/Mariya Weekes

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RECEIPT # AMOUNT APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Civil Action No. 6:25-cv-2072

PROOF OF SERVICE*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (l))*

This summons for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
 was received by me on *(date)* _____ .

☐ I personally served the summons on the individual at *(place)* _____
 _____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

☐ I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with *(name)* _____
 _____, a person of suitable age and discretion who resides there,
 on *(date)* _____, and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or

☐ I served the summons on *(name of individual)* _____, who is
 designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of *(name of organization)* _____
 _____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

☐ I returned the summons unexecuted because _____ ; or

☐ Other *(specify)*: _____

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc: