

Illinois Department of
DCFS
Children & Family Services

J.B. Pritzker
Governor

Marc D. Smith
Director

May 24, 2023

Clerk of the House
Capitol Building, Rm 300
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: Personal Information Protection Act (815 ILCS 530, et seq.)
Report of a Loss of Protected Personal Information

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 25 of the Personal Information Protection Act, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) submits this report of a breach of written material.

On April 28, 2023, a foster care worker from one of the Department's Child Welfare Contributing Agencies inadvertently released a copy of part of the above youth's file that contained his personal identifying information to an Assistant State's Attorney who forwarded it to the Guardian Ad litem. The Department has reached out to those individuals and asked that they disregard the email, delete it from their system and destroy any hard copies they may have printed. All have confirmed compliance with this request. The documents contained the name, date of birth and social security numbers of a foster parent, his child and a foster child. The total number of individuals involved in this breach is 3.

DCFS sincerely regrets this incident. DCFS has contacted the affected individuals and provided them with information about credit monitoring services and other ways to protect their identity.

Sincerely,



Marc D. Smith
Director
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services