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### ATTORNEY GENERAL ALERTS CONSUMERS OF SONY PLAYSTATION NETWORK DATA BREACH

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HARTFORD -- Attorney General George Jepsen today alerted consumers to a data breach, which may affect as many as 77 million users, in the popular entertainment console Sony PlayStation's online network.

Sony has confirmed the compromised data may include a wide range of personal information such as user names, addresses, birth dates, e-mail addresses, account login data, and potentially credit card information. In addition to video game playing, Sony's network can also be used to access other entertainment networks such as Netflix, Facebook and Twitter.

In a letter to Sony, Jepsen asked for more details about the extent of the breach, what third-party products may be affected, and the steps the company is currently taking to protect its users. He also expressed concern about whether Sony promptly detected and alerted customers about the breach.

"In this era of increasing reliance on technology, it is vitally important that all entities entrusted with nonpublic personal information employ the highest levels of data security," Jepsen wrote. "I expect Sony to work with and protect any consumers harmed as a result of this breach, and will review Sony's efforts to protect private information."

Sony first detected an intrusion on April 20 and reported it as a network outage. On Monday, five days after the initial intrusion, Sony analysts confirmed the actual data breach. The company alerted customers Tuesday that their personal data may be at risk.

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Fitzsimmons is representing Jepsen in this matter.

View the letter to [Sony](#) – (PDF-282KB)

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