THE BRIEFEST OF INTRODUCTIONS

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## OUTLINE: HANDLING A CYBERSECURITY INVESTIGATION

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SCCE, Inc.

A provider of compliance-related educational services.

Regulated by the National Compliance Education Agency (NCEA)
DAY 01

- Karl works at SCCE and reports to IT that his laptop is “locked on a scary screen” and is asking for “a bunch of bitcoins or something.”

- Others report that SCCE’s files containing forward-looking financial information and HR data are no longer accessible.

- Karl’s computer is locked on the following screen:
DAY 02

- IT quickly reviews available network logs and detects unusual network activity.

- IT identifies a malicious email that was sent to Karl on DAY 00.

USPS Delivery Error No#2487

Your FedEx <customer-services@fedex.com>

Sent: DAY 00, 4:30pm
To: karl@corporatecompliance.org

Message
FedEx_Invoice.zip (42 KB)

Dear Customer,

Your package has been returned to the FedEx office.
The reason of the return is - Incorrect delivery address of the package.
Please print out the invoice copy attached and collect the package at our office.

FedEx Logistics Services.
• A well-known blogger blogged.

• An anonymous tweeter tweeted.

Johnson Speaks – You Listen

*Thoughts from a well-known blogger.*

Compliance-Related Education Providers Attacked

*DAY 03, 2:30pm*

Compliance-related education service providers are being targeted in a phishing and ransomware campaign. The phishing emails carry ransomware and malware known as Compliance.exe, capable of exfiltrating HR, finance, and other data. Sources confirm that SCCE has been targeted.
DAY 04

• FBI contacts SCCE to arrange an immediate “conversation” about confirmed data loss. FBI requests all written information concerning the incident.

• SCCE’s forensics firm confirms that the phishing email to Karl led to the ransomware attack, and that the email also included the malware Compliance.exe. The firm confirms data loss.
DAY 35 (Post Incident Notification)

- Access Letter from NCEA requests “documents sufficient to identify the cause of the security incident” and “documents evidencing SCCE’s software patching process.”

- NCEA requests interviews with Karl and other key SCCE employees and executives.

DAY 60

- NCEA issues Civil Investigative Demand (CID) requesting all information related to the security incident.
• NCEA files a complaint against SCCE for inadequate data protection practices.