

Western Union reveals customer data theft

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NEW YORK -- The U.S. wire-transfer company Western Union admitted that thousands of customers' personal information was stolen this year by a group of hackers. While the company admitted to losing more than 20,000 customers' personal data in the computer attack on one of its databases in May, company spokeswoman Sherry Johnson said that information hasn't been used for illegal purposes since then, the New York Post said Tuesday. Johnson added that FBI investigators have been called in to look into the computer theft. The stolen data included customers' names, phone numbers, addresses and credit card information, the Post said. The information was stored on a database with poor security when the computer theft occurred in late May, the company said. The Post said that Western Union began informing its customers of the theft July 6 and has offered those customers targeted by the crime a free year of credit monitoring.

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