Chipotle Data Breach Affects Most of Company's Restaurants

June 1, 2017 - If you are like me and you love Mexican food then you've probably visited Chipotle. With thousands of locations around the country, it's a pretty safe bet that you live fairly close to one. Unfortunately, if you visited one of their stores between March 24th and April 18th and you paid with a credit card, it is also a pretty safe bet that you had your information stolen by hackers.

Tweet

(function() {
var s = document.createElement('SCRIPT'), s1 = document.getElementsByTagName('SCRIPT')[0];
s.type = 'text/javascript';
s.src = 'http://widgets.digg.com/buttons.js';
s1.parentNode.insertBefore(s, s1);
})();

(function() {
var po = document.createElement('script'); po.type = 'text/javascript'; po.async = true;
po.src = 'https://apis.google.com/js/plusone.js';
var s = document.getElementsByTagName('script')[0]; s.parentNode.insertBefore(po, s);
})();

Lucky me. I happened to go to my local Chipoltle and pay with a debit card on the very last day of the data breach. Within a couple of days, my bank notified me that someone had attempted to access my checking account. My passwords were deactivated and my debit card was replaced immediately.

While you may find it surprising that it only took identity thieves a couple of days to try and hack my accounts, a new report from the FTC indicates that some of crooks involved in ID theft are moving a lot faster than that. In one instance where the agency setup fake accounts to be targeted by hackers, it only took them 9 minutes from the time the data was stolen to the time that they attempted to make a purchase.

The bottom line here is that if you think your information was stolen in the Chipotle breach or in another breach, you need to act fast. Change your credit and debit cards out quickly and monitor your accounts for illicit activity. Not doing so could prove to be a very costly mistake.

As for Chipotle, the company has said that this breach impacted just about all of their stores.
byJim Malmberg
Note: When posting a comment, please sign-in first if you want a response. If you are not registered, click here. Registration is easy and free.
Follow me on Twitter:

Follow ACCESS