VA Exposes Veteran’s Spouses and Children to Identity Theft

The VA released private data on millions of people connected to veterans despite knowing it could cause harm. For more than three years, the VA stopped redacting names, Social Security numbers and other individually-identifiable data on spouses, children and others mentioned veteran’s claims records.

To expedite requests for claims, the VA intentionally exposed these individuals to identity theft. The auditors who revealed the breach said a staggering amount of data was likely exposed. In just 30 claims of 379,000 processed over the three years, the auditors found more than 1,000 unredacted names and Social Security numbers.


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