FTC Identity Theft Report - Step-by-Step Guide

If your personal data (SSN, ID scans, financial records) was exposed in this breach, file an official Identity Theft Report with the Federal Trade Commission. It is free and takes about 15 minutes.

STEPS:

1. Go to IdentityTheft.gov in your browser.

2. Click "Get Started" and select the option matching your case (data breach exposure or misuse of your information).

3. Describe the breach: legal documents and personal records of the firm Rotstein & Shiffman, P.A. (rotstein-shiffman.com), Fort Lauderdale, Florida were published online without authorization after a hack of the firm's unprotected network.

4. List every piece of your information you know or believe was exposed (name, SSN, date of birth, address, signature, ID scans, bank records, medical/legal case files).

5. Download and print your FTC Identity Theft Report and recovery plan.

6. Keep the report number. Credit bureaus, banks, and police will ask for it.

WHY IT MATTERS: an FTC Report gives you legal standing for extended fraud alerts (7 years), credit freezes, and disputing fraudulent accounts.