

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

If Phil Smith Management, Inc. d/b/a Phil Smith Automotive Group (“Defendant”) Notified You of a Security Incident, You May be Eligible For Benefits From a Class Action Settlement.

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- A proposed Settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit known as *William Gillis v. Phil Smith Management, Inc. d/b/a Phil Smith Automotive Group*, Case No. 6:25-CV-61610-MD (“Lawsuit”), filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Division.
- This Lawsuit arises out of unauthorized access to Defendant’s systems and certain files containing sensitive and/or personal information including, but not limited to, names, driver’s license or state identification number and Social Security number (collectively “Personal Information”) and which was discovered by Defendant on or about February 8, 2025 (the “Security Incident”). Defendant disagrees with Plaintiff’s claims and denies any wrongdoing.
- All Settlement Class Members can receive the following benefits from the Settlement: (1) up to \$5,000.00 for documented out-of-pocket expenses or (2) alternative cash payment, and (3) three years of Credit Monitoring.
- You are included in this Settlement as a Settlement Class Member if you were mailed written notification that indicated your Personal Information was potentially compromised as a result of the Security Incident discovered by Defendant in February 2025.
- Your legal rights are affected regardless of whether you do or do not act. Read this Notice carefully.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS & OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT

Submit Claim	a	You must submit a Valid Claim to get money from this Settlement. Claim Forms must be submitted online by April 27, 2026, if mailed, postmarked no later than April 27, 2026.
Exclude Yourself		Get out of the Settlement. Get no money. Keep your rights. This is the only option that allows you to keep your right to sue about the claims in this lawsuit. You will not get any money from the Settlement. Your request to exclude yourself must be postmarked no later than March 27, 2026.
File an Objection		Stay in the Settlement but tell the Court why you think the Settlement should not be approved. Objections must be postmarked no later than March 27, 2026.
Go to Hearing	a	You can ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement, at your own expense. <i>See</i> Question 18 for more details. The Final Fairness Hearing is scheduled for April 29, 2026.

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BASIC INFORMATION

1. How do I know if I am affected by the Lawsuit and Settlement?

You are a Settlement Class Member if you were mailed written notification by Phil Smith Management, Inc. d/b/a Phil Smith Automotive Group. (“Defendant” or “Phil Smith”) that your Personal Information was potentially compromised as a result of the Security Incident discovered by Defendant in February 2025.

The Settlement Class specifically excludes: (i) Phil Smith Management, Inc. d/b/a/ Phil Smith Automotive Group. (“Defendant” or “Phil Smith”), the Related Entities, and their officers and directors; (ii) all Settlement Class Members who timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class; (iii) any judges assigned to this case and their staff and family; and (iv) any other Person found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be guilty under criminal law of initiating, causing, aiding or abetting the criminal activity occurrence of the Security Incident or who pleads *nolo contendere* to any such charge. This Notice explains the nature of the lawsuit and claims being settled, your legal rights, and the benefits to the Settlement Class.

2. What is this case about?

This case is known as *William Gillis v. Phil Smith Management, Inc. d/b/a Phil Smith Automotive Group*, Case No. 6:25-CV-61610-MD, filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Division. The person who sued is called the “Plaintiff” and the company they sued, Phil Smith Management d/b/a Phil Smith Automotive Group, is known as the “Defendant” in this case.

Plaintiff filed a lawsuit against Defendant, individually, and on behalf of anyone whose Personal Information was potentially impacted as a result of the Security Incident.

This Lawsuit arises out of unauthorized access to Defendants’ systems and certain files containing sensitive and/or personal information including, but not limited to, names, drivers’ licenses or state identification numbers, and Social Security numbers (collectively “Personal Information”), and which was discovered by Defendant on or about February 8, 2025 (the “Security Incident”). After learning of the Security Incident, notification was mailed to persons whose Personal Information may have been impacted by the Security Incident. Subsequently, this lawsuit was filed asserting claims against Defendant relating to the Security Incident. Defendant denies Plaintiff’s claims and denies any wrongdoing.

3. Why is there a Settlement?

By agreeing to settle, both sides avoid the cost, disruption, and distraction of further litigation. The Class Representative, Defendant, and their attorneys believe the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and, thus, best for the Settlement Class Members. The Court did not decide in favor of the Plaintiff or Defendant. Full details about the proposed Settlement are found in the Settlement Agreement available at www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com.

4. Why is this a class action?

In a class action, one or more people called a “Class Representative” sue on behalf of all people who have similar claims. All of these people together are the “Settlement Class” or “Settlement Class Members.”

5. How do I know if I am included in the Settlement?

You are included in the Settlement if you were mailed written notification by Phil Smith Automotive Group (“Defendant”) that your Personal Information was potentially compromised as a result of the Security Incident discovered by Defendant in February 2025. If you are not sure whether you are included as a Settlement Class Member, or have any other questions about the Settlement, visit www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com, call toll free 1-866-742-4955, send email to info@RG2claims.com, or write to **Phil Smith Management Settlement**, c/o RG2 Claims Administration, P.O. Box 59479, Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

6. What does this Settlement provide?

The proposed Settlement will provide the following benefits to Settlement Class Members:

Expense Reimbursement

Documented Out of Pocket Expense Reimbursement (Ordinary Losses): All Settlement Class Members who submit a Valid Claim using the Claim Form are eligible for the following documented out-of-pocket expenses, not to exceed \$5,000 per Settlement Class Member, that were incurred as a result of the Security Incident: (i) unreimbursed bank fees; (ii) long distance phone charges; (iii) cell phone charges (only if charged by the minute); (iv) data charges (only if charged based on the amount of data used); (v) postage; (vi) gasoline for local travel; and (vii) fees for credit reports, credit monitoring, or other identity theft insurance products purchased by Settlement Class Members between February 8, 2025 and April 27, 2026. To receive reimbursement for any of the above-referenced out-of-pocket expenses, Settlement Class Members must submit a valid and timely claim, including necessary supporting documentation, to the Claims Administrator.

Alternative Cash Payment: All Settlement Class Members may make a claim for an alternative case payment without the need to document losses incurred as a result of the Security Incident. The amount of the payment will be calculated by first deducting the costs of performing the Credit Monitoring. The remaining amount will determine the actual dollar amount of the Alternative Cash Payment available for each Settlement Class Member.

(You cannot file a claim for Out-of-Pocket Expenses if you claim the Alternative Cash Payment.)

Credit Monitoring: All Settlement Class Members may elect to receive three years of Cyberscout Credit Monitoring.

Information Security Improvements: Defendant will implement or maintain various data security improvements. Any costs associated with these security improvements will be paid by Defendant separate and apart from other settlement benefits.

7. How to submit a claim?

All claims will be reviewed by the Settlement Administrator and/or a claims referee. You must file a Claim Form to get any money from the proposed Settlement. Claim Forms must be submitted online **April 27, 2026** or postmarked no later than **April 27, 2026**. You can download a Claim Form at www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com, send email to info@RG2claims.com, or you can call the Settlement Administrator at 1-866-742-4955. The unique Login and Password that were printed on the Notice you received will be required to access the online and paper claim forms.

8. What am I giving up as part of the Settlement?

If you stay in the Settlement Class, you will be eligible to receive benefits, but you will not be able to sue Defendant and its Related Entities and each of their past or present parents, subsidiaries, divisions, and related or affiliated entities, and each of their respective predecessors, successors, directors, officers, principals, agents, attorneys, insurers, and reinsurers regarding the claims in this case. The Settlement Agreement, which includes all provisions about settled claims, releases, and Released Persons, is available at www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com.

The only way to keep the right to sue is to exclude yourself (*see* Question 10), otherwise you will be included in the Settlement Class, if the Settlement is approved, and you give up the right to sue for the claims in this case.

9. Will the Class Representative receive compensation?

Yes. The Class Representative will receive a service award of up to \$2,500, to compensate him for his services and efforts in bringing the lawsuit. The Court will make the final decision as to the amount, if any, to be paid to the Class Representative.

EXCLUDE YOURSELF

10. How do I exclude myself from the Settlement?

If you do not want to be included in the Settlement, you must send a timely written request for exclusion. Your request for exclusion must be individually signed by you. Your request must clearly manifest your intent to be excluded from the Settlement.

Your written request for exclusion must be postmarked no later than **March 27, 2026** to:

Phil Smith Management Settlement
c/o RG2 Claims Administration
P.O. Box 59479
Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479

Instructions on how to submit a request for exclusion are available at www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com or from the Claims Administrator by calling 1-866-742-4955.

If you exclude yourself, you will not be able to receive any cash benefits from the Settlement and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit and you will keep your right to sue the Defendant on your own for the claims that this Settlement resolves.

11. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue later?

No. If you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement, and the Settlement is approved by the Court, you forever give up the right to sue the Released Persons (listed in Question 8) for the claims this Settlement resolves.

12. What happens if I do nothing at all?

If you do nothing, you will be bound by the Settlement if the Court approves it, you will not get any money from the Settlement, you will not be able to start or proceed with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against the Released Persons (listed in Question 8) about the settled claims in this case at any time.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

13. Do I have a lawyer in the case?

Yes. The Court has appointed Nicholas A. Colella and Gerald D. Wells, III of the law firm LYNCH CARPENTER LLP (called “Class Counsel”) to represent the interests of all Settlement Class Members in this case. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

14. How will the lawyers be paid?

Class Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys’ fees, costs, and litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$170,975. A copy of Class Counsel’s Application for Attorneys’ Fees, Costs, and Expenses will be posted on the Settlement Website, www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com, before the Final Fairness Hearing. The Court will make the final decisions as to the amounts to be paid to Class Counsel, and may award less than the amount requested by Class Counsel.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

15. How do I tell the Court that I do not like the Settlement?

If you want to tell the Court that you do not agree with the proposed Settlement or some part of it, you can submit an objection telling it why you do not think the Settlement should be approved. Objections must be submitted in writing and include all the following information:

Such notice shall state:

- (i) the objector’s full name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any);

- (ii) information identifying the objector as a Settlement Class Member, including proof that the objector is a member of the Settlement Class (e.g., copy of notice, copy of original notice of the Security Incident);
- (iii) a written statement of all grounds for the objection, accompanied by any legal support for the objection the objector believes applicable;
- (iv) the identity of any and all counsel representing the objector in connection with the objection;
- (v) a statement whether the objector and/or his or her counsel will appear at the Final Fairness Hearing;
- (vi) the objector’s signature and the signature of the objector’s duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative (along with documentation setting forth such representation); and
- (vii) a list, by case name, court, and docket number, of all other cases in which the objector and/or the objector’s counsel has filed an objection to any proposed class action settlement within the last three (3) years.

Your Objection must include the case name and docket number, *Gillis v. Phil Smith Management, Inc d/b/a Phil Smith Automotive Group*, Case No. 4:22-CV-01016-AL6:25-CV-61610-MD, and be submitted to the Clerk of the Court by First-Class mail, received no later than **March 27, 2026**, to:

Clerk of the Court
 U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse
 299 East Broward Boulevard #108
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

In addition, you must mail a copy of your objection to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, postmarked no later than March 27, 2026:

CLASS COUNSEL	DEFENSE COUNSEL
Nicholas A. Colella and Gerald D. Wells, III LYNCH CARPENTER LLP 1133 Penn Avenue, 5th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Kyle Roberts and Jennifer M. Oliver BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC 401 East Las Olas Blvd. Suite 2250 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-4251

If you do not submit your objection with all requirements, or if your objection is not received by March 27, 2026, you will be considered to have waived all Objections and will not be entitled to speak at the Final Fairness Hearing.

16. What is the difference between objecting and asking to be excluded?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you don’t like something about the Settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you don’t want to be part of the

Settlement Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the Settlement no longer affects you.

THE FINAL FAIRNESS HEARING

17. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the Settlement?

The Court will hold the Final Fairness Hearing on April 29, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse, 299 East Broward Boulevard #108, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301. The hearing may be moved to a different date, time, or location without additional notice, so it is recommended that you periodically check www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com for updated information.

At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, adequate, and is in the best interests of Settlement Class Members, and if it should be approved. If there are valid objections, the Court will consider them and will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing if the request was made properly. The Court will also consider the award of Attorneys' Fees, Costs, and Expenses to Class Counsel and the request for a service award to the Class Representative.

18. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. You are not required to come to the Final Fairness Hearing. However, you are welcome to attend the hearing at your own expense.

If you submit an Objection, you do not have to come to the hearing to talk about it. If your objection was submitted properly and on time, the Court will consider it. You also may pay your own lawyer to attend the Final Fairness Hearing, but that is not necessary.

19. May I speak at the hearing?

Yes. You can speak at the Final Fairness Hearing but you must ask the Court for permission. To request permission to speak, you must file an objection according to the instructions in Question 15, including all the information required. You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Settlement.

DO NOTHING

20. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not get any money from the Settlement, you will not be able to sue for the claims in this case, and you release the claims against Defendant described in Question 8.

GET MORE INFORMATION

21. How do I get more information about the Settlement?

This is only a summary of the proposed Settlement. If you want additional information about this lawsuit, including a copy of the Settlement Agreement, the Complaint, the Court's Preliminary Approval Order, Class Counsel's Application for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, and more, please visit www.PhilSmithDataSettlement.com or call 1-866-742-4955. You may also contact the Settlement Administrator at Phil Smith Management Settlement, c/o RG2 Claims Administration, P.O. Box 59479, Philadelphia, PA 19102-9479.

PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT OR LITIGATION TO THE CLERK OF THE COURT, THE JUDGE, DEFENDANT, OR DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL.