



# **Two Mondays** **Two Outcomes**

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# Today's Agenda

- 1 Ransomware Headlines: Recent CU Incidents
- 2 Two Mondays: Two Organizations, Two Very Different Outcomes
- 3 What Happened Next: Impact, Response, Recovery
- 4 Lessons Learned: Three Key Takeaways
- 5 Ransomware Preparedness Checklist
- 6 Running an Effective Ransomware Tabletop



# Energy Capital Credit Union Data Breach

Security, Privacy

## Impacted by Fairmont Breach



# Connex Credit Union People

Hackers targeted Connex, one of the largest credit unions

## Neighbors Credit Union Ransomware Attack Impacts

### SRP Federal Credit Union Ransomware Attack Impacts 240,000

SRP Federal Credit Union

## Largest US credit union leaked potentially sensitive information

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# Marquis breach toll rises to 80 banks, 824,000 consumers

by Carter Page January 05, 2024, 4:33 a.m. EST 3 Min Read



## Marquis data breach toll by state

A ransomware attack in August against marketing and compliance firm Marquis Software Solutions affected over 823,000 individuals at 80 banks, according to disclosures by various states. Here's the data from states that have released public disclosures.



Source: State attorneys general for Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire, South Carolina, Texas and Washington

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# Pop Quiz!

Put your **hands** in the  
**air** for **Ransomware!**



# Storytime: Tale of 2 Mondays

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# About **Blindside** **Enterprises**

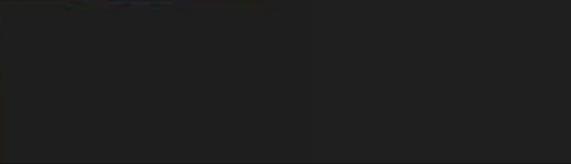
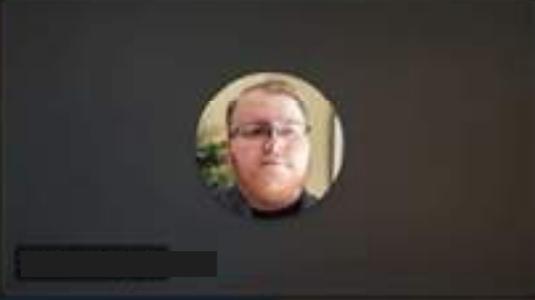
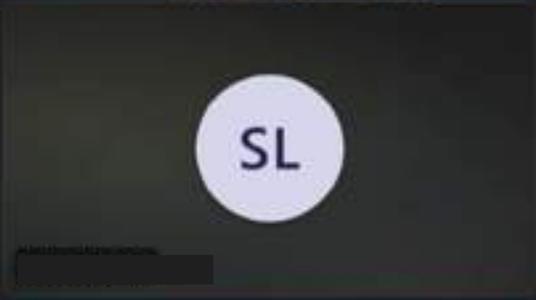
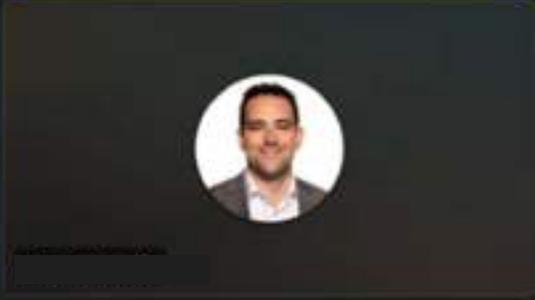
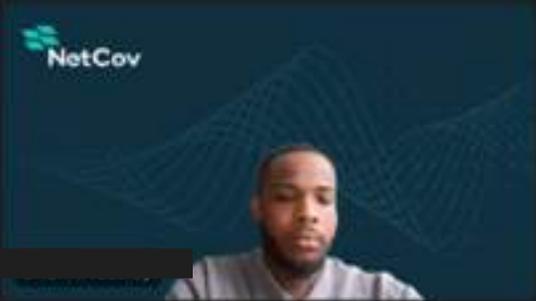
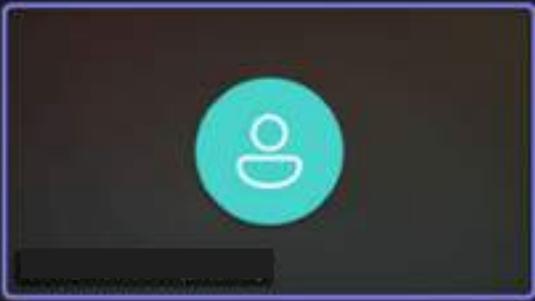
- ✓ **Service** industry
- ✓ **300** employees
- ✓ **5** offices
- ✓ **2** internal IT staff members
- ✓ Recently **acquired**





## Decision Time – What Will You Choose?





# The Rest of the Week



Tuesday ➡ Wednesday ➡ Thursday ➡ Friday!

# Blindside's Business Impact

- ✓ 5 days of downtime
- ✓ 110,000 files encrypted
- ✓ Hundreds of coordinated hours
- ✓ Significant revenue impact
- ✓ 2-3 weeks full of restores, password changes, etc.
- ✓ 400 hours of NetCov time



**BLINDSIDE**  
ENTERPRISES

# About Pragmatic

- ✓ **Manufacturing** industry
- ✓ **600** employees
- ✓ **7** offices
- ✓ **5** internal IT staff members



THE  
**PRAGMATIC**  
CORPORATION



# The Bigger Picture

- ✓ We had one client hit hard but **three others like “The Pragmatic Corp”**
- ✓ **MDR** service to the rescue!
- ✓ **NOC team** reviewed over **400 firewalls** and disabled all affected SSL VPN access as we worked on **“Blindside Enterprises”**



“From the moment your team reacted to the initial breach and flawlessly executed the lockdown, to gaining a clear picture of the situation, you didn’t miss a beat or flinch despite the enormity of the challenge.

This **could have been a complete disaster** for us, and without a doubt, **the NetCov team played the biggest role in preventing that from happening.**

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.”

-- *Senior Manager, IT Infrastructure & Security*  
*(Blindside Enterprises)*

# Lessons Learned



1



2



3

# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## Governance & Policy

- ❑ Ensure an **Incident Response Plan (IRP)** includes ransomware-specific scenarios
- ❑ Define **roles and responsibilities** for executives, IT, compliance, and communications
- ❑ Confirm **regulatory reporting requirements** (NCUA, FFIEC, state laws).



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

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## Backup Strategy

- ❑ Maintain **offline, immutable backups** of critical systems and data
- ❑ Test **backup restoration** at least quarterly
- ❑ Store backups in **multiple locations** (on-prem and cloud)



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

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## Access Controls

- Enforce **MFA** for all privileged accounts and remote access
- Implement **least privilege** and regular access reviews
- Disable unused accounts promptly



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## Patch & Vulnerability Management

- ❑ Apply **critical patches** within 24–48 hours
- ❑ Run **regular vulnerability scans** and remediate findings quickly

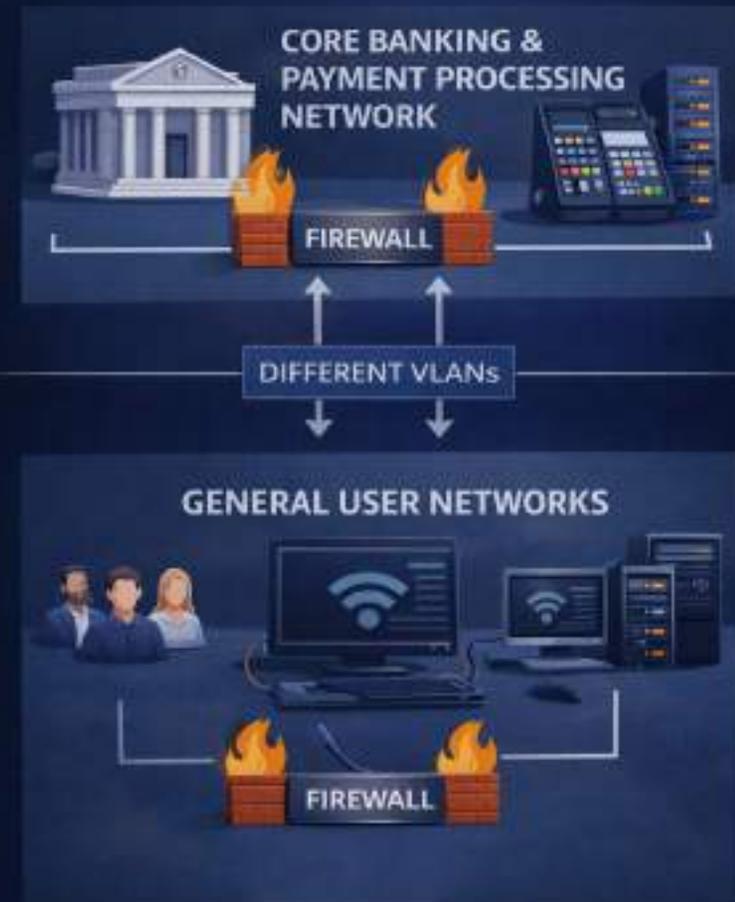


# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## Network Segmentation

- ❑ Separate **critical systems** (core banking, payment processing) from general user networks
- ❑ Limit **lateral movement** with internal firewalls and VLANs

## FIREWALLS & VLANs



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## Email & Endpoint Security

- ❑ Deploy **advanced email filtering** and sandboxing
- ❑ Enable **EDR/XDR solutions** for real-time threat detection
- ❑ Block **macro-enabled attachments** and suspicious file types



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## User Awareness

- Conduct **phishing simulations** quarterly
- Train staff on **reporting suspicious activity** immediately



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## Incident Response Readiness

- ❑ Maintain **contact lists** for law enforcement, regulators, and cyber insurance
- ❑ Pre-arrange **forensic and legal support**
- ❑ Validate **cyber insurance coverage** for ransomware events



# Ransomware Preparedness Checklist

## 24/7/365 Security event log Monitoring

- ❑ Confirm all **Networking equipment** is monitored (firewalls, switches, WAPs, etc.)
- ❑ **Eyes on glass** at all times to review security events before they become Incidents
- ❑ Make sure you have **1 year of retention** for logs
- ❑ SaaS, On-prem, and Cloud are all centrally logged





Ransomware Attack Detected!

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Pay Ransom to Decrypt Files!

Ransomware  
TABLETOP

INCIDENT  
RESPONSE

RANSOMWARE ATTACK

# Tips for Running a Ransomware Tabletop Exercise

## Before the Exercise

- ❑ **Define objectives:** e.g., test decision-making, communication flow, regulatory compliance
- ❑ **Select a realistic scenario:** ransomware encrypts the core banking system and demands payment
- ❑ **Invite cross-functional participants:** IT, compliance, operations, legal, communications, executive leadership



# Tips for Running a Ransomware Tabletop Exercise

## During the Exercise

- ❑ **Simulate timeline pressure:** escalate events every 15 -30 minutes
- ❑ **Include injects:** Regulator requests update, Member complaints on Social Media, Local media inquiry about service outage
- ❑ **Force critical decisions:** Pay ransom or not? Notify Members now or later? Engage Law enforcement



# Tips for Running a Ransomware Tabletop Exercise

## After the Exercise

- ❑ Conduct a hot wash immediately.
- ❑ Document gaps and lessons learned.
- ❑ Update IRP and playbooks based on findings
- ❑ Put together a plan to address the gaps



You will **always pay**  
for cybersecurity:  
**proactively** or  
**reactively**



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