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State Computer Stolen from Human Services Department Albuquerque Field Office

Department Contacting all Clients and Employees
Whose Information Could be at Risk

Santa Fe, June 15, 2006 – The Human Services Department’s Northeast Bernalillo County Income Support Division (ISD) Office was broken into early Wednesday morning. A state computer containing personal information about clients and employees, including Social Security Numbers, was taken from the office. “Our Division of Information Technology (DoIT) is determining what information was on the computer so that we can quickly begin to contact all clients and employees whose information could be accessed and potentially at risk,” said Pamela Hyde, Human Services Department Secretary.

The Albuquerque Police Department was immediately notified of the break-in Wednesday morning and a police report was taken. At this time, there is no reason to believe this break-in is anything more than a random burglary. “We are working closely with the Albuquerque Police Department with the hope that the burglar will be caught and the computer unit retrieved,” said Hyde. It is important to note that the computer is password protected.

A security guard is scheduled to patrol the ISD office until the windows broken to gain access to the office can be replaced.

Anyone with information that could help in the investigation of the burglary is urged to call the Albuquerque Police at 242-COPS.

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