



Yavapai-Apache Nation

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Tribal Membership
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Dear Tribal Member:

The administration of the Yavapai-Apache Nation is taking immediate action after learning recently that copies of the 2004 enrollment list of the Yavapai-Apache Nation has been and may still be, in the possession of unauthorized persons in the public domain. The official 2004 enrollment list of the Yavapai-Apache Nation contains personal information, including members' phone number, Social Security and enrollment numbers of each enrolled tribal member. This information is highly confidential and any unauthorized possession or use of the list, or the information contained in the list, may be a crime.

The potential existence of the unauthorized copies is currently being investigated by the Yavapai-Apache Nation Police Department, in consultation with the FBI and the Arizona Office of the United States Attorney General. The administration is taking this situation very seriously and is doing all it can to determine how the list became unsecured and what, if anything, was done with the information.

It is believed that the 2004 list was improperly released or taken about six years ago. To help investigators learn more, the administration is offering a reward in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for substantive information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person possessing or using an unauthorized enrollment list or the confidential information contained in such list. In addition, while not eligible for the reward, any culpable person who is the first to come forward and disclose substantive information regarding other individuals who may have unauthorized possession or use of the list may be considered for prosecutorial immunity or leniency - at the discretion of tribal and/or federal prosecutors.

Ensuring the security of confidential information is a high priority for the administration. We have immediately put into place additional safeguards to ensure that a breach of Yavapai-Apache Nation proprietary information does not reoccur.

While we do not know of any wrongdoing related to access of members' personal information, the administration is recommending members regularly check their credit scores. Members should go to www.annualcreditreport.com to receive information on how to obtain a free credit report annually.

If you have information that will help investigators, please contact the Yavapai-Apache Nation Police Department (928) 649-7142 immediately. For any other questions concerning this matter, please contact the Office of Public Relations at (928) 567-1006 or Enrollment Department at (928) 567-1028.

Information about this situation is posted on our website www.yavapai-apache.org. We will continue to keep you updated.

Sincerely,

Thomas Beauty
Chairman

Norman Smith
Vice Chairman