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## Breach consumer privacy, and pay

At last, proof that breaching consumer privacy *can* have consequences:

Certegy Check Services (aka Fidelity National Information Services) has agreed to pay more than \$75 million in a class action settlement after millions of consumers' banking information was sold, without authorization, to third-party marketers.

A senior database administrator of the check verification company sold the confidential information -- bank account numbers and debit and credit card information -- to marketing companies. Fortunately, no Social Security or driver license numbers were among the compromised information.

Miami-based law firm Harke & Clasby co-led Lockwood v. Certegy Check Services and, although it's confident that it has sufficiently notified those affected, you can check if you are -- or should be -- included in the class by searching the class action's database at [datasettlement.com](http://datasettlement.com). The (secure) online search requires entering a checking or credit card account number; if you're not comfortable with this, call 877-580-9770, toll-free.

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