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Dear MR. KREBS:

We have learned that you are a victim of criminal activity involving conduct known as "swatting." "Swatting" is the act of placing emergency calls to police departments, usually through Internet-based telecommunication relay services, to make false claims of homicides or other assaultive conduct by other individuals, or false claims of burglaries and assaultive conduct against other individuals, at the residences (or other locations) of those individuals which calls are intended to result in, and usually do result in, a tactical police response to the targeted individuals' residences (or other locations).

A federal investigation has revealed that several individuals participated in a scheme to commit swatting in the course of which these individuals committed various federal criminal offenses. You were a victim of the criminal conduct which resulted in swattings in that you were swatted.

One of the individuals who participated in this scheme to commit swatting has been charged with the commission of a federal offense related to that activity. The offense is Conspiracy, in violation of Title 18, United States code, Section 371. This individual has accepted responsibility for the commission of this offense and has recently entered a guilty plea in Federal Court in Washington, D.C.

This letter is intended to notify you that you are a victim and that, as a victim, you have certain rights pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3771. Federal law contains rights for persons harmed by a "federal offense or an offense in the District of Columbia." (18 U.S.C. § 3771(e)):