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OHSU Alerts Patients After Laptop Stolen

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PORTLAND, Ore. -- Oregon Health & Science University is contacting 1,000 patients after a physician's laptop was stolen from a car parked at the doctor's Washington County home.

Patient names, treatment dates, short medical treatment summaries and medical record numbers were stored on the computer, said OHSU spokesman Jim Newman in a news release. The computer was password-protected to avoid misuse of the information contained on the computer, officials said.

OHSU doesn't believe the motive of the theft was to obtain information contained on the laptop. Instead, they said it was a random incident and the thief likely planned to sell the computer.

According to OHSU, there were no home addresses, billing information or Social Security numbers stored on the laptop. As a result, they don't believe patients are at risk of identity theft.

OHSU is still trying to notify patients as a precaution.

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