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Hawks have launched data probe

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THE Hawks have launched an investigation into the Master Deeds data breach, which exposed the personal information of millions of South Africans.

Hawks spokesperson Brig Hangwani Mulaudzi said the Hawks typically does not comment on ongoing investigations, however, in light of the intense public interest and the potential impact of this matter, the Hawks are collaborating with other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders investigating the data breach.

"The scope of the investigation will

not be discussed at this point, however. The Hawks' cybercrime unit is leading the investigation. Lt-Gen Yolisa Matakata has instructed that investigators spare no effort in their probe and in enforcing the law to the fullest extent against anyone found to be at fault," Mulaudzi said.

The company implicated in the leak has distanced itself from the matter.

This week Australian web security expert Troy Hunt revealed on Twitter that the personal information of more than 30 million South Africans, including their ID numbers, had been leaked online. He took to Twitter saying he

had "a very large breach titled 'master deeds'". The title of the data led him and other commentators to speculate the leak could potentially be from the Deeds Office.

The Home Affairs Department has confirmed that it is investigating.

About 27 gigabytes of data containing the names, full identity numbers, income, employment history and even home addresses of 33 million South Africans have been uploaded onto an unsecured server.

Tuesday's discovery is suspected to have been uploaded about two years ago.

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TENS OF MILLIONS AFFECTED

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Hawks to probe data breach as SA braces for fraud attacks

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The Hawks' cybercrime unit has been instructed to investigate the "master deeds" leak which saw the personal details of tens of millions of South Africans opened to the world wide web.

"We typically do not comment on ongoing investigations. However, in light of the public interest and potential impact of this matter, the Hawks are collaborating with other law enforcement agencies and stakeholders in investi-

gating the data breach," Hawks spokesperson Brigadier Hangweni Mulaudzi said yesterday.

While frantic investigations into the leak by implicated companies carry on, cybersecurity expert Brian Pinnock, from Mimecast, warned that South Africans and local organisations needed to brace themselves for "super-charged impersonation fraud attacks".

"This is social engineering on another level as half of the work is already done for potential hackers. They now have access

to e-mail addresses, mobile numbers, ID numbers, marital status, employer information and income," said Pinnock.

"Fraudsters can now target their victim by knowing the most sensitive information that only your most trusted service providers or family would know."

The unsecured information appears to have come from Jigsaw Holdings, which includes Aida, ERA and Realty-1.

Jigsaw has yet to respond to a request for information and its website was not available yesterday.

Christoff Pienaar, the director of technology and sourcing at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, said to protect both themselves and their customers, companies need to safeguard the data collected and held by them.

"This starts with critically evaluating what data they hold, where they get it from, why they hold it, how they use it and who has access to such data," Pienaar said.

"Once this understanding has been established, businesses can

then turn to the technical and organisational measures they currently have in place to safeguard such data against unlawful access. These measures include evaluating processes, procedures, policies, terms and conditions and supplier agreements."

If people believed their information had been compromised, Pienaar said they could institute a civil claim for damages.

The Protection of Personal Information Bill is currently awaiting President Jacob Zuma's signature.

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Learners debate road safety, share possible solutions

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ommunity Safety and Transport Management MEC, Dr Mpho Motlhabane, has encouraged young people to take the lead in championing road safety campaigns.

The MEC was speaking at the National Road Safety Debate and Participatory Education Technique competition held in Rustenburg. He said South Africans need to unite to reduce the high number of road accidents.

"In the same way that South Africans united in their struggle to eradicate the oppressive regime, we must join hands and continue with the struggle to eradicate road crashes and fatalities," he said.

"Our success in this fight is entirely on the shoulders of everyone in South Africa because road safety is everyone's responsibility. Our roles might differ, but what matters most is the ultimate goal of implementing the National Road Safety Strategy 2016 - 2030," said Motlhabane.

The National Road Safety Strategy 2016 - 2030 was approved by National Cabinet early this year to address the

challenges and gaps identified in the implementation of previous road safety strategies.

The Road Safety Debate is meant to encourage learners to be aware of road safety issues and to develop and enhance learners' presentation, communication and listening skills. Through the Participatory Education Technique, learners debate road safety problems and possible solutions. Two approaches - theory and practical exercises - are being used. Learners are adjudicated on models and presentations illustrating their community road safety problems

and researched solutions.

Challenges such as lack of drop-off zones, lack of speed humps, lack of pedestrian crossings, speeding, faded road signs, ignorant road users, lack of fencing along national and local roads that results in animals going onto the roads, were raised in the debate.

Learners from Tlameyang Special School for the disabled in Gelukspan attained position two on the road safety debate in the Disability category.

Bokone Bophirima came in second in the rural category after winners Mpumalanga.