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## **ESEA Hacked, 1.5 Million Records Leaked After Alleged Failed Extortion Attempt**

E-Sports Entertainment Association (ESEA), one of the largest competitive video gaming communities on the planet, was hacked last December. As a result, a database containing 1.5 million player profiles was compromised. On Sunday, ESEA posted a message to Twitter, reminding players of the warning issued on December 30, 2016, three days after they were informed of the hack. Sunday's message said the leak of player information was expected, but they've not confirmed if the leaked records came from their systems.

Late Saturday evening, breach notification service LeakedSource announced the addition of 1,503,707 ESEA records to their database. When asked for additional information by Salted Hash, a LeakedSource spokesperson shared the database schema, as well as sample records pulled at random from the database.

The leaked records include registration date, city, state (or province), last login, username, first and last name, bcrypt hash, email address, date of birth, zip code, phone number, website URL, Steam ID, Xbox ID, and PSN ID.

The LeakedSource spokesperson said that the ESEA hack was part of a ransom scheme, as the hacker responsible demanded \$50,000 in payment. In exchange for meeting their demands, the hacker would keep silent about

the ESEA hack and help the organization address the security flaw that made it possible.

In their previous notification, ESEA said they learned about the incident on December 27, but make no mention of any related extortion attempts. The organization reset passwords, multi-factor authentication tokens, and security questions as part of their recovery efforts.