



Shawn Tuma Talks Impact of Uber Data Breach with WIRED

Spencer Fane attorney [Shawn Tuma](#) recently spoke with *WIRED* reporter Lily Hay Newman in the wake of former Uber security chief Joe Sullivan's rare criminal conviction. The case appears to be the first time that an individual executive has faced criminal prosecution for charges related to a data breach against the executive's company.

In the article, [The Uber Data Breach Conviction Shows Security Execs What Not to Do](#), Shawn shared his worry about the potential on paying hackers off as law enforcement has generally sent a message that what it values most is being notified and brought into the process of breach response.

Shawn explained, "This is the one that gives me the most concern, because paying a ransomware attacker could be viewed out in the public as criminal wrongdoing, and then over time that could become a sort of default standard. On the other hand, the FBI highly encourages people to report these incidents, and I've never had an adverse experience with working with them personally."

At Spencer Fane, Shawn helps businesses protect their information and protect themselves from their information. He represents a wide range of clients, from small to midsize companies to Fortune 100 companies, across the United States and globally in dealing with cybersecurity, data privacy, data breach and incident response, regulatory compliance, computer fraud-related legal issues, and cyber-related litigation.

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