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**ATTORNEY GENERAL RAOUL ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$6 MILLION SETTLEMENT WITH LEXISNEXIS**

***Raoul's Lawsuit Alleged the Company Failed to Pay Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies to Resell Automobile Crash Reports***

**Chicago** — Attorney General Kwame Raoul today announced a \$5.8 million settlement with LexisNexis Risk Solutions Inc. ("LexisNexis") and several affiliates. The settlement resolves a lawsuit filed in the name of Illinois and several other states alleging that LexisNexis wrongfully withheld fees from law enforcement agencies when reselling their automobile crash reports.

Raoul's office joined with four states and the city of Baltimore to settle allegations that LexisNexis knowingly failed to pay contractually agreed upon fees to approximately 400 Illinois law enforcement agencies when reselling their crash reports.

LexisNexis obtains automobile crash reports from law enforcement agencies in Illinois and other states, which it sells to individuals, insurance companies, and law firms for use in claims adjustments. Many law enforcement agencies have entered into contracts with LexisNexis in which the agencies provide crash reports, and in exchange, LexisNexis pays the agencies for every report sold. However, an investigation by Raoul's office found that LexisNexis paid law enforcement agencies only the first time it sold a report. The company failed to pay the agencies an additional fee for each subsequent sale, as required under the contracts.

"Businesses operating in Illinois are expected to comply with our laws," Raoul said. "LexisNexis' actions violated agreements with local law enforcement agencies, and ultimately harmed communities throughout the state. This practice is unacceptable, and my office will continue to hold businesses accountable for putting profits ahead of the law."

The settlement stems from a whistleblower action originally filed in 2018 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida under the Illinois False Claims Act and the participating states' respective false claims statutes. The whistleblower was a former employee of LexisNexis, and Raoul's office conducted an investigation in cooperation with several other states. Under the settlement, LexisNexis will pay the withheld fees and discontinue its resale practice. The company will also pay the states \$5.8 million, with around \$1.3 million going to Illinois.

Joining Raoul in the investigation were the attorneys general of Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Tennessee, as well as the Baltimore city solicitor.

Assistant Attorneys General Christopher J. Kim and Darren Kinkead handled the case for Raoul's Special Litigation Bureau.