



# Case Study: Protecting a Healthcare Client During FBI Investigation

This presentation explores how ideaBOX effectively supported a confidential healthcare provider during a significant cybersecurity breach investigation initiated by the FBI, detailing the challenges encountered, the innovative solutions applied, and the successful outcomes achieved throughout the process.

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## Confidential Regional Healthcare Provider Overview

Insights into a U.S.-based Healthcare Provider with 400 Employees

### 400 employees

### Size of the Organization

The client is a mid-sized healthcare provider, employing around 400 staff members, which indicates a significant operational capacity.

#### U.S.-based

### **Geographic Location**

This healthcare provider operates within the United States, adhering to local regulations and standards in health information management.

### **Healthcare Industry**

### **Industry Focus**

Specializing in healthcare, the client is involved in health information management, essential for patient care and data accuracy.

### Confidential

### **Data Sensitivity**

The client's information is classified as confidential, highlighting the importance of data security in healthcare operations.

### **Health Information Management**

#### **Core Service Area**

The organization focuses on health information management, crucial for ensuring compliance and operational efficiency.

### **Regional Provider**

#### **Market Position**

As a regional healthcare provider, the client serves a specific geographic area, contributing to local health initiatives.

### FBI Investigation of Healthcare Data Breach

Legal and reputational issues for healthcare organizations due to FBI findings



### FBI contacts client in Q1 2025

The FBI reached out regarding investigation findings.



### Link to client's organization identified

Files had **medical data** pointing back to the client.



### Reputational risks for the client

The situation posed risks to the client's **reputation**.



### Discovery of protected health information

Files containing **PHI** were uncovered during investigation.



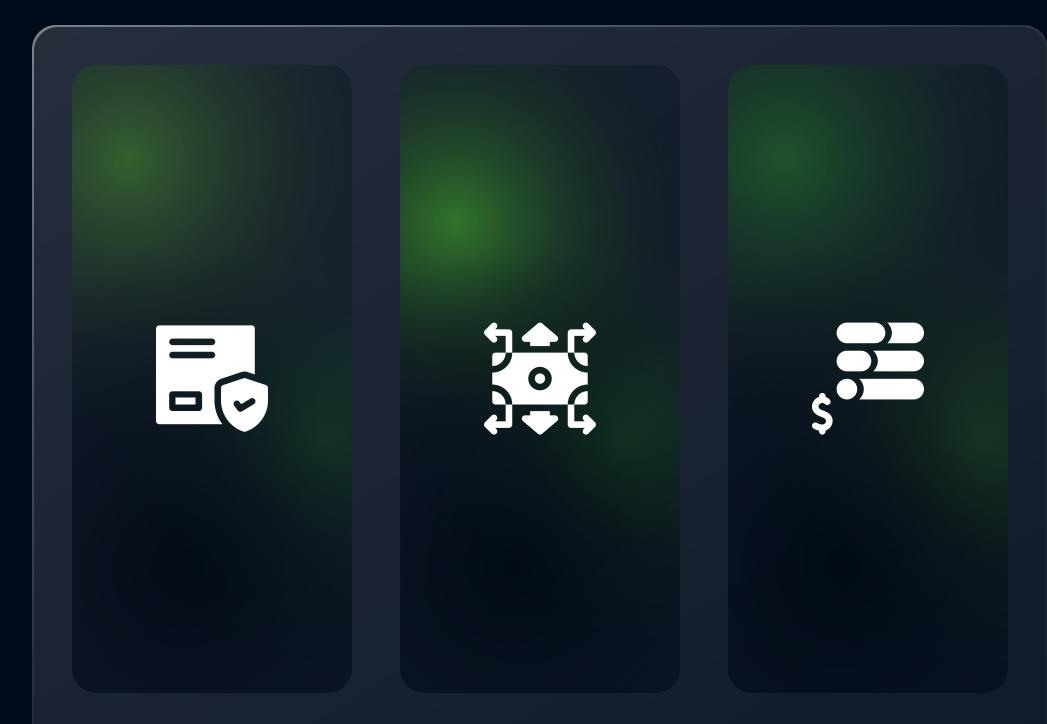
### Immediate legal concerns arise

The discovery raised urgent legal implications.



### Broader healthcare data breach context

The incident is part of a larger data breach issue.



## Demonstrate encryption of exposed files.

Files were securely protected.

## Shift liability from the client.

Transfer responsibility to affiliated organization.

## Reduce regulatory exposure for the client.

Minimize legal risks involved.

# Objective of the Case Study: Liability Shift

Demonstrating that encryption protected client from breach exposure

## Solution: Implemented ideaBOX's Data Risk Management offering powered by Actifile

Automated solutions for tracking, encryption, and auditing in healthcare data management

### Automated File Tracking & Telemetry

Monitors all file movement including copying, sharing, and network transfers to ensure data integrity.

### Zero-Touch Encryption

Automatically encrypts files containing PHI and sensitive data to prevent unauthorized access.

### Forensic-Grade Audit Logs

Maintains immutable, timestamped logs of every file's state and access events for compliance and security.

### Deployment Duration

The healthcare provider had deployed the Actifile platform across its network six months prior to the analysis.

### Enhanced Data Protection

Utilizing Actifile significantly reduces the risk of data breaches and enhances patient data protection.

### User-Friendly Interface

Designed with ease of use in mind, allowing healthcare staff to manage data security effortlessly.

### The Role of ideaBOX & Actifile in FBI Investigation

Key Contributions of ideaBOX in Ensuring Compliance and Security



### Proof of Encryption at Time of Transfer

Audit logs confirmed that the files were **encrypted** when they were last accessed and transmitted, ensuring data security during transfer.



### Comprehensive Chain of Custody Report

Detailed logs illustrated that files were securely shared with a **third-party ACO** under **HIPAA**-compliant protocols, maintaining legal standards.



### **Access Responsibility Shift to ACO**

Once the files were outside the client's boundary, the **ACO** assumed responsibility for handling the decrypted files, ensuring accountability.

## Successful Investigation Outcomes for Healthcare Client

Client exonerated from breach liability, preserving reputation and relationships



### **Client Cleared of Breach Liability**

FBI verified files remained encrypted, shifting proof responsibility.



### **Avoided HIPAA Violation Penalties**

Provider not liable under HIPAA data breach rules.



### **Preserved Reputation and Business Relationships**

Public disclosure was avoided, maintaining trust.



### Reinforced Confidence Among Patients

No public scandal enhances patient trust.



### **Strengthened Partnerships with Providers**

Positive outcomes fortify business collaborations.



"ideaBOX & Actifile gave us the visibility, control, and forensic proof we needed—when it mattered most. Their platform turned a potential regulatory disaster into a bulletproof defense."

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### Act Now: Schedule Your Data Exposure Risk Assessment Today

ideaBOX empowers healthcare providers, and regulated industries to maintain control over their data, even post-exposure. Don't wait for a security breach to uncover vulnerabilities. Schedule your data exposure risk assessment today to safeguard your organization.

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