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Wynn Resorts Data Breach, ShinyHunters Threat Actor Involvement Confirmed

DATA BREACH | HIGH

SCC Item ID	SCC-DBR-2026-0032
Type	Data Breach
Severity	HIGH
Affected Products	Wynn Resorts (enterprise systems, specific platforms not publicly confirmed)
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Executive Summary

Wynn Resorts confirmed a data breach attributed to ShinyHunters, a prolific threat actor group known for large-scale credential theft and data extortion campaigns. The full scope of compromised data and affected systems has not been publicly confirmed, but the incident triggered a federal lawsuit and regulatory attention under Nevada Gaming Control Board mandatory cyber incident reporting rules. Business risk includes regulatory exposure, litigation liability, reputational damage, and potential disclosure of guest and employee personally identifiable information.

Technical Analysis

ShinyHunters is a financially motivated threat actor group with a documented history of exploiting cloud storage misconfigurations and stolen credentials to exfiltrate large datasets from enterprise environments. MITRE ATT&CK techniques associated with this incident include T1078 (Valid Accounts, likely initial access via compromised credentials), T1530 (Data from Cloud Storage, consistent with ShinyHunters tradecraft), T1041 (Exfiltration Over C2 Channel), and T1486 (Data Encrypted for Impact, possible ransomware or extortion component). No CVE identifiers are associated with this incident in available reporting. No CWE classifications have been publicly confirmed. Specific affected platforms, initial access vectors, and data categories have not been disclosed by Wynn Resorts as of reporting date. The threat actor initially listed Wynn on a leak site before removing the listing, a pattern sometimes used to signal payment negotiation or to apply pressure. Confirmed breach scope remains unverified; technical details should be treated as preliminary pending official disclosure.

Action Checklist

1. Step 1, Immediate: If your organization operates in hospitality, gaming, or adjacent sectors, audit privileged account access and rotate credentials for any accounts with access to cloud storage, PMS

(property management systems), or CRM platforms, consistent with ShinyHunters T1078/T1530 tradecraft.

2. Step 2, Detection: Search SIEM and cloud access logs for anomalous bulk data access or exfiltration patterns from cloud storage buckets (AWS S3, Azure Blob, GCP Storage), particularly large GET or LIST operations outside normal business hours or from unfamiliar IP ranges.

3. Step 3, Assessment: Inventory all cloud storage assets containing guest PII, employee records, or payment data; verify access controls, bucket permissions, and logging are correctly configured against CIS Benchmarks for your cloud provider.

4. Step 4, Communication: If your organization has cyber incident reporting obligations under state gaming regulations, sector-specific rules, or contractual SLAs, confirm incident notification thresholds and timelines with legal and compliance counsel. NGCB cyber incident reporting rules are in effect; this incident may inform regulatory interpretation and enforcement precedent.

5. Step 5, Long-term: Review and update incident response playbooks to address extortion-style breach scenarios where threat actors use leak site listing and removal as negotiation leverage; ensure tabletop exercises include regulatory notification workflows and litigation-hold procedures.

IR / Forensic Enrichment

Triage Priority	IMMEDIATE
Escalation Criteria	Escalate to external IR firm and legal counsel immediately if: (1) any evidence of active data exfiltration is confirmed in cloud logs or network capture; (2) extortion communication is received; (3) organization discovers its name on ShinyHunters leak site; or (4) regulatory inquiry from NGCB or state AG is received.
Recovery Notes	After containment: (1) Conduct full forensic analysis of compromised cloud storage accounts and PMS/CRM systems to establish breach scope, timeline, and stolen data inventory — mandatory for regulatory notification accuracy. (2) Implement compensating controls immediately (MFA enforcement on all privileged accounts, IP allowlisting for cloud storage access, continuous monitoring for bulk data access anomalies) while permanent fixes (cloud security posture management tool, EDR deployment) are procured. (3) Engage cyber insurance carrier and legal counsel for breach litigation support and notification cost coverage negotiation; begin preparation of regulatory notification package (incident summary, timeline, affected data categories, remediation steps, proof of notification to affected individuals).
Forensic Artifacts	AWS CloudTrail logs (filtered for S3 GetObject, ListBucket, DeleteBucket, PutBucketPolicy operations on affected buckets), exported as CSV | AWS VPC Flow Logs or Security Group logs showing egress traffic to non-whitelisted IP ranges during suspected exfiltration window (60-day window minimum) | PMS/CRM system authentication logs (API key usage, login success/failure, IP source, timestamp) exported with exact UTC timezone | Cloud IAM policy change history (AWS CloudTrail ConfigurationItemChangeNotification events, Azure Activity Log with 'Create' or 'Update' operations on IAM roles), showing creation/modification timestamp and principal identity | Browser download history and clipboard data from any systems used by threat actor (if endpoint compromise suspected) — Windows Registry %APPDATA%\Microsoft\Windows\INetCookies, /home/*/.bash_history, /var/log/auth.log for SSH login anomalies

Per-Action IR Details

Step 1 — Immediate: If your organization operates in hospitality, gaming, or adjacent sectors, audit privileged account access and rotate credentials for any accounts with access to cloud storage, PMS (property management systems), or CRM platforms — consistent with ShinyHunters T1078/T1530 tradecraft.

NIST Phase: Preparation

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §2.1 (preparation phase — establish preventive measures and tools)

Controls: NIST 800-53 AC-2 (Account Management), NIST 800-53 IA-4 (Identifier Management), NIST 800-53 IA-5 (Authentication), CIS 5.4 (Account Use Review), CIS 6.2 (Activate session logging)

Compensating: Use cloud provider native tools (AWS IAM Access Analyzer, Azure AD Sign-in Logs, GCP Cloud Audit Logs) to enumerate all privileged role assignments. Export via CLI: 'aws iam list-users', 'aws iam list-attached-user-policies', 'gcloud iam service-accounts list'. Cross-reference against a baseline of legitimate accounts created in the last 90 days. Rotate credentials via CLI (aws iam create-access-key, gcloud iam service-accounts keys create) and document old key deletion timestamps for chain-of-custody. No SIEM required.

Evidence: Capture before rotation: (1) Current IAM policy attachments and role assignments (aws iam get-user-policy, az role assignment list). (2) Cloud access logs for the last 90 days filtered on privileged account activity (AWS CloudTrail, Azure Activity Log, GCP Cloud Audit Logs). (3) MFA enrollment status and login anomalies (login source IP, timestamp, success/failure). (4) PMS and CRM API key creation dates and last-use timestamps. Store all exports with MD5 hash and collection timestamp for forensic continuity.

Step 2 — Detection: Search SIEM and cloud access logs for anomalous bulk data access or exfiltration patterns from cloud storage buckets (AWS S3, Azure Blob, GCP Storage) — particularly large GET or LIST operations outside normal business hours or from unfamiliar IP ranges.

NIST Phase: Detection Analysis

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.2.1 (detection and analysis — identify indicators of compromise)

Controls: NIST 800-53 SI-4 (Information System Monitoring), NIST 800-53 AU-2 (Audit Events), NIST 800-53 AU-12 (Audit Generation), CIS 8.1 (Implement centralized log management), CIS 8.5 (Alert on failed administrative access)

Compensating: Enable cloud provider cost anomaly alerts and data access logging (AWS S3 Object-level logging via CloudTrail, Azure Storage Analytics, GCP Cloud Audit Logs with DATA_READ/DATA_WRITE events). Query S3 logs directly using AWS Athena with SQL: 'SELECT requester, operation, object_size, request_datetime FROM s3_logs WHERE operation IN ('GET', 'LIST') AND request_datetime NOT BETWEEN '09:00' AND '17:00' AND source_ip NOT IN (whitelist_ips) ORDER BY object_size DESC LIMIT 1000'. Parse Azure logs with jq or grep for 'Authentication', 'GetBlob', 'ListBlobs'. Export 30-day baseline of normal access patterns for comparison. No SIEM subscription required if using native query tools.

Evidence: Capture before analysis: (1) Raw S3 access logs, Azure Blob logs, or GCP Data Access logs (store as CSV or JSON, minimum 60 days retroactive). (2) Baseline report of normal bulk data operations (legitimate backups, exports, reporting jobs) with timestamp, size, requester, and IP source. (3) IP geolocation data for all non-whitelisted request sources (use MaxMind or IP2Location). (4) VPC Flow Logs or network tap data showing egress traffic volume and destination IP addresses during suspected exfiltration window. (5) API authentication logs showing successful and failed authentication events. Hash all logs with SHA-256 and record collection timestamp.

Step 3 — Assessment: Inventory all cloud storage assets containing guest PII, employee records, or payment data; verify access controls, bucket permissions, and logging are correctly configured against CIS Benchmarks for your cloud provider.

NIST Phase: Preparation

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §2.1 (preparation — configure and maintain detection and prevention capabilities)

Controls: NIST 800-53 AC-3 (Access Enforcement), NIST 800-53 CA-7 (Continuous Monitoring), NIST 800-53 SC-7 (Boundary Protection), CIS 3.1 (Ensure S3 Block Public Access is enabled), CIS 3.2 (Ensure MFA Delete is enabled on S3), CIS 3.3 (Ensure server-side encryption is enabled), CIS 3.5 (Ensure S3 logging is enabled)

Compensating: Use cloud provider CLI tools to audit bucket/container configurations. AWS: 'aws s3api list-buckets' then 'aws s3api get-bucket-acl --bucket ', 'aws s3api get-bucket-versioning', 'aws s3api get-bucket-logging', 'aws s3api get-bucket-encryption'. Azure: 'az storage account list --query [].id' then 'az storage account blob-service-properties

show'. GCP: 'gsutil ls -L' for all buckets, 'gsutil logging get gs://' for logging config. Create CSV inventory with columns: storage_name, data_classification (PII/payment/employee), public_access_enabled (true/false), encryption_enabled (true/false), logging_enabled (true/false), last_modified_date. Compare to CIS Benchmarks PDF directly (no tool subscription). Document gaps and remediation date.

Evidence: Capture before assessment: (1) Full bucket/container metadata exports with ACL policies (aws s3api get-bucket-acl output, Azure role assignments, GCP IAM bindings). (2) Bucket/container creation date, last-modified date, object count, and size. (3) Current encryption settings (algorithm, key ID, key rotation date). (4) Logging destination and retention policy. (5) Lifecycle policies and data retention rules. (6) Compliance tags or labels indicating data classification. Hash all exports and document collection timestamp and user identity who performed the query.

Step 4 — Communication: If your organization has cyber incident reporting obligations under state gaming regulations, sector-specific rules, or contractual SLAs, confirm incident notification thresholds and timelines with legal and compliance counsel — this incident is an active test case for NGCB reporting requirements.

NIST Phase: Preparation

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §2.1 (preparation — ensure incident response communication procedures are defined)

Controls: NIST 800-53 IR-4 (Incident Handling), NIST 800-53 IR-6 (Incident Reporting), CIS 18.1 (Assign incident response roles and responsibilities), CIS 18.2 (Create incident response team)

Compensating: Create a compliance obligation matrix: document all applicable regulations (NGCB cyber incident reporting rule, state attorney general data breach notification laws, PCI DSS, HIPAA if applicable, contractual SLAs with partners or payment processors). For each regulation, record: (1) Incident definition threshold (e.g., 'unauthorized access to PII', 'exfiltration >1000 records'). (2) Notification timeline (e.g., 'within 30 days', 'without unreasonable delay'). (3) Notifiable parties (regulators, customers, payment brands, insurance carriers). (4) Required content (breach description, data types, remediation steps). Store in shared document (Google Sheets, Excel) accessible to IR team and legal. No specialized tool required; legal review is manual step.

Evidence: Capture before communication: (1) Written guidance from legal and compliance on incident threshold interpretation specific to your organization (e.g., when does 'potential breach' trigger mandatory notification?). (2) Current incident response contact list with legal, compliance, public relations, and executive titles and phone numbers. (3) Template notification letters for each applicable jurisdiction and regulator. (4) Copy of NGCB cyber incident reporting rule (Nevada Revised Statutes or applicable regulation) with highlighted notification requirement. (5) Documentation of any prior breach notifications your organization has filed, including regulator feedback and timelines. Verify all information is current within the last 12 months.

Step 5 — Long-term: Review and update incident response playbooks to address extortion-style breach scenarios where threat actors use leak site listing and removal as negotiation leverage; ensure tabletop exercises include regulatory notification workflows and litigation-hold procedures.

NIST Phase: Post Incident

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.4.9 (post-incident activities — conduct lessons-learned review and update incident handling procedures)

Controls: NIST 800-53 IR-3 (Incident Response Testing), NIST 800-53 IR-7 (Incident Response Assistance), NIST 800-53 AU-11 (Audit Record Retention), CIS 17.9 (Conduct regular simulations), CIS 19.4 (Update incident response and recovery plan)

Compensating: Create three documents: (1) Extortion playbook — define escalation path (IR team → legal → CEO/board), decision gate ('Will we engage with attacker or decline?'), communication protocols (who approves ransom discussions, how to document negotiations), and law enforcement coordination (FBI IC3, Nevada state AG cyber unit). (2) Litigation-hold procedure — define trigger for activating hold (breach confirmed), scope (all systems involved), retention period (minimum 3 years or statute of limitations, whichever longer), and custodians (IT, security, HR, finance). (3) Tabletop scenario template — write 2-3 realistic scenarios: (a) breach discovered on leak site 7 days after containment, extortion demand arrives; (b) notification deadline conflicts with legal investigation timeline; (c) media coverage triggers unexpected regulatory inquiry. Run tabletop annually with legal, IR, communications, and compliance. No tool required; use Word/Sheets for playbook, calendar for tabletop scheduling.

Evidence: Capture before updating playbooks: (1) Current incident response playbook (if exists) — identify gaps in extortion and litigation-hold procedures. (2) Documentation of how your organization previously handled ransom inquiries or extortion threats (email records, legal opinions, decision logs). (3) Copy of litigation-hold policy and any prior litigation holds your organization has activated (template, scope, duration). (4) Recording or transcript from prior tabletop exercises, with participants' feedback on gaps in procedure knowledge. (5) List of external resources: FBI IC3 contact information, state AG cyber unit, cyber insurance carrier incident hotline, law firm counsel assigned to incident response. Archive playbook versions with dates to track evolution.

Detection Guidance

ShinyHunters commonly leverages valid compromised credentials (T1078) and targets cloud object storage (T1530). Detection priorities: (1) Cloud storage, alert on bulk object enumeration (LIST/GET) requests exceeding baseline thresholds, access from new geographic regions or ASNs, and API calls made outside of application service account patterns. (2) Identity, monitor for credential use from unfamiliar IP ranges, impossible travel events, and MFA bypass attempts in identity provider logs (Okta, Azure AD, Duo). (3) Exfiltration, alert on large outbound data transfers, especially to residential or VPN-associated IP ranges; review DLP telemetry for bulk PII movement. (4) Dark web monitoring, ShinyHunters frequently posts stolen data to BreachForums and predecessor platforms; monitor for organizational domain or email pattern mentions. No confirmed IOCs have been publicly released for this incident as of available reporting; treat any IOCs from unverified sources with caution until official confirmation from Wynn Resorts.

Indicators of Compromise

Type	Value	Context	Confidence
DOMAIN	`NOT CONFIRMED`	No IOCs have been publicly attributed to this specific Wynn Resorts breach as of available reporting. Do not act on unverified IOCs circulating in community channels without source confirmation.	LOW

Framework Mappings

MITRE-ATTACK

- **T1078** — Valid Accounts
- **T1486** — Data Encrypted for Impact
- **T1041** — Exfiltration Over C2 Channel
- **T1530** — Data from Cloud Storage

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- **AC-2** — Account Management
- **AC-6** — Least Privilege
- **IA-2** — Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)
- **IA-5** — Authenticator Management

- **CP-9** — System Backup
- **CP-10** — System Recovery and Reconstitution
- **CA-7** — Continuous Monitoring
- **SC-7** — Boundary Protection
- **SI-4** — System Monitoring

HIPAA-SECURITY

- **164.308(a)(6)(ii)** — Response and Reporting

SOC2-TSC

- **CC7.4** — Responds to identified security incidents

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- **A.5.34** — Privacy and protection of personal information
- **A.5.23** — Information security for use of cloud services

NIST-CSF-2

- **RS.CO-03** — Recovery activities and progress communicated

MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

Technique ID	Technique Name	Tactic
T1078	Valid Accounts	Defense-Evasion
T1486	Data Encrypted for Impact	Impact
T1041	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Exfiltration
T1530	Data from Cloud Storage	Collection

Sources

Source	URL	Tier
	https://www.8newsnow.com/news/local-news/wynn-resorts-target-of-cyb...	T3
Why Wynn Resorts (WYNN) Is Down 6.1% After Cyber Breach And ...	https://finance.yahoo.com/news/why-wynn-resorts-wynn-down-160729420...	T3
Wynn Resorts Confirms Data Breach After Hackers Remove It From ...	https://www.securityweek.com/wynn-resorts-confirms-data-breach-afte...	T3

Source	URL	Tier
Wynn Resorts Targeted by ShinyHunters in Suspected Data Breach	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Il4Trq5Oajo	T3
Wynn cyberattack provides first test of new NGCB reporting rules	https://igamingbusiness.com/casino/wynn-cyberattack-new-nevada-casi...	T3

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