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ShinyHunters Claims 9 Million PII Records Stolen from Medtronic in Active Extortion Campaign

DATA BREACH | HIGH | CVSS 9.5

SCC Item ID	SCC-DBR-2026-0105
Type	Data Breach
Severity	HIGH
CVSS Base Score	9.5
Affected Products	Medtronic corporate IT systems (specific platforms and versions not publicly disclosed as of analysis date)
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Executive Summary

Medtronic, the world's largest medical device manufacturer, confirmed unauthorized access to corporate IT systems following claims by threat actor ShinyHunters of stealing over 9 million PII records and terabytes of internal data. Medtronic states that patient safety systems, medical devices, and manufacturing operations were not disrupted, attributing this to network segmentation between corporate IT and operational environments. The breach carries significant regulatory exposure under HIPAA and SEC cybersecurity disclosure rules, and an active extortion campaign is ongoing.

Technical Analysis

Medtronic confirmed unauthorized access to corporate IT systems in an active extortion campaign attributed (by claim, not confirmed) to ShinyHunters. The threat actor asserts exfiltration of 9 million PII records and terabytes of internal data; Medtronic has not independently verified the record count. Specific affected platforms and software versions have not been publicly disclosed as of the analysis date (configuration timestamp 2026-03-04; breach event reported April 2026). Suspected attack vectors based on CWE mapping: CWE-522 (Insufficiently Protected Credentials) and CWE-284 (Improper Access Control), consistent with ShinyHunters' historically documented TTPs of credential compromise and cloud storage harvesting. Relevant MITRE ATT&CK techniques observed or suspected: T1078 (Valid Accounts), T1566 (Phishing), T1530 (Data from Cloud Storage), T1567 (Exfiltration Over Web Service), T1083 (File and Directory Discovery), T1213 (Data from Information Repositories), T1486 (Data Encrypted for Impact), T1657 (Financial Theft). No CVE is associated with this incident. No patch is available; the incident is a credential/access control failure, not a software vulnerability. Investigation is ongoing. Source confidence: HIGH for breach occurrence (Medtronic confirmed);

MEDIUM for 9M record count and ShinyHunters attribution (threat actor claims, not independently verified). Sources: Reuters (T2), BleepingComputer (T3), MassDevice (T3), Medtronic Security Bulletins portal (T3).

Action Checklist

1. Containment: Audit all privileged and service account access in corporate IT environments immediately. Identify and revoke any sessions or tokens that cannot be traced to authorized activity. Isolate any systems with evidence of lateral movement. Confirm that segmentation between corporate IT and OT/product environments is enforced and has not been traversed.
2. Detection: Review authentication logs for anomalous Valid Accounts activity (T1078): off-hours logins, impossible travel, mass file access, and bulk downloads from cloud storage (T1530). Query email gateway and endpoint logs for phishing indicators (T1566). Search SIEM for large outbound data transfers to unfamiliar web services (T1567, T1041). ShinyHunters has historically leveraged exposed cloud credentials; audit cloud storage access logs (AWS S3, Azure Blob, GCP) for unauthorized GetObject or ListBucket events.
3. Eradication: Reset all credentials for accounts with access to affected corporate IT systems, prioritizing service accounts, admin accounts, and accounts with cloud storage permissions. Enforce MFA on all authentication paths where it is not already required. Remediate any identified access control gaps (CWE-284) by reviewing IAM policies and removing excessive permissions. Rotate API keys and tokens associated with affected environments.
4. Recovery: Validate that segmentation between corporate IT and OT/clinical systems is intact by reviewing firewall rules, network access controls, and asset inventories. Monitor post-reset authentication patterns for re-compromise indicators. Confirm no persistence mechanisms (scheduled tasks, new accounts, modified MFA configurations) were established by the threat actor before eradication.
5. Post-Incident: Conduct a credential hygiene audit across all corporate systems; ShinyHunters consistently exploits credential reuse and weak authentication. Review cloud storage bucket permissions and access logging configurations. Evaluate HIPAA Breach Risk Assessment obligations under 45 CFR 164.402 for all affected PII categories. Assess SEC 8-K disclosure timeline requirements under 17 CFR 249.308. Brief legal and compliance on the dual HIPAA/SEC regulatory exposure before public statements.

IR / Forensic Enrichment

Triage Priority	IMMEDIATE
Escalation Criteria	Escalate immediately to executive leadership, legal counsel, and external DFIR retainer if any evidence confirms: (1) OT/clinical network traversal beyond confirmed corporate IT scope, (2) PHI categories (patient health records, device telemetry linked to individuals) confirmed within the 9 million records, triggering HIPAA Breach Notification (45 CFR 164.400-414) within 60 days, (3) ShinyHunters posts a sample data dump publicly validating the breach claim, or (4) SEC determines the breach meets materiality threshold requiring 8-K filing within 4 business days under 17 CFR 249.308.

Recovery Notes	Post-containment, enforce a 90-day enhanced monitoring period on all corporate IT authentication systems, with daily review of AWS CloudTrail and Azure AD sign-in logs for any credential usage patterns matching the pre-discovery anomalies — ShinyHunters has demonstrated re-entry into insufficiently remediated environments in prior campaigns (e.g., Snowflake customer breaches, 2024). Validate cloud storage bucket permissions quarterly against a hardened baseline and confirm server-side logging is active on all buckets storing PII before any regulatory reporting is finalized. Treat the absence of confirmed OT/clinical impact as a segmentation assumption requiring active validation — commission a dedicated firewall rule and network flow audit by a third party before closing the OT scope question.
Forensic Artifacts	AWS CloudTrail Data Events for s3:GetObject and s3:ListBucket across all PII-holding buckets — sequential bulk GetObject calls within compressed time windows are the primary forensic signature of ShinyHunters-style cloud storage exfiltration and will establish both the scope of records accessed and the exfiltration timeline. | Azure Active Directory Unified Audit Log entries for FileAccessed, MailItemsAccessed, and UserLoggedIn operations — combined with impossible-travel analysis on source IPs, these establish the identity of compromised accounts and the breadth of PII categories accessed across SharePoint, OneDrive, and Exchange Online. | Email gateway delivery and quarantine logs (MX header chains, sender reputation scores, attachment SHA-256 hashes) for the 60-90 days preceding discovery — ShinyHunters has historically initiated corporate intrusions via credential phishing, and this log set identifies the initial access vector and earliest known compromise date for HIPAA breach timeline calculations. | Windows Security Event Log Event IDs 4624, 4648, 4720, and 4732 on all domain controllers — these establish lateral movement paths, backdoor account creation, and privilege escalation activity during the dwell period between initial access and detection, directly supporting the HIPAA risk assessment's 'scope of compromise' determination. | NetFlow or firewall session logs showing session volume (bytes transferred) per external destination IP during the suspected exfiltration window — this is the primary evidence for substantiating or refuting ShinyHunters' 'terabytes of internal data' claim, required for both HIPAA breach risk assessment and SEC materiality analysis under 17 CFR 249.308.

Per-Action IR Details

Containment — Audit all privileged and service account access in corporate IT environments immediately. Identify and revoke any sessions or tokens that cannot be traced to authorized activity. Isolate any systems with evidence of lateral movement. Confirm that segmentation between corporate IT and OT/product environments is enforced and has not been traversed.

NIST Phase: Containment

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.3 — Containment Strategy

Controls: NIST IR-4 (Incident Handling), NIST AC-2 (Account Management), NIST SC-7 (Boundary Protection), CIS 5.4 (Restrict Administrator Privileges to Dedicated Administrator Accounts), CIS 4.4 (Implement and Manage a Firewall on Servers)

Compensating: Export active sessions via PowerShell: Get-ADUser -Filter * -Properties LastLogonDate,PasswordLastSet | Export-Csv active_accounts.csv. For cloud token audit without SIEM, use AWS CLI: aws iam generate-credential-report && aws iam get-credential-report to identify stale or unauthorized IAM credentials. For segmentation validation, use nmap from a controlled host to confirm corporate-to-OT network reachability: nmap -sn from a corporate VLAN — no response confirms firewall enforcement. Document firewall ACL screenshots as evidence before any rule changes.

Evidence: Before revoking sessions, capture: (1) AWS CloudTrail logs for the 90-day window prior to discovery — specifically AssumeRole, GetSessionToken, and ConsoleLogin events from unfamiliar IP ranges or user agents; (2) Azure Active Directory Sign-In Logs filtered for ShinyHunters-associated TTPs — bulk access events, service principal logins from non-datacenter IPs; (3) Windows Security Event Log Event ID 4624 (Successful Logon) and 4648 (Explicit

Credential Use) on domain controllers covering the suspected dwell period; (4) Firewall flow logs between corporate IT VLANs and OT/clinical network segments to confirm or rule out lateral traversal; (5) Screenshots of current IAM role trust policies and attached permissions for all service accounts before modification.

Detection — Review authentication logs for anomalous Valid Accounts activity (T1078): off-hours logins, impossible travel, mass file access, and bulk downloads from cloud storage (T1530). Query email gateway and endpoint logs for phishing indicators (T1566). Search SIEM for large outbound data transfers to unfamiliar web services (T1567, T1041). ShinyHunters has historically leveraged exposed cloud credentials — audit cloud storage access logs (AWS S3, Azure Blob, GCP) for unauthorized GetObject or ListBucket events.

NIST Phase: Detection Analysis

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.2 — Detection and Analysis

Controls: NIST SI-4 (System Monitoring), NIST AU-6 (Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting), NIST AU-12 (Audit Record Generation), CIS 8.2 (Collect Audit Logs)

Compensating: Without a SIEM, execute these targeted queries directly: (1) AWS S3 — run aws s3api get-bucket-logging --bucket for each bucket storing PII to confirm logging was active, then pull CloudTrail with: aws cloudtrail lookup-events --lookup-attributes AttributeKey=EventName,AttributeValue=GetObject --start-time --output json | jq '.Events[] | select(.Username != "expected-service-account")'. (2) For impossible travel detection without SIEM, export Azure AD sign-in logs via Microsoft Graph API or the Azure Portal and pivot on UserPrincipalName + IPAddress + timestamp in Excel or Python pandas to flag logins from two geographies within 500MB sessions) to non-Medtronic IP space — ShinyHunters has used cloud hosting providers as exfil destinations.

Evidence: Before tuning detection rules, preserve: (1) AWS S3 Server Access Logs and CloudTrail Data Events (s3:GetObject, s3:ListBucket) for all buckets containing PII or HR data — ShinyHunters exfiltration leaves sequential GetObject calls across thousands of keys in compressed time windows; (2) Azure AD Unified Audit Log entries for MailItemsAccessed and FileAccessed operations in SharePoint/OneDrive, which would indicate breadth of PII data accessed; (3) Email gateway quarantine and delivery logs (MX header chains, sender IP, attachment hashes) for the 60 days preceding discovery to identify the initial phishing vector ShinyHunters likely used for credential harvest; (4) NetFlow or firewall session logs showing total bytes transferred per external destination IP over the suspected exfiltration window — critical for estimating the 'terabytes of internal data' claimed by ShinyHunters; (5) DNS query logs from corporate resolvers for lookups to cloud storage endpoints (s3.amazonaws.com, blob.core.windows.net) initiated by non-standard hosts or service accounts.

Eradication — Reset all credentials for accounts with access to affected corporate IT systems, prioritizing service accounts, admin accounts, and accounts with cloud storage permissions. Enforce MFA on all authentication paths where it is not already required. Remediate any identified access control gaps (CWE-284) by reviewing IAM policies and removing excessive permissions. Rotate API keys and tokens associated with affected environments.

NIST Phase: Eradication

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.4 — Eradication and Recovery

Controls: NIST IA-5 (Authenticator Management), NIST AC-2 (Account Management), NIST SI-2 (Flaw Remediation), NIST IR-4 (Incident Handling), CIS 5.2 (Use Unique Passwords), CIS 6.3 (Require MFA for Externally-Exposed Applications), CIS 6.5 (Require MFA for Administrative Access)

Compensating: For teams without an enterprise IAM platform: (1) Use AWS IAM Access Analyzer — free, built-in — to identify overly permissive S3 bucket policies and IAM roles with cross-account trust: aws accessanalyzer list-findings --analyzer-name --filter 'status=eq:ACTIVE'. (2) Rotate all AWS access keys via CLI: aws iam list-access-keys --user-name then aws iam delete-access-key --access-key-id --user-name && aws iam create-access-key --user-name . (3) Enforce MFA enrollment for all admin accounts using Azure AD Conditional Access free tier or AWS IAM policy condition 'aws:MultiFactorAuthPresent': 'true' on all S3 and IAM actions. Document each credential reset with timestamp, resetting analyst, and target account for HIPAA audit trail.

Evidence: Before credential rotation, capture: (1) IAM credential report (aws iam get-credential-report) showing access_key_last_used, password_last_used, and mfa_active status — this establishes which accounts were active during the breach window and whether MFA was absent; (2) Azure AD registered MFA methods per user (exportable

via Microsoft Graph: GET /users/{id}/authentication/methods) to document the pre-eradication MFA gap that ShinyHunters exploited; (3) Full export of AWS IAM policy attachments for all service accounts with S3 permissions — preserves the over-permissioned state as evidence of CWE-284 for the post-incident review and any regulatory investigation; (4) List of all active OAuth tokens and refresh tokens issued to third-party integrations (exportable from Azure AD Enterprise Applications > Permissions blade) before revocation.

Recovery — Validate that segmentation between corporate IT and OT/clinical systems is intact by reviewing firewall rules, network access controls, and asset inventories. Monitor post-reset authentication patterns for re-compromise indicators. Confirm no persistence mechanisms (scheduled tasks, new accounts, modified MFA configurations) were established by the threat actor before eradication.

NIST Phase: Recovery

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.5 — Recovery

Controls: NIST IR-4 (Incident Handling), NIST SI-7 (Software, Firmware, and Information Integrity), NIST SC-7 (Boundary Protection), NIST AU-6 (Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting), CIS 4.2 (Establish and Maintain a Secure Configuration Process for Network Infrastructure), CIS 1.1 (Establish and Maintain Detailed Enterprise Asset Inventory)

Compensating: For persistence hunting without EDR: (1) Query all domain controllers for accounts created after the estimated breach start date: Get-ADUser -Filter {WhenCreated -gt (Get-Date).AddDays(-90)} -Properties WhenCreated,LastLogonDate | Export-Csv new_accounts.csv. (2) Hunt for unauthorized scheduled tasks across Windows hosts using: Get-ScheduledTask | Where-Object {$_.TaskPath -notlike '\Microsoft*'} | Select TaskName,TaskPath,@{N='RunAs';E={$_.Principal.UserId}} — flag any tasks running as SYSTEM or admin accounts not in the approved baseline. (3) Audit MFA configuration changes in Azure AD via the Audit Log filtered on 'Update user' and 'Delete authentication method' operations during the breach window. (4) Use osquery (free) to verify firewall rule state on all corporate hosts: SELECT * FROM iptables WHERE chain='INPUT' AND action='ACCEPT' — compare against your documented baseline.

Evidence: Before declaring recovery complete, preserve: (1) Firewall rule export (show running-config or equivalent) from all perimeter and internal segmentation devices — timestamped post-incident — to establish that no rules were added by the threat actor to facilitate OT access; (2) Windows Security Event Log Event ID 4720 (User Account Created) and 4732 (Member Added to Security-Enabled Local Group) from all domain controllers covering the full dwell period — ShinyHunters may have established backdoor accounts for re-entry; (3) Azure AD audit log entries for 'Update authentication methods' and 'Disable strong authentication' operations — threat actors modifying MFA registrations is a documented ShinyHunters persistence technique; (4) Hash verification of scheduled task XML definitions in C:\Windows\System32\Tasks\ against a known-good baseline to detect backdoored tasks.

Post-Incident — Conduct a credential hygiene audit across all corporate systems; ShinyHunters consistently exploits credential reuse and weak authentication. Review cloud storage bucket permissions and access logging configurations. Evaluate HIPAA Breach Risk Assessment obligations under 45 CFR 164.402 for all affected PII categories. Assess SEC 8-K disclosure timeline requirements under 17 CFR 249.308. Brief legal and compliance on the dual HIPAA/SEC regulatory exposure before public statements.

NIST Phase: Post Incident

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §4 — Post-Incident Activity

Controls: NIST IR-8 (Incident Response Plan), NIST IR-5 (Incident Monitoring), NIST AU-11 (Audit Record Retention), NIST SI-2 (Flaw Remediation), CIS 7.1 (Establish and Maintain a Vulnerability Management Process), CIS 7.2 (Establish and Maintain a Remediation Process), CIS 3.2 (Establish and Maintain a Data Inventory)

Compensating: For credential hygiene audit without enterprise tooling: (1) Run Have I Been Pwned API checks (free tier, haveibeenpwned.com/API/v3) against corporate email domains to identify accounts with credentials in known breach corpora — ShinyHunters actively uses credential stuffing from prior breach datasets. (2) Audit S3 bucket logging gaps: aws s3api get-bucket-logging --bucket for every bucket; any bucket returning an empty LoggingEnabled block had no access logs during the breach — document these for the HIPAA risk assessment as a data access uncertainty. (3) Use ScoutSuite (open source, GitHub: nccgroup/ScoutSuite) to generate a cloud security posture report across AWS/Azure/GCP — produces HTML evidence suitable for compliance documentation without a

commercial CSPM tool.

Evidence: Preserve for regulatory and legal hold: (1) Complete AWS CloudTrail event history for the 90-day window before discovery — this is the primary evidence base for the HIPAA Breach Risk Assessment's 'probability that PHI was compromised' analysis under 45 CFR 164.402; (2) Data classification inventory mapping which S3 buckets, SharePoint libraries, or database exports contained the 9 million PII records ShinyHunters claims — required to determine which HIPAA covered data categories (name, DOB, SSN, health information) were exposed and to scope the SEC materiality determination; (3) ShinyHunters extortion communications (screenshots, email headers, dark web post archives) — preserve with timestamps and chain of custody for law enforcement referral and to support the SEC 8-K timeline reconstruction; (4) Network flow records showing total exfiltration volume and destination IPs — required to substantiate or refute the 'terabytes of internal data' claim for both HIPAA risk assessment and SEC materiality analysis; (5) Pre-incident and post-incident MFA enrollment rates and IAM policy exports — demonstrates due diligence posture for HHS OCR investigation and SEC disclosure context.

Detection Guidance

Priority detection focus: Valid Accounts abuse (T1078) and cloud data exfiltration (T1530, T1567). Query authentication logs for accounts logging in from new geolocations, at unusual hours, or accessing large volumes of files in short windows. In cloud environments (AWS CloudTrail, Azure Monitor, GCP Audit Logs), search for GetObject, CopyObject, or ListBucket calls at volume from user accounts rather than service roles, particularly outside business hours. Look for bulk downloads from SharePoint, OneDrive, or internal data repositories (T1213). For exfiltration detection: alert on large outbound transfers to non-corporate SaaS endpoints or public cloud storage URLs. Review web proxy and DLP logs for uploads to file-sharing services. ShinyHunters has historically used legitimate cloud infrastructure for staging, so destination reputation alone is insufficient; volume and timing anomalies are more reliable signals. No public IOCs (IPs, domains, file hashes) have been confirmed by Medtronic or law enforcement as of available reporting. Treat any IOCs circulating in third-party reporting as MEDIUM confidence until officially confirmed.

Indicators of Compromise

Type	Value	Context	Confidence
DOMAIN	`No confirmed IOCs available`	No IPs, domains, hashes, or URLs have been officially confirmed by Medtronic or law enforcement as of available reporting. Do not treat unverified third-party IOC claims as confirmed.	LOW

Framework Mappings

MITRE-ATTACK

- **T1078** — Valid Accounts
- **T1567** — Exfiltration Over Web Service
- **T1530** — Data from Cloud Storage
- **T1041** — Exfiltration Over C2 Channel
- **T1657** — Financial Theft

- **T1486** — Data Encrypted for Impact
- **T1083** — File and Directory Discovery
- **T1213** — Data from Information Repositories
- **T1566** — Phishing

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- **AC-2** — Account Management
- **AC-6** — Least Privilege
- **IA-2** — Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)
- **IA-5** — Authenticator Management
- **CA-7** — Continuous Monitoring
- **SC-7** — Boundary Protection
- **SI-4** — System Monitoring
- **CP-9** — System Backup
- **CP-10** — System Recovery and Reconstitution
- **AT-2** — Literacy Training and Awareness
- **SI-3** — Malicious Code Protection
- **SI-8** — Spam Protection
- **AC-3** — Access Enforcement
- **SC-28** — Protection of Information at Rest

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- **A01:2021** — Broken Access Control
- **A04:2021** — Insecure Design
- **A07:2021** — Identification and Authentication Failures

HIPAA-SECURITY

- **164.312(a)(1)** — Access Control
- **164.308(a)(5)(ii)(D)** — Password Management
- **164.312(d)** — Person or Entity Authentication

CIS-V8

- **6.1** — Establish an Access Granting Process
- **6.2** — Establish an Access Revoking Process
- **5.2** — Use Unique Passwords
- **6.3** — Require MFA for Externally-Exposed Applications

SOC2-TSC

- **CC6.1** — The entity implements logical access security software, infrastructure, and architectures over protected information assets
- **CC6.3** — Authorizes, modifies, or removes access

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- **A.5.34** — Privacy and protection of personal information

MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

Technique ID	Technique Name	Tactic
T1078	Valid Accounts	Defense-Evasion
T1567	Exfiltration Over Web Service	Exfiltration
T1530	Data from Cloud Storage	Collection
T1041	Exfiltration Over C2 Channel	Exfiltration
T1657	Financial Theft	Impact
T1486	Data Encrypted for Impact	Impact
T1083	File and Directory Discovery	Discovery
T1213	Data from Information Repositories	Collection
T1566	Phishing	Initial-Access

Sources

Source	URL	Tier
Security News	https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/medtronic-confirms-b...	T3
Medtronic says cyberattack on IT network has not disrupted operations	https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/medtronic-says-cyberattack...	T2
Medtronic discloses cybersecurity breach in certain IT systems	https://www.massdevice.com/medtronic-discloses-it-system-breach/	T3
Medtronic Discloses Cybersecurity Incident Involving IT Systems	https://finance.yahoo.com/sectors/healthcare/articles/medtronic-dis...	T3
Security Bulletins - Product Security & Cybersecurity - Medtronic	https://www.medtronic.com/en-us/e/product-security/security-bulleti...	T3

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