

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MAINE

IN RE HANNAFORD BROS. Co.]	
CUSTOMER DATA SECURITY]	MDL DOCKET No. 2:08-MD-1954
BREACH LITIGATION]	

Consumers sued Hannaford and Sweetbay supermarkets for failing to protect against the electronic theft of data generated by the use of credit and debit cards in 2007-2008.

Cases filed in Florida, Maine, New Hampshire, and New York were transferred to Maine, where Hannaford has its headquarters, for consolidated proceedings before United States District Judge D. Brock Hornby. Judge Hornby appointed Peter Murray of Murray, Plumb & Murray and Lewis J. Saul of Lewis Saul & Associates as interim lead counsel for the plaintiffs. The defendants are represented by a team of attorneys led by Clifford Ruprecht of Pierce Atwood, LLP.

All the claims were dismissed on October 27, 2010. On October 20, 2011, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit reversed the dismissal of only the plaintiffs' negligence and implied contract claims.

The plaintiffs submitted an amended complaint on December 30, 2011. They also filed a motion for class certification on January 16, 2012. Discovery is ongoing.

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