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**American Financial Systems and its applications COLI.com and
Deferral.com are Unaffected by “Shellshock” Bug**

American Financial Systems, Inc. (AFS) is well aware of the recently announced Security Bug denominated “Shellshock”, also known as “Bashdoor”, which affects several Unix/Linux based that use the Bash shell for commands processing.

AFS is extremely conscientious in all matters regarding information assurance and protection of data flowing and stored in our platform(s) and servers. Given the severity of this vulnerability, and the justified levels of media attention reached by this issue, we would like to communicate to our customers that all our systems are safe: AFS is not affected by “Shellshock”.

The discovered issue is specific to Unix-based platforms using Bash shell as their command-line interpreter. None of our platforms are Unix-based and therefore, do not make use of such shell. Also, only under specific configurations, Microsoft Operating Systems (in use across AFS) can make use of Bash, but that is not the case in any of our systems.

Under the same consideration, AFS has performed an evaluation of third party applications and components in use for other operational purposes (e.g. Secure File Transfer, internal reporting) and has determined that those systems are not compromised either.

For more information, please contact us directly to address any additional inquiries.