Press Release

**SANTANDER TAKES EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT DEBIT AND CREDIT CARD CUSTOMERS IMPACTED BY DATA BREACH AT TARGET**

**BOSTON, December 23, 2013** – To protect customers who used their Santander and Sovereign branded debit and credit cards at Target between November 27 and December 15 when the retailer experienced a data breach, Santander Bank, N. A. today announced it is lowering the daily limits on cash withdrawals and purchases on these cards.

Santander is taking these precautions to protect its customers’ accounts from fraud. The Bank is monitoring these accounts for suspicious activity and is issuing new cards to impacted customers.

Santander is encouraging customers to monitor their accounts and report transactions they do not recognize. Customers are reminded that there is zero liability for unauthorized purchases made without a PIN when Santander is promptly notified.

Customers can view their account online at Santander.com or via mobile banking. Customers who have questions can contact the telephone number on the back of their card. Due to the Christmas holiday, the Customer Contact Center will have limited service starting on the afternoon of December 24 through the morning of December 26.

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