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# SRAX, Inc. (NASDAQ: SRAX)

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### **BUY: Reiterate Buy and \$11.50 Target**

We reiterate our Buy recommendation and \$11.50 price target on SRAX. We believe the company can exceed our revenue and EBITDA estimates for the year and its efforts to monetize its investments in FPVD and stock portfolio could be catalysts for the shares.

We reiterate our Buy recommendation and \$11.50 price target on SRAX. We believe the company can exceed our revenue and EBITDA estimates for the year. Our revenue estimate for Q3 of \$8.2 million and full-year estimate of \$30.2 million are in-line with consensus estimates and guidance, however, we believe there is a good chance for upside.

Sequire subscribers grew from 125 at the end of 2020 to 183 at the end of Q1 and 225 as of the end of Q2. The company is targeting quarterly increases of 50 subscribers, although we have assumed less than the company's target in our forecast. Average monthly revenue per subscriber has been increasing steadily and exceeded \$10 thousand in Q2. We have assumed average monthly revenue per subscriber declines beginning in Q3, but this could be conservative.

The company is monetizing its portfolio of marketable securities, that was valued at \$24.1 million, or almost \$1 per share at the end of Q2. SRAX will distribute to shareholders a preferred share that entitles the holder to the proceeds from the sale of 24 enumerated securities totaling \$6.5 million as of mid-September. If the proceeds of the sale equal the current value that would be about \$0.25 per share or about a 4.5% dividend.

SRAX also owns 149.6 billion shares of Force Protection Video Equipment (FPVD \$0.004) and at current prices this is worth almost \$600 million, far in excess of the market value of SRAX. The shares of FPVD have been registered and are now eligible for sale. SRAX can sell these shares in the open market and/or distribute them to shareholders and the company has stated it is investigating paths to monetizing this position.

**Valuation:** Our price target of \$11.50 is based on an EV/Sales multiple of 7x our 2022 revenue estimate of \$38.7 million. The EV/Sales multiple is a discount of more than 25% to the group median of 9.5x (see table on page 3). At the group median, the price target would be \$15.44.

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Current Price						\$5.32
Price Target						\$11.50
Estimates	F2	020A	F	2021E	F	2022E
Revenues (\$000s)	\$	8,647		30.244 E		
1Q March	\$	351	\$	,		8,430
2Q June	\$	1,165		7,677 A		9,400
3Q September	\$	2,609	\$	8,190 E		10,020
4Q December	\$	4,522	\$			10,840
	_	020A	_	2021E		2022E
EPS (diluted)	\$	(1.00)	\$	(0.58)E		0.30
1Q March	\$	(0.21)	\$	(0.57)A		0.04
2Q June	\$	(0.38)	\$	(0.24)A	\$	0.07
3Q September	\$	(0.45)	\$	0.06 E		0.08
4Q December	\$	0.01	\$	0.06 E	\$	0.11
EBITDA (\$Ms)	\$	(8.4)	\$	0.7	\$	6.7
EV/EBITDA (x)		-12.0x		141.0x		15.2
Stock Data						
52-Week Range		\$2.06		-		\$7.29
Shares Outstanding (mil.)						24.9
Market Capitalization (mil.	.)					\$133
Enterprise Value (mil.)						\$102
Debt to Capital						9%
Book Value/Share						\$1.24
Price/Book						4.3>
Average Three Months Tra	ading	Volum	ne l	(K)		457
Insider Ownership	Juni	5 VOIGII	10	(14)		10.6%
Institutional Ownership						19.5%
Short interest (mil.)			_			1.7%
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Dividend / Yield					\$0.	00/0.0%
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**Risks to Target:** Risks to achieving our price target include negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ability to scale the Sequire platform, introduction of new platform services, ability to make debt and acquisition payments, potential pressure on the share price from conversion of the OID and exercise of warrants followed by sale of the shares received in the exercise.



Revenue per month per subscriber continues to rise and reached a record of \$10,593 in Q2. Revenue is a combination of a subscription fee and optional managed services. The managed services piece will fluctuate with various factors including renewal rates and the ratio of managed services clients to the total. We have assumed revenue per month per subscriber falls from current levels, primarily to be conservative until a longer record is available.



Source: SRAX, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates

The company booked a \$4.6 million loss on its portfolio of marketable securities in Q2 yet ended the quarter with a portfolio valued at \$24.1 million, up from \$18 million at the end of Q1. The increase was driven by additions to the portfolio of \$11.3 million, a function of the \$11.4 million in bookings, offset by sales of \$600 thousand and the change in the value of the portfolio. We expect the portfolio to be a volatile part of the company's earnings. For example, in Q1, the portfolio posted a gain of \$4.5 million, reversing in Q2. The company has mitigated this volatility by issuing a \$6.5 million special dividend to shareholders in the form of a non-voting, non-tradeable preferred that will hold \$6.5 million of the portfolio. As the shares are sold, the proceeds will be distributed to the owners of the preferred shares. This is a clever way to lower earnings volatility and return excess cash to shareholders, in our view.

#### Outlook

Our revenue estimates build off three sources of revenue: 1) Sequire, 2) BIGToken, and 3) conferences/events from LD Micro. We assume most of the growth over our forecast horizon comes from Sequire's subscription platform and associated media/data revenue.

Our estimate for consolidated sales (including BIGToken) for 2021 is \$30.2 million, up from \$8.6 million in 2020, with most of the increase coming from Sequire. For 2022, we project revenue of \$38.7 million, with almost all of the increase driven by Sequire.

\$ in millions	2020A	2021E	2022E
Sequire	5.8	25.7	34.1
BigToken	2.2	3.4	3.4
Conference & other	0.7	1.1	1.2
Total	\$ 8.6	\$ 30.2	\$ 38.7

Source: Dawson James Securities estimates

We have modeled subscribers increasing from 225 at the end of Q2 to 295 by year-end and 415 by the end of 2022. As mentioned above, we have assumed revenue per month per subscriber subsides from current levels, but there is currently no indication this is occurring and is a source of upside to our estimates if monthly revenue per subscribers stays at current levels or increases.

For modeling purposes, we have assumed BIGToken will be consolidated for our forecast period with revenue and opex about flat with current levels. However, BIGToken will not be subject to consolidation when SRAX's ownership falls below 50%, which could be by year-end. Also, BIGToken revenue and opex will likely be driven by the company's ability to raise additional capital.

#### Valuation

SaaS/Database providers' shares commonly trade between 5x and 20x forward-12-month (FTM) sales partly due to their 40% to 55% EBITDA margins. We think SRAX is capable of achieving that level of margins, but it will require greater scale.



		Price		TEV	FTN	// Sales	EV/
			(\$	in M)	(\$	in M)	Sales
BR	Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.	\$ 166.84	\$ 2	23,734.4	\$5	,483.8	4.3x
CSGP	CoStar Group, Inc.	85.38	3	31,990.4	2	,099.1	15.2x
DNB	Dun & Bradstreet Holdings Inc	16.98	1	10,955.9	2	,209.3	5.0x
EFX	Equifax Inc.	256.50	3	35,877.9	4	,918.2	7.3x
GPN	Global Payments Inc.	162.11	5	57,425.1	8	,122.1	7.1x
INFO	IHS Markit Ltd.	116.47	5	54,266.9	4	,889.7	11.1x
MCO	Moody's Corporation	355.49	7	73,314.8	6	,003.3	12.2x
MSCI	MSCI Inc. Class A	597.80	5	55,357.1	2	,137.3	25.9x
NLSN	Nielsen Holdings Plc	19.45	1	13,011.7	3	,549.2	3.7x
SPGI	S&P Global, Inc.	426.11	11	10,333.8	8	,198.7	13.5x
TRU	TransUnion	112.68	2	25,161.9	3	,160.3	8.0x
VRSK	Verisk Analytics Inc	201.74	3	36,339.5	3	,096.0	11.7x
	Median						9.5x
SRAX	SRAX, Inc. Class A	\$ 5.32	\$	103.0	\$	36.5	2.8x

Source: FactSet and Dawson James Securities estimates

Based on our forward-12-month revenue estimate of \$35.5 million, SRAX shares trade below that range, or at 2.8x forward-12-month sales, and at 2.7x our 2022 sales estimate of \$38.7 million.

#### **Price Target**

Our price target of \$11.50 is based on an EV/Sales multiple of 7x our 2022 revenue estimate of \$38.7 million. The EV/Sales multiple is a discount of more than 25% to the group median of 9.5x and reflects the risks of achieving our revenue estimate. At the group median, the price target would be \$15.44. Our revenue estimate for 2022 includes \$3.4 million from BIGToken so implicitly values SRAX's 62% share of BIGToken at \$15 million, far below the \$600 million current public market value of SRAX's ownership of BIGToken.

#### Risk Analysis

Risks to achieving our price target include negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ability to scale the Sequire platform, introduction of new platform services, ability to make debt and acquisition payments, potential pressure on the share price from conversion of the OID and exercise of warrants followed by sale of the shares received in the exercise.



#### **Exhibit 1. Income Statement**

(\$ in 000s, except per-share data) \$ in 000's 2021 E 2022 E 2018 2019 2020 Q1 21 A Q2 21 A Q3 21 E Q4 21 E Revenues 9,881 \$ 3,584 8,647 5,442 \$ 7,677 8,190 \$ 8,935 30,244 38,690 Cost of Revenues 3,157 1,680 2,589 1,650 1,453 1,628 1,757 6,487 7,876 **Gross Profit** 6,724 1,904 6,058 3,792 6,224 6,563 7,179 23,757 30,814 **Operating Expenses** 18,443 19,762 17,655 5,218 7,293 6,692 6,345 25,548 26,615 (1,426) \$ Operating Income \$ (11,719) \$ (17,858)\$ (11,597) (1,069) \$ (130) \$ 833 \$ (1,791) 4,199 (3,057)Total Financial Expenses (15,025)(382)(297)(297)(16,000)32 (716)(12, 150)Other 23,519 1,715 9,068 4,507 (4,561)1,126 0 1,072 0 Pretax Income 8,744 (16,859)(14,679)(11,944)(6,012)700 537 (16,719)4,231 Taxes 26 854 272 945 Loss from noncontrolling interest 0 0 0 945 3 016 3 780 \$ (11,090) \$ Net Income (Loss) \$ 8,744 \$ (16.859)\$ (14.705)(5,740) \$ 1,645 \$ 1,482 \$ (13,703) 8,011 Diluted EPS \$ 0.86 \$ \$ (1.00)\$ (0.57) \$ (0.24) \$ 0.06 \$ 0.06 \$ (0.58)0.30 (1.37)**Diluted Shares** 14,650 19,412 25,496 26,067 23,651 26,787 10,121 12,293 23,631 Operating Income (11,719)(17,858)(11,597)(1,426)(1,069)(130)833 (1,791)4,199 1,167 1,852 253 253 1,012 1,012 Equity based compensation 1,879 253 253 Depreciation & Amort. 768 1,163 1,303 384 372 372 372 1,500 1,488 Adj. EBITDA (9,073) \$ (15,528)(8,442)(789) \$ (444) \$ 495 \$ 1,458 \$ 721 6,699 2018 2019 2020 Q1 21 A Q2 21 A Q3 21 E Q4 21 E 2021 E 2022 E Revenues 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% Cost of Revenues 32.0% 46.9% 29.9% 30.3% 18.9% 19.9% 19.7% 21.4% 20.4% 53.1% 80.1% 80.3% 78.6% 79.6% **Gross Profit** 68.0% 70.1% 69.7% 81.1% 186.7% 551.4% 204.2% 95.9% 95.0% 81.7% 71.0% 84.5% 68.8% **Operating Expenses** Operating Income -118.6% -498.3% -134.1% -26.2% -13.9% -1.6% 9.3% -5.9% 10.9% -20.0% Total Financial Expense -30.9% -140.5% -276.1% -5.0% -3 6% -3.3% -52 9% 0.1% Other 13.7% 238.0% 47.9% 104.9% 82.8% -59.4% 0.0% 3.5% 0.0% Net Income (Loss) 88.5% -470.4% -170.1% -203.8% -74.8% 20.1% 16.6% -45.3% 20.7% 2.4% **EBITDA** -91.8% -433.3% -97.6% -14.5% -5.8% 6.0% 16.3% 17.3%

Source: SRAX, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates



**Exhibit 2. Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statements** 

(\$ in 000s, except per-share data)

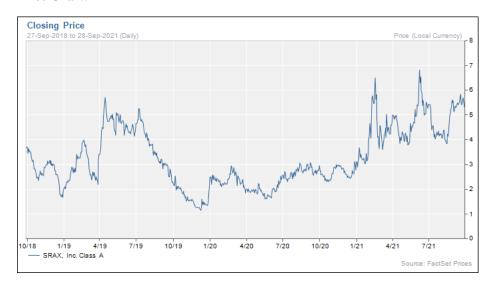
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		2018		2019		2020	3	2021 E		2022 E
Current Assets										
Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,785		32		451		8,109		16,409
Accounts Receivables		1,829		805		2,608		5,385		6,534
Prepaid Expenses		467		715		367		1,309		1,589
Marketable Securities		0		0		8,447		24,130		24,130
Other Current Assets		387		306		0		0		0
Total Current Assets	\$	5,468	\$	1,858	\$	11,873	\$	38,934	\$	48,661
Non Current Assets										
Notes Receivable		0		0		893		917		917
Property and Equipment, net		192		191		118		169		185
Goodwill		15,645		15,645		23,351		23,351		23,351
Intangible Assets		1,763		1,966		2,409		2,044		1,799
Right-of-Use Asset		0		456		366		314		314
Other Assets		51		118		300		36		36
Total Assets	\$	23,118	\$	20,234	\$	39,013	\$	65,765	\$	<b>75,264</b>
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Current Liabilities										
AP and Accrued Expenses		3,575		2,442		3,561		3,873		4,699
Derivative liability		496		4,397		0		0		0
Other Current Liabilities		0		537		8,711		12,895		12,545
Payroll protection loan		0		0		747		0		0
OID convertible debentures		0		0		6,016		0		0
Total Current Liabilities	\$	9,017	\$	7,376	\$	19,035	\$	16,768	\$	17,244
Non Current Liabilities										
Lease Obligation		0		352		243		182		182
Payroll protection loan		0		0		379		0		0
Deferred tax liability		0		0		131		131		131
Total Stockholders' Equity		14,101		12,506		19,225		48,684		57,706
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$	23,118	\$	20,234	\$	39,013	\$	65,765	\$	75,264
		2018		2019		2020	3	2021 E		2022 E
Operating Activities		2010		2019		2020		2021 E		2022 E
Net Income		8,744		(16,859)		(14,705)		(13,703)		8,011
Depreciation and Amortization		768		1,163		1,303		1,500		1,488
Stock based Compensation		1,879		1,167		1,852		1,012		1,012
Other		(22,481)		(654)		1,317		15,082		0,012
Working Capital		(22,401) $(2,572)$		(167)		(3,256)		(14,870)		(952)
Operating Cash Flow	\$	(13,663)		(15,350)	•	(13,489)		<b>(12,106)</b>		9,559
Operating Gash Flow	ų.	(10,000)	Ű	(13,330)	Ψ	(10,400)	Ψ	(12,100)	•	3,333
Investing Activities										
CapEx		(82)		(73)		0		(132)		(100)
Digital Currency Asssets/Other		(63)		0		32		(33)		0
Development of Software		(961)		(1,292)		(1,205)		(1,054)		(1,159)
Sale of marketable securities		0		0		916		2,903		0
Acquisition/Disposal		22,981		570		6,303		(1,784)		0
Cash from Investing Activities	\$	21,875	\$	(795)	\$	6,046	\$	(100)	\$	(1,259)
Financing Activities										
Debt		(6,545)		0		7,862		(1,026)		0
Equity		100		13,393		0		20,890		0
Other		0		0		0		0		0
Cash from Financing Activities	\$	(6,445)	\$	13,393	\$	7,862	\$	19,864	\$	-
Change in Cash	\$	1,768	\$	(2,752)	\$	419	\$	7,658	\$	8,300

Source: SRAX, Inc. and Dawson James Securities estimates



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#### **Price Chart:**



Price target and ratings changes over the past three years:

Initiated – Buy – April 19, 2021 – Price Target \$10.00

Update - Buy - May 18, 2021 - Price Target \$10.00

Price Target Change – Buy – August 18, 2021 – Price Target \$11.50

Update – Buy – September 29, 2021 – Price Target \$11.50

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Ratings Distribution	# of Companies	% of Total	# of Companies	% of Totals
Market Outperform (Buy)	26	72%	4	15%
Market Perform (Neutral)	10	28%	0	0%
Market Underperform (Sell)	0	0%	0	0%
Total	36	100%	4	11%

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