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MEDIA RELEASE

To: Media
Fr: Montgomery County EMA
Re: Montgomery County Malware Mitigated

On or around November 14, 2017, Montgomery County became the victim of an outside malware attack that impaired a number of its computer systems and operations. The County takes this incident and the security of employee and public information seriously. The malware was addressed within minutes of its discovery, and we immediately launched an investigation with the help of outside computer forensics experts to restore our systems and determine whether any sensitive information was impacted.

Our investigation determined that no public personal data was impacted. However, because unauthorized access to one county email account occurred, personal information relating to certain current and former county employees may have been impacted. While, there is no indication that employee information stored in the email account was subject to unauthorized access, and there have been no indications of misuse of employee personal information in relation to the incident, all potentially impacted individuals have been notified pursuant to applicable laws and offered assistance to mitigate any issues or concerns.

The County continues to increase our computer security and continues to monitor against suspicious activity since this incident. No further malware activity has been noted to date.

EMA Coordinator,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Nimmo", is written over the typed name.

Greg Nimmo