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According to IT director Eric Wyatt of Moscow, Alaska, hackers attacked the city's network infrastructure with Emotet trojans and BitPaymer extortion software. They even installed everything on the network.



Hackers use the previously unpublished exploit code (zero-day attack) to control almost all 500 workstations, 120 of Mat-Su's 150 servers.

The government of Mat-Su said the attack had a heavy impact on many public services such as libraries, parks, e-commerce and real estate.

For temporary remedy, city officials had to mobilize all typewriters in stock for manual typing, hand-write invoices and perform many other manual steps when there was no computer.

In August 2017, BitPaymer extortion software used to attack many Scottish hospitals, causing serious damage. The attacker encrypts the found data and asks the victim to use bitcoin in exchange for lost data.

Currently, the FBI is investigating the incident and coordinating with the city of Mat-Su and Valdez to restore public services here.

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