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5/16/2025 Update: May 2025 Cybersecurity Event

MONTGOMERY – The Office of Information Technology (OIT) has successfully identified the source of the cybersecurity event that was first detected on Friday, May 9.

Immediately upon discovery of the presence of this threat, OIT took decisive action and implemented numerous essential counteractive measures. Over the course of the past week, these activities have continued nonstop as key internal and external resources have been mobilized and applied in a 24/7 coordinated effort to safeguard State and citizen data.

With the positive identification of the event's source, OIT is now preparing to enter the next phase in its response effort. This new phase will be remedial in nature and will enable OIT to further strengthen Alabama's IT infrastructure and help defend against future cyber threats.

At this time, OIT can reaffirm that no major disruptions to State services have been traced to the event and there is no evidence of exfiltration of the personally identifiable information of Alabama citizens. However, as OIT enters this new response phase, there will likely be intermittent periods of disruption to various Alabama state agency websites and/or services as remediation and protective measures are put in place. These disruptions should not be construed as nefarious and will be communicated in advance to all agencies impacted by this work.

In the meantime, OIT encourages all Alabama state agencies to remain alert and to report any and all suspicious activity.

Please continue to monitor <u>https://oit.alabama.gov/cybereventMay2025/</u> for updates and additional information that will be made available to the public.

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