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$400,000 Gone!

Jackson County, Georgia just paid $400,000 to hackers to get their own files back! Why? Because of Ransomware.

What is Ransomware?

- Ransomware is a type of malware that encrypts your files so you can't access them.

- Typically, the hacker gives you hours to decide if you'll pay for the decryption key.

- If you don't pay, your files remain encrypted.

How could your behavior make you vulnerable?

- Opening a malicious email

- Clicking on a link or opening an attachment in an infected email

- Visiting an infected web site

- Clicking on an infected online advertisement

What should you do?

- Backup your files regularly

- Install updates to all programs (e.g. Flash Player, Java, browsers)

- If an email message or attachment seems odd, unexpected, or suspicious in any way, even if it's from someone you know, don't open it.

- If you can't verify that the email is legitimate, delete it.

- Stick with websites you trust, and don't click on online advertisements.

- On your home computer, use up-to-date anti-virus software, install system updates as soon as they're available, and back up your files!

- And don't forget, it's not just your computer but your mobile devices as well.

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