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Cyber Security Awareness

As we close out October, designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month, we want to promote the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity. We live in a world that is more connected than ever before. The Internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not.

Most concerning is the use of Malware, short for "malicious software which includes any software, such as a computer virus, known as Trojan Horse or spyware. Malware is unknowingly installed on your computer and on mobile devices, such as cell phones and tablets. Most commonly, malware is designed to give attackers access to your infected computer or mobile device, which allows criminals to monitor and control your online activity or steal your personal information or other sensitive data.

In a recent mobile device cyber-attack, an 18 year-old was arrested in Arizona after infecting at least 1,800 mobile devices with malware through an internet link posted on a twitter account. Once an unsuspecting person clicked on the link, the malware infected the device with a virus which caused the mobile device to repeatedly call 911 over and over.

Leon County 911 and the Consolidated Dispatch Agency have been monitoring this investigation, as there are indications 911 systems in California, Texas and Florida have been impacted by devices that remain infected.

"We remain diligent in protecting our critical technology infrastructure, such as our 911 system" said Sheriff Mike Wood. "I would advise all citizens to keep your device's security updates current and never open a link or email that looks suspicious"

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