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## Ransomware attack hits Coffee County Sheriff's Department

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Ransomware attack has hit Coffee County Sheriff's Department, crippling its computer system, Channel 5 reported first.

Coffee County Sheriff Chad Partin has confirmed.

"Our system got a virus," Partin said.

Currently, cyber experts with the TBI and state Homeland Security are trying to break the code.

Employees at the jail noticed electronic files being moved, Channel 5 reported.

Then the entire system locked up this morning. Not long after that, a message was sent demanding payment to unlock all the files. The documents include files and arrest, booking and sentencing records for all inmates. There's a danger that these files could be altered. There are paper back-ups, according to the sheriff's department.



**Coffee County Sheriff's Department computer system to be up and running soon after ransomware attack**