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- On September 2nd, a resident arrived at Police HQ to inform us that they had received an email in which the sender was attempting to extort the resident for monetary payment. The email in question provided a picture of the resident's home and claimed that the sender was aware of the "filthy videos" the resident "has been watching" online. The sender also claimed that they installed software called "Pegasus" on an app that the resident frequently uses, so that they could spy on the resident. Finally, the suspect demanded that the resident send them \$2,000 in bitcoin. The sender provided a QR (Quick Response) code and claimed that once the payment is received, they would leave the resident alone. Since this date, four other residents have received similar emails attempting to extort the recipients for monetary payment.
  - These emails are few of many cases of a popular phishing scam being sent to people to extort money from the recipients. If you receive a similar email, please report it to MLPD and DO NOT send payment.
- On September 16th, a resident called police HQ to report receiving two suspicious packages that she did not order over the course of two days. One of the packages had a QR code on it which is consistent with a popular ongoing information stealing scam.
  - If you receive any packages that you feel are suspicious or contain QR codes on the outside or inside, report the incident to MLPD and do not scan any unknown QR codes.
- On September 21st, at approximately 2:23 AM, Patrolman Grady conducted a motor vehicle stop that led to the arrest of the driver, 29-year-old Oliver Cabellero-Silva of Parsippany for driving while intoxicated. Mr. Hernandez was issued motor vehicle summonses for driving while intoxicated, careless driving, reckless driving, failure to maintain lane, driving without a license, and refusing to submit to chemical breath testing.
- On September 23rd, Sergeant Somjen attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop on a motorcycle traveling over 100 MPH on Route 46 East. After the activation of his overhead lights, the motorcycle continued traveling at a high rate of speed, refusing Sergeant Somjen's signal to stop. An investigation is ongoing at this time.

- On September 30th, at approximately 5:48 PM, Patrolman Grady conducted a motor vehicle stop on Route 46 East which led to the arrest of 47-year-old Claudio Salcedo of Pembroke Pines, Florida for an active ATS warrant out of Kenilworth. Mr. Salcedo posted the 10% bail allowed, was issued a new court date, and was released from custody.

*A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

Sincerely,

Chief Shawn Bennett