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Ransomware still out there! Florida city pays over \$600,000 to cyberterrorists: Riviera City FL data encrypted, May 29, 2019 from user opening malicious email attachment

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Privacy Week, May 14-18; FTC provided resources; <https://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/current-activity/2018/05/14/FTC-Promotes-Privacy-Awareness-Week>

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