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Louisiana's Ransomware Attack Was Largest but 'Not Catastrophic'

During a last-minute hearing Friday, Louisiana Deputy CIO Neal Underwood revealed that last week's ransomware attack was the largest one to impact the state, but he stopped short of calling the attack catastrophic.

Last week's [Louisiana ransomware attack](#) affected approximately 10 percent of the 5,000 servers within the state government's IT infrastructure, making it [one of the largest cyberattacks on the state](#) to date.

Neal Underwood, deputy chief information officer for the Office of Information Technology (OIT), revealed the news during a last-minute hearing Friday morning, in which legislators quizzed numerous agency heads on their operational status following the cyberincident.

"It's not catastrophic," Underwood said, before ultimately concluding that it was "a significant event, much more significant than any we've had in the past." He also called it a "sophisticated, coordinated attack," and not the result of "some malcontent teenager in their parent's basement."

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