

# Over 8M Virginian patient records held to ransom, 30 Apr 2009

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## Summary

On Thursday, April 30, the secure site for the Virginia Prescription Monitoring Program (<http://www.pmp.dhp.virginia.gov>) (PMP) was replaced with a \$US10M ransom demand:

"I have your shit! In \*my\* possession, right now, are **8,257,378** patient records and a total of **35,548,087** prescriptions. Also, I made an encrypted backup and deleted the original. Unfortunately for Virginia, their

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The linked file provides the full ransom message.

The PMP is used by pharmacists and others to discover prescription drug abuse.

The PMP declined to comment, although when contacted, appeared to be aware of the issue, instantly referring inquiries to the director of the DHP, who is presently unavailable.

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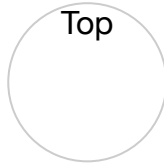
**Cryptographic identity**

SHA256 f6a978eb8b4b848c3abfac5d3c8aa5d568fd4620f8995ab66df0187d9f3a2082

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