



COCKRELL HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

To Whom it May Concern:

On December 12, 2016, the Cockrell Hill Police Department Server was infected with a ransomware computer virus. After consulting with the FBI Cybercrimes unit and IT support staff, it was determined that the best solution was to wipe the server to ensure that all affected files were deleted. As a result, all bodycam video, some photos, some in-car video, and some police department surveillance video were lost. Every attempt was made to recover any potential digital evidence in criminal cases, however if requests are made for said material and it has been lost, there is no chance of recovery or producing the material.

All requests for digital evidence can continue to be made to Detective Sergeant David Landers, and he will review each request to determine if the digital evidence still exists.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Barlag", is written over a horizontal line.

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