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Computer Virus Attacks San Diego Superior Court Operations

San Diego Superior Court operations have been affected by a computer virus which has forced court staff to work manually and has resulted in some public service delays.

The virus, which appears to be a new variant of a 2006 virus, was discovered on Monday, April 14th, when the Court's Information Technology team received reports of unusual desktop behavior. The reports indicated that desktops were repeatedly restarting or freezing. Some applications refused login attempts.

Because of the virus, the court system has been removed from both County and State computer interfaces. This has forced court staff to research and pull files manually. There is currently difficulty in accessing information such as future hearings and case information.

Court officials are asking the public for patience and requesting that those who need information should have their court-issued paperwork, courtesy notices or tickets with them. Those items will help court staff find the requested information faster.

Court IT staff and outside vendors are working around the clock to diagnose and destroy the virus. There is no time estimate at this time as to when the problem will be resolved.