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Russians Did Not Hack Florida's Voting System

In response to recent news reports on Russia's attempt to hack Florida vendor's election systems, here's what Supervisor Wilcox wants to inform the voters of Marion County:

- Florida votes on paper ballots leaving a trail for every vote cast. You can't hack paper.
- VR Systems does not sell products that mark or tabulate votes. We have a separate vendor for our voting and tabulation equipment.
- Our voting equipment has no connection to the outside world. You can't hack something you can't see.
- Our post-election manual audit was completed with 100% accuracy, confirming the machine count was equivalent to the human count of ballots.
- Unfortunately, phishing email scams are not uncommon and individuals are targeted every day. Protect yourself by recognizing the risk and disregarding the message.
- VR Systems promptly notified all customers of the potential threat and measures were taken to prevent data from being compromised.
- Our staff is trained to identify and avoid potential scams and instructed to report any suspicious activity.
- Voter registration information is public record with a few exceptions. Anyone can request these records for any reason. (Chapter 119, Florida Statutes)
- There are no indications of any attempt to obtain unauthorized access to Marion County's voter registration system.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to address them. You can contact me by phone 352-620-3290 or email WWilcox@VoteMarion.com.

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