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Phishing Thieves Target School Paychecks

Thieves used a phishing attack to redirect the paychecks of 36 Anne Arundel County school employees, getting away with roughly \$57,000, school officials said Tuesday.

An unidentified individual or individuals used stolen passwords or other credentials to move the 22 NOV direct deposit paychecks for the employees to another account. "I don't want to go into specifics of what occurred because it could compromise the investigation, but it is certainly possible these employees clicked on spam email at some point and that enabled the perpetrators of this crime to access those 36 accounts," said Bob Mosier, a spokesman for Anne Arundel County Public Schools.