

Question and Answer Responses

Question:

What is the probability that a ransomware attack (or other type of attack) will be attempted again by the same bad guy?

Answer:

We have seen instances where victims of Ransomware and victims of Business Email Compromise (BEC) have been reattacked, but we don't know of an instance where the same bad guy perpetrated the attack.

The reason these attacks are effective business models is that some victims pay the ransom or fall for the BEC. As victims are often eventually identified by media, these entities could look like they have substandard computer security making them a good target. Through network hardening and user education these could (and should) become very difficult targets to breach encouraging the criminals to look elsewhere.

Question:

Is the funding from NC DIT available to community colleges for the IPS?

Answer:

Not at this time with current funding. We believe this would be beneficial and will relay the request up the chain.