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At this time, Washington County can neither confirm or deny that they are one of the counties affected. However, as you can see from the statement below that was issued by the FBI they were able to give assurance that they did not detect any adversary activity that impacted vote counts or disrupted electoral processes during the 2016 and 2018 elections.

Washington County, along with the other 66 counties have worked with the FBI and DHS to give the voters of Florida the confidence that we are working hard to protect the electoral process.

Below is the statement issued by the FBI following their meeting with Gov. DeSantis. This statement has been provided to the media and elections officials upon request.

“On May 10, the FBI and DHS met with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and state officials in response to questions regarding Florida’s election infrastructure. The FBI provided information involving the attempted intrusion into Supervisor of Elections networks throughout the state. The FBI also provided assurance that investigators did not detect any adversary activity that impacted vote counts or disrupted electoral processes during the 2016 or 2018 elections. The FBI and HS continue to work with elections officials and our local, state and federal partners to proactively share information in a concerted effort to protect elections networks in Florida, and across the country, from adversary activity.”

We have also confirmed that since the midterm election, the FBI and DHS gave had significant interaction with elections officials across the state of Florida including, but not limited to on-site visits, collection of evidence and offers of remediation when needed.