Recently we have seen a spike of this ransomware in the wild and it appears as though its creators are not easily giving up. This infection takes your computer hostage and makes it look as though the authorities are after you, when in reality this is all just an elaborate attempt to make you pay to unblock your computer.

Once infected, a warning similar to the one below will take up your entire screen in such a way that you can't get around it, thus effectively blocking you from accessing your files, programs or anything else on your computer. To further scare you into believing that you've been caught in illegal activity, your IP address, rough location, internet service provider, operating system and webcam image may be displayed.

As you can see these programs are fraudware because they make changes to your computer and then state these changes are infections as a scare tactic to have you purchase the software or purchase an unlock code to remove the infection or warning. It goes without saying that under no circumstances should you buy it or pay for anything. The older program, XPAntivirus, does come with a removal option in the computer's Add or Remove Programs list, but when you attempt to uninstall it, all that happens is the entry is removed from the list and program's process is terminated. Next time you reboot, XP AntiVirus will start up again. The newer versions of the program do not contain an entry in the Add or Remove Programs list at all.

Below is a screenshot of what an infected computer will look like. As you can see this looks like a legitimate antivirus program and has the same look and feel as Windows XP or Windows Vista. If you have seen these types of things popping up on your computer call Tech Guy Solutions immediately at 419-879-TECH (8324).