

# Emerging Threats in the Battle Against Cybercrime

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# Laws and Penalties

- Computer Fraud and Abuse Act
- Identity Theft
- Access Device Fraud
- Intellectual Property Laws

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# Where Are We Now?

## Case Studies

# U.S. v. Albert Gonzalez

- Where we meet Albert Gonzalez?
  - Arrested for ATM Fraud
  - 2003
- Shadowcrew
  - Landmark Carding Case
  - Indictment October 2004
  - 21 Arrested in U.S.; Others Overseas

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## SHADOWCREW

"FOR THOSE WHO WOULD PREDATE ON THE WEAK AND INNOCENT....."



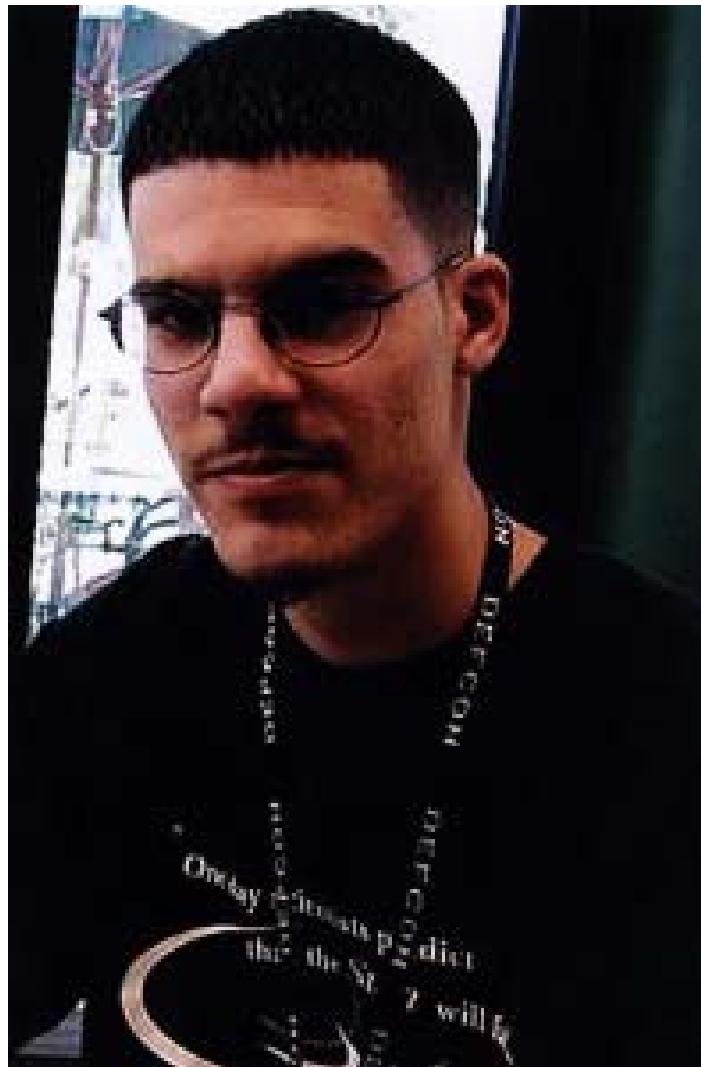
ACTIVITIES BY SHADOWCREW MEMBERS ARE BEING  
INVESTIGATED BY THE

UNITED STATES SECRET  
SERVICE



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# TJX Hacking Investigation

- 2003 to 2008:
  - TJX
  - BJ's Wholesale Club
  - OfficeMax
  - Boston Market
  - Barnes & Noble
  - Sports Authority
  - Forever 21
  - DSW
- USSS & D. Massachusetts



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# Heartland and Others

- Continuing investigation...
- More Victims:
  - Heartland Payment Systems
  - 7-Eleven / Citi
  - Hannaford / Food Lion
  - JCPenney
  - Wetseal



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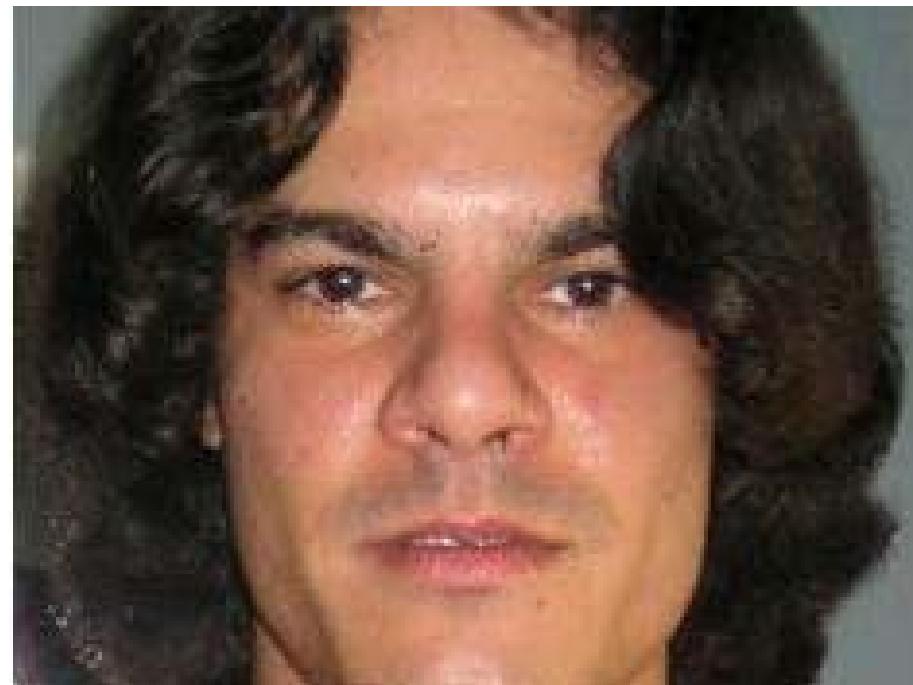


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# Indictments

- Gonzalez Indicted
  - 3 Districts
- Longest Sentence for a Hacker:
  - 20 years.

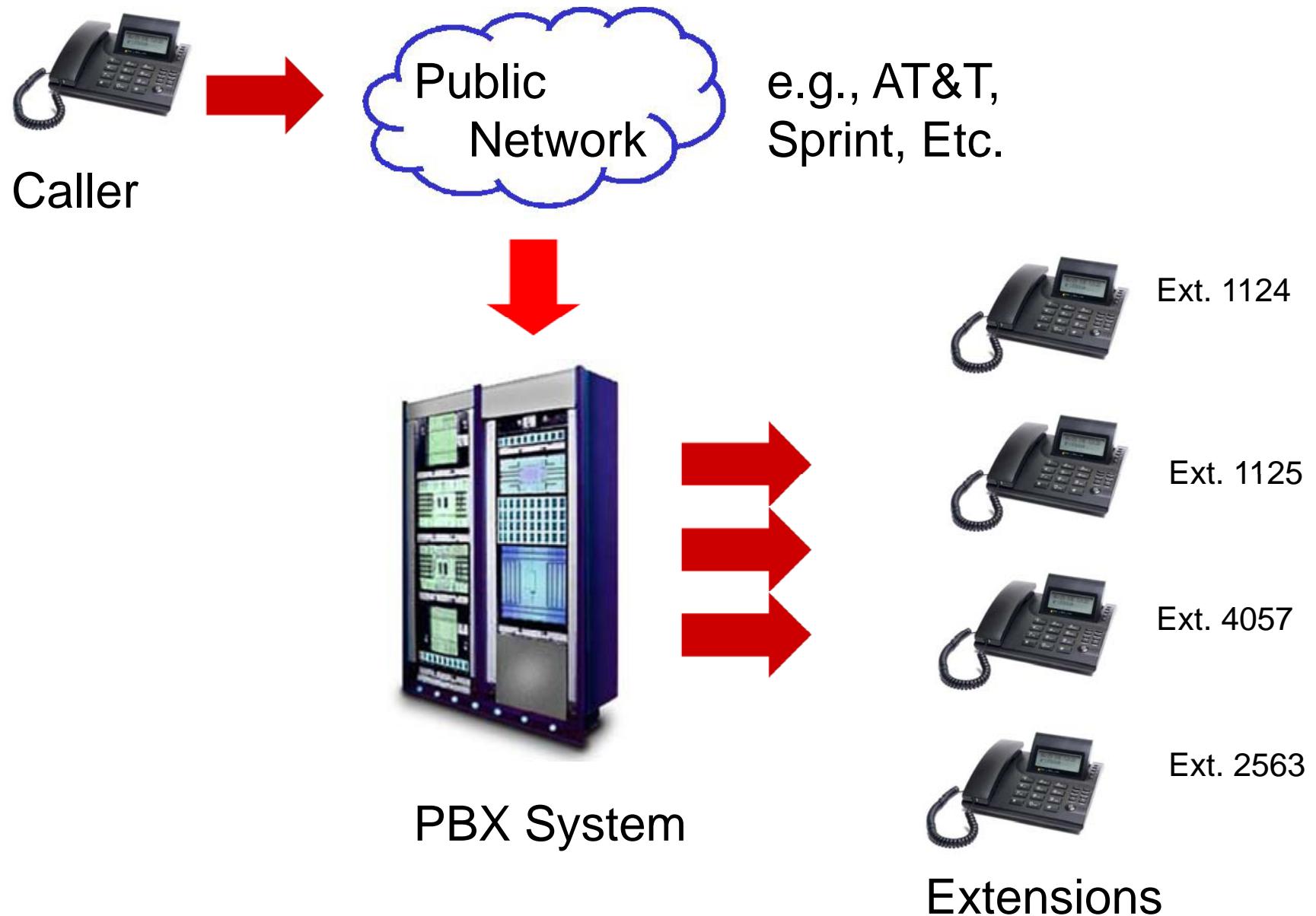


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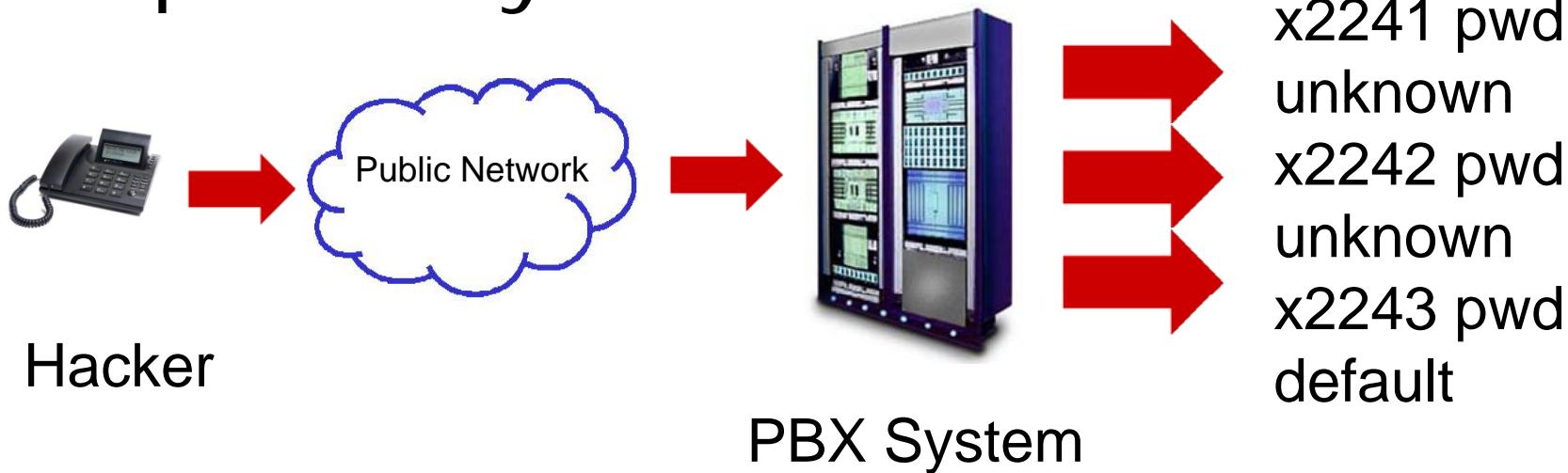
# PBX Hacking

# Role of PBX

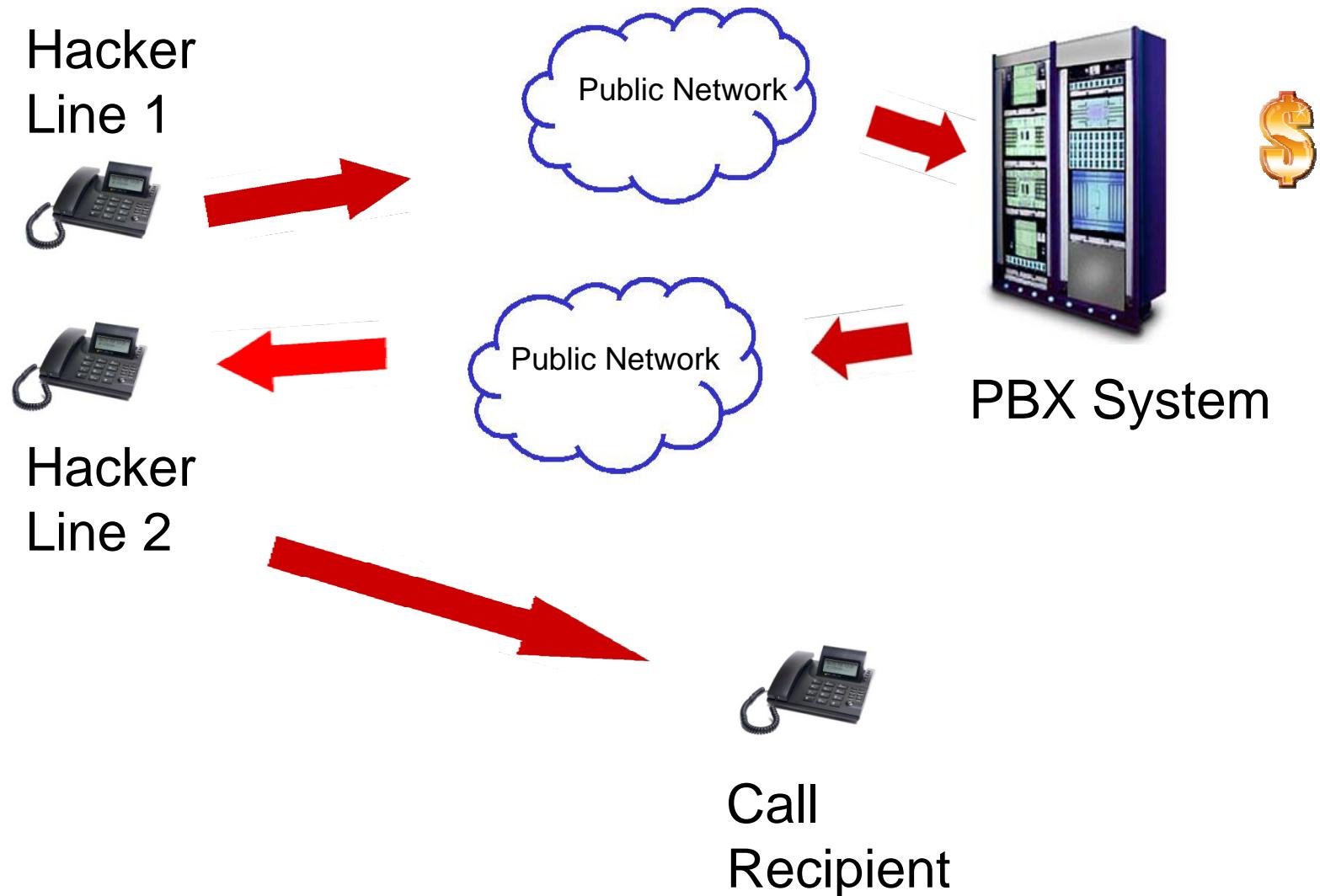


# The Hacking Method

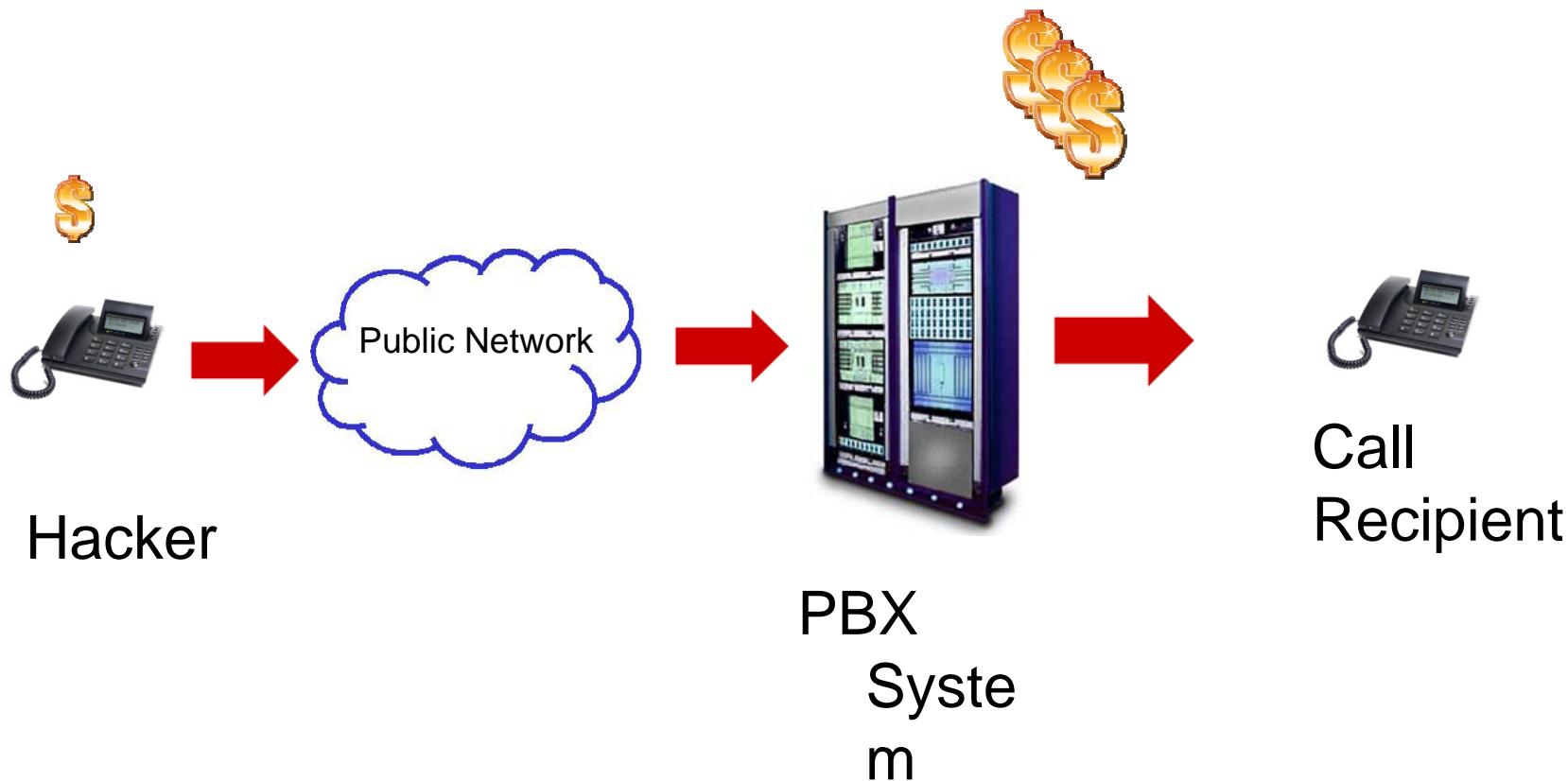
- Vulnerability = lack of security on phone systems



# The Loopback Method

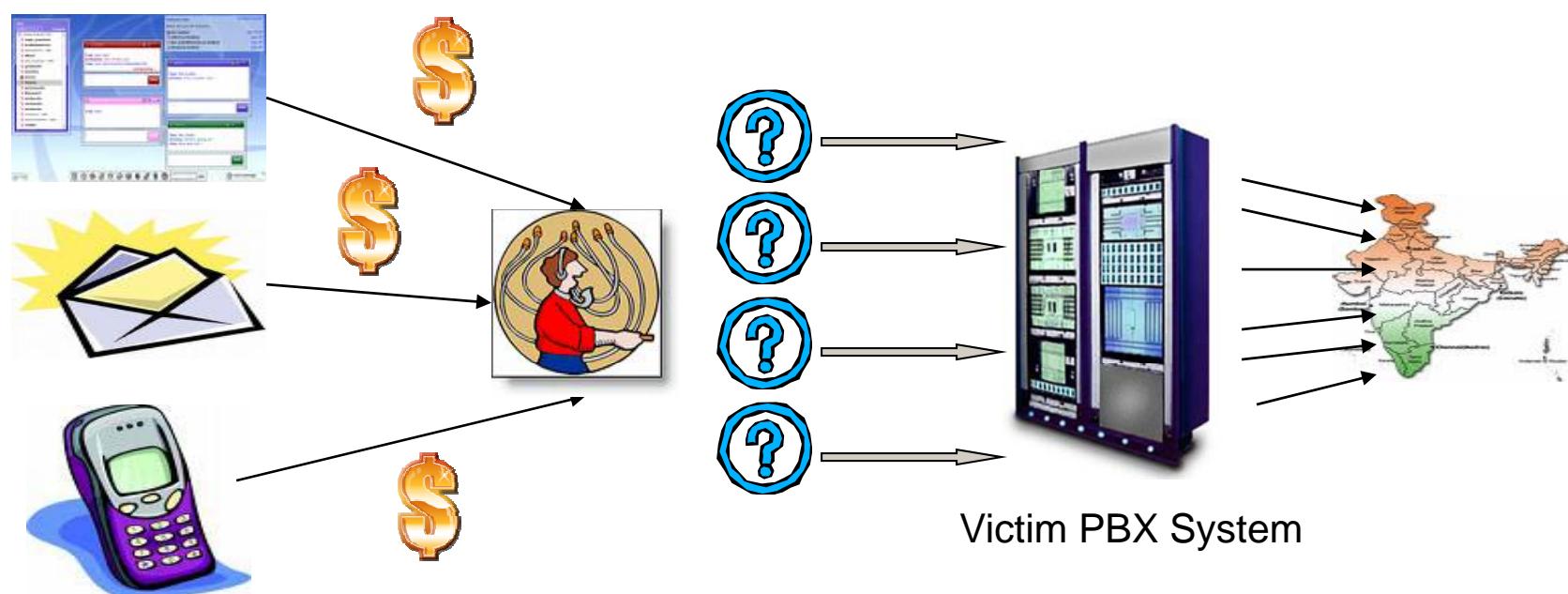


# The Pass-code Method



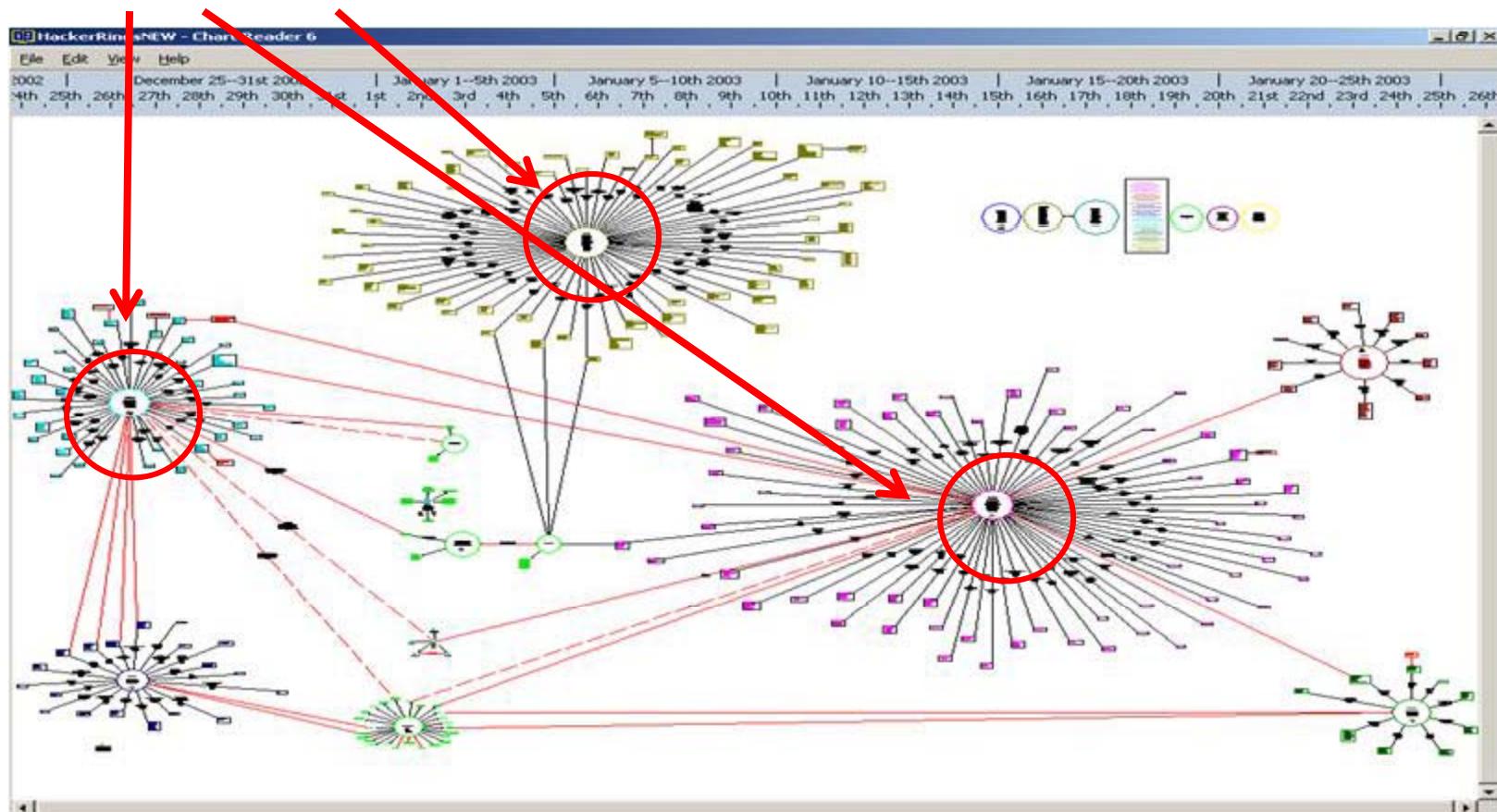
# Why Hack?

- Two reasons:
  - *Income*
  - *Anonymity*



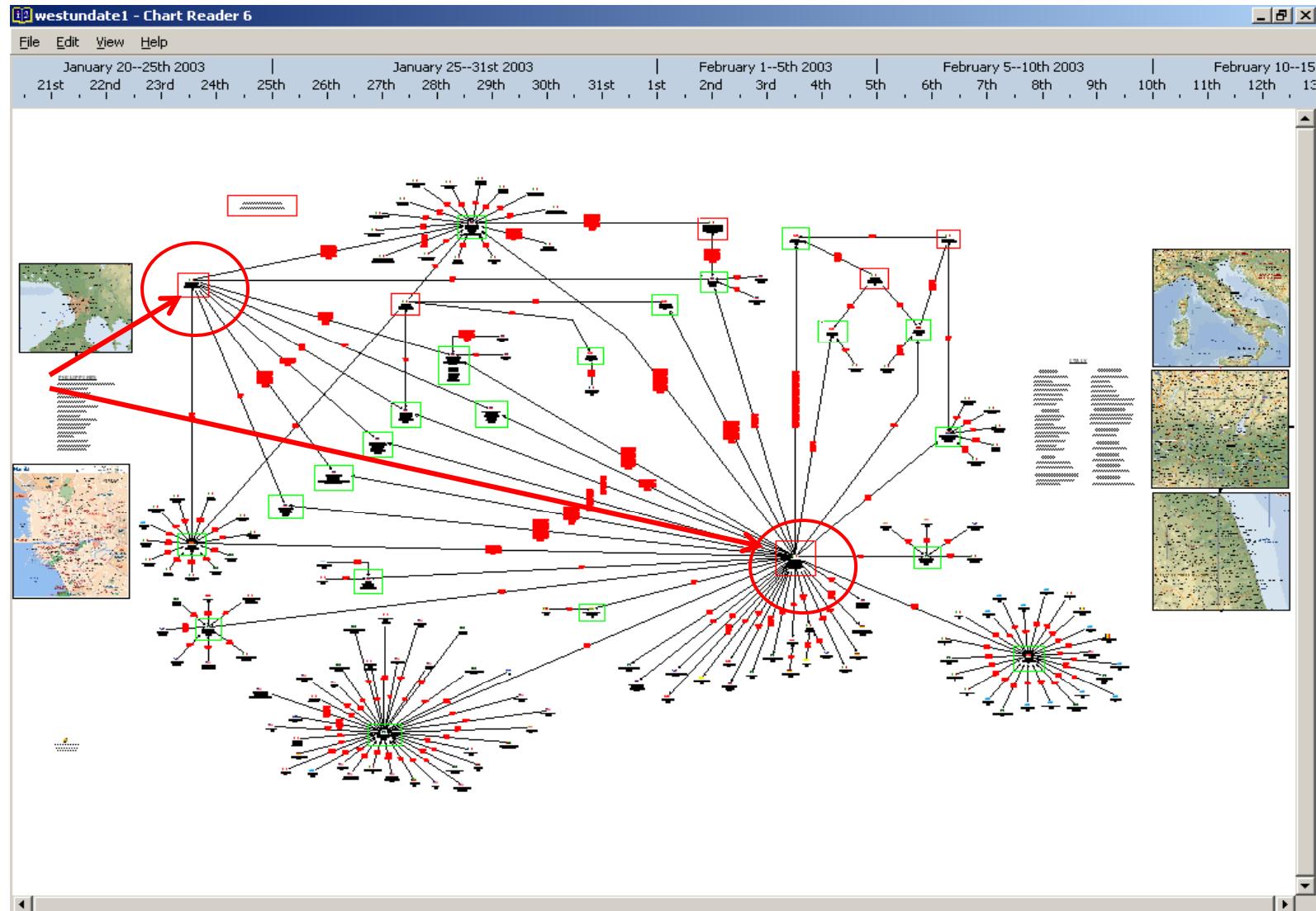
# Telecommunication Traffic Analysis

Hacker Phone #



# Financial Analysis

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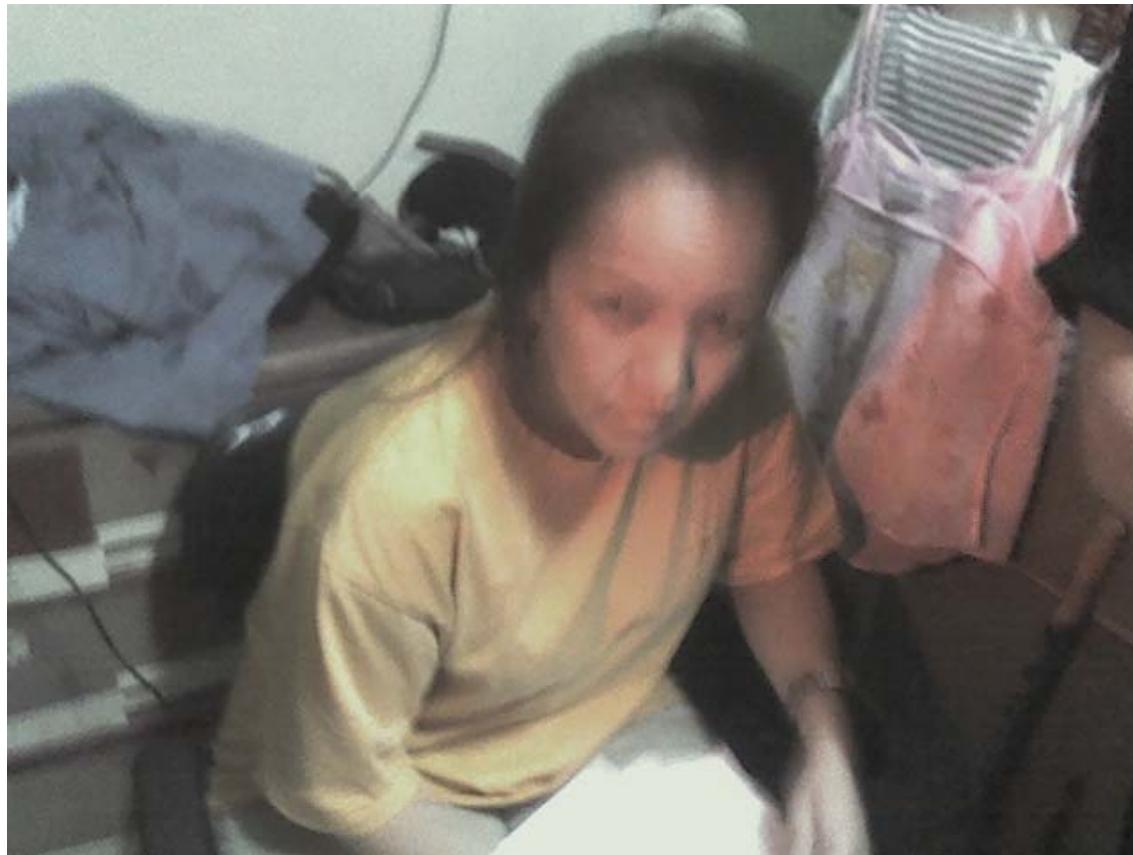
# Operation March 9-10<sup>th</sup>, 2007



# Suspect Michael Kwan



## **Nancy M Gomez - Malolos Avenue Metro Manila**



# Philippine National Police CSI Squad



# **Maria Lopez Residence -Burgus St. Cubao**



# **Suspect - Maria Isabel Lopez**



# Evidence



Lair of the hacker Maria Isabel Lopez

## Juffer Virgo residence Benitez , Quezon City



## **Suspect Juffer Virgo from Benitez Street Location**





# Other Hacker's Documents

Examples of documents seized from hacker's home

Name	Number dialed	Time of call	Cost	Duration of call
3:00 JESSIE # 9872552120 -	2:38 = 5m =	5:40	50	
3:30 DANE # 9413435801 -	5:40 = 5m =			
4:00 Sunjita # 9116242480832 *	6:58 =			
4:30 Kulvinder # 9198555302682	7:23 5m =	75		
5:00 - PS # 1624271012 =	7:36 2 =	10m		
5:30 Alex = 919815464226 =	8:02 = 10 -	50		
6:05 Jimy Cubao = 911624240241 -				
6:30 - OF 9815562562 =				
7:00 - OF 1624240353				
7:30 - OF 911624259249 =	7:57 = 40m -	200		
8:00 Hano # 9815020163 =	8:12 = 15m	75 -		

10-10 Dialing

10:00	1612866827	5:40	
10:30	919815499850	5:430	15
11:00	911630260769	6:50	20
11:30	9124276365	6:15	10
12:00	9872892273	6:35	10
12:30	911628223298	6:50	20
1:00	919815362562	9:15	10
1:30	911624240241	9:20	10
	9868437091	9:45	

# MR Luna Street, Paranaque



# Mastermind Mahmoud Nusier



# Suspects at Police Headquarters



# PBX Phase II: Italy

## Italy Search and Arrests – June 12, 2009





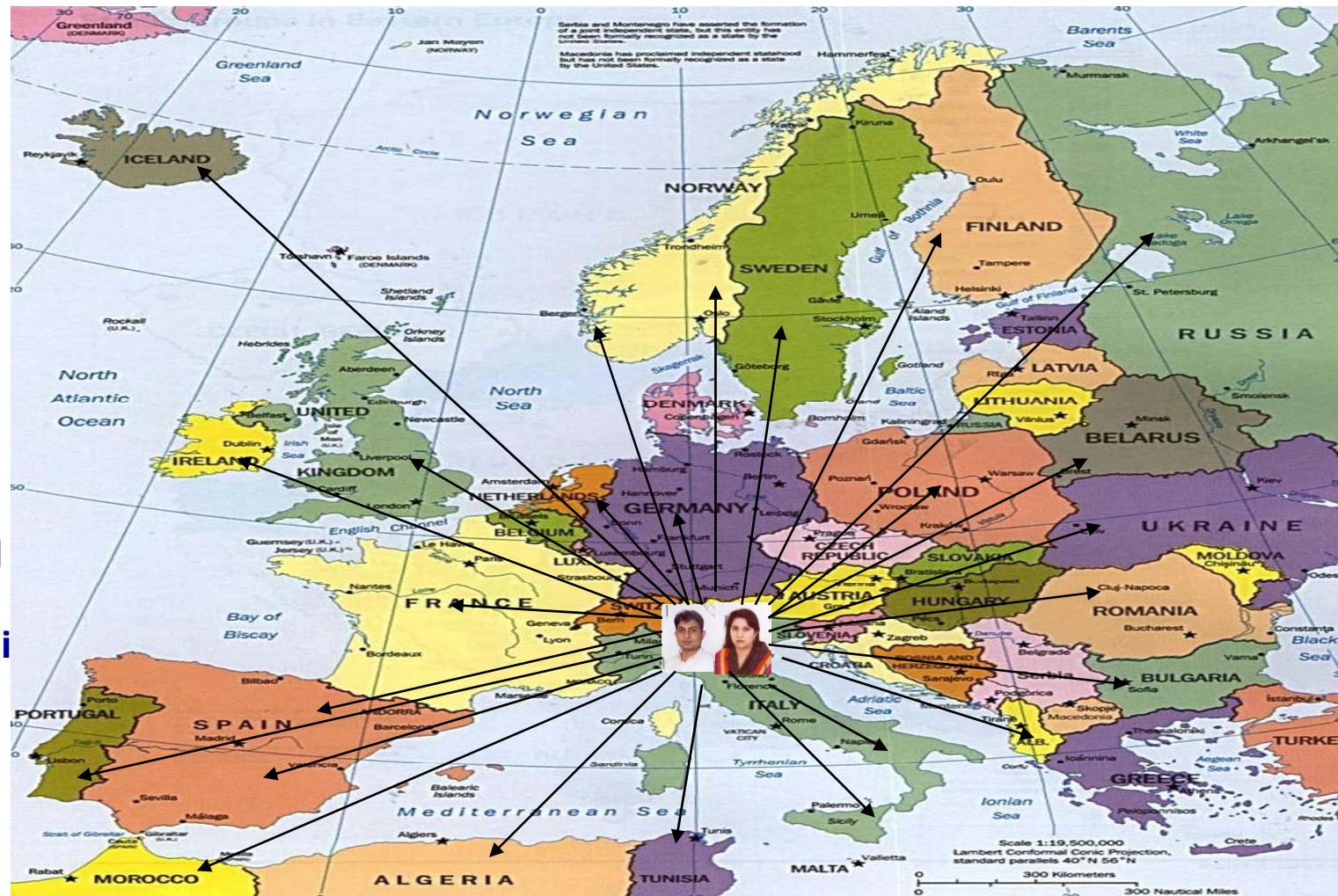
# Questura di Brescia - D.I.G.O.S.



## Vendita dei codici PBX

In tal modo il sistema violato ed il numero delle intrusioni ai PBX si amplia con proporzioni geometriche.

Il manager fornisce le informazioni sul centralino compromesso ai Phone Center.





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## *Arrestati ed Indagati nel procedimento penale*



**Kanwal Shabina**  
*nata in Pakistan il 11.12.1971*



**Mohammad Zamir**  
*nato in Pakistan il 30.01.1969*



**SHAH Zahir**  
*nato in Pakistan il 01.01.1970*



**WASEEM Ahmed**  
*nato in Pakistan il 01.03.1969*

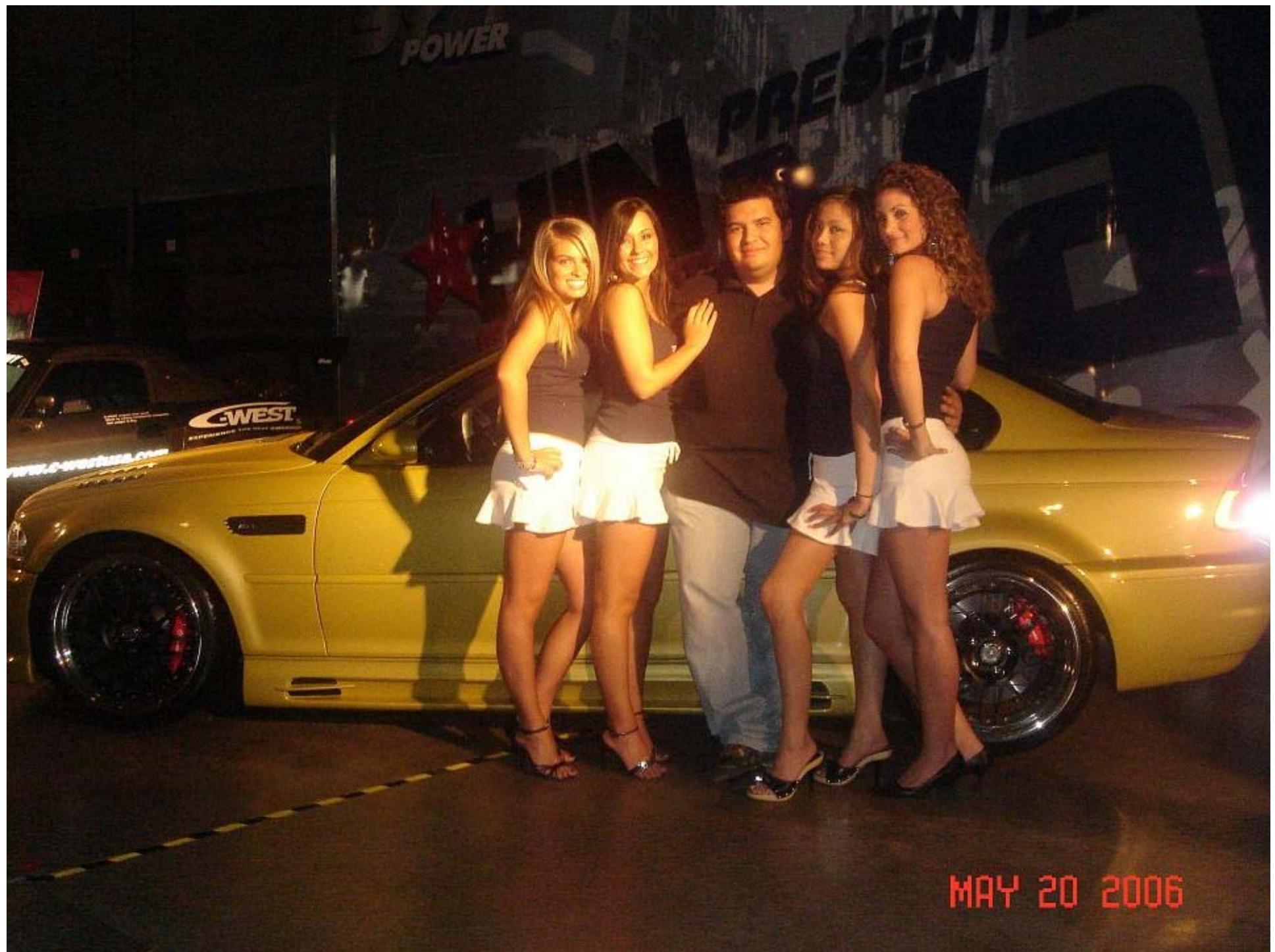


**IQBAL Khurram**  
*nato in Pakistan il 04.04.1980*



# Outsider Attack

- Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)
  - Edwin Pena and co-conspirators hack into VOIP companies and unsuspecting intermediaries.
  - Brute Force Attacks.
  - Millions made.



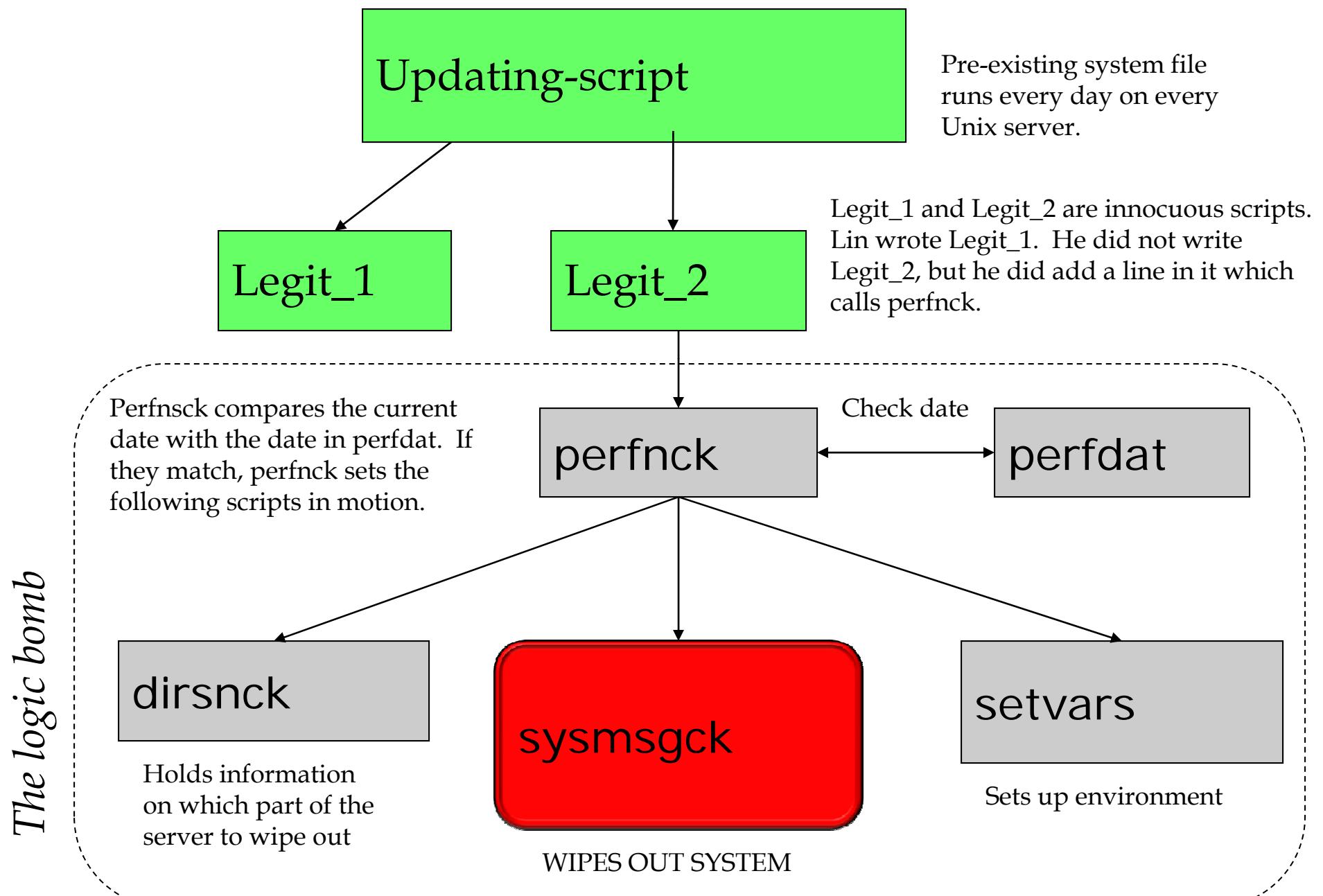
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# Insider Attack

- Medco Health Solutions, Inc.
  - Andy Lin Feared he would be fired when rumors of layoffs spread.
  - Planted logic bomb in Medco's system.
  - Had it been triggered:
    - Financial Damage
    - Health implications

# The Operation of Lin's Logic Bomb



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- Medco Health Solutions, Inc. – Cont'd
  - Pleaded Guilty
  - Employee



# Cyber Extortion

- Actual breach into computer systems
- Threatened breach into computer system

# Military Hack

- **United States v. Gary McKinnon**
  - Weapons Station Earle
  - NASA
  - Pentagon
- Searching for info on UFO's?

“US foreign policy is akin to government sponsored terrorism these days... It was not a mistake that there was a huge security stand-down on September 11 last year... I am SOLO. I will continue to disrupt at the highest levels.”

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<http://FreeGary.org.uk>

# Data Breaches: To Report or Not to Report?

- Data breach notification laws
- Cooperate with authorities
- Avoid aggravating factors in a lawsuit

# What if it Happens?

- Call Law Enforcement.
- But...



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# Myth:

“If I call law enforcement, they won’t care.”

# Myth:

“Law enforcement  
won’t be able to catch  
the bad guys.”



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# Myth:

“I can handle the situation myself.”

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# Myth:

“If I just patch the security hole, restore my data, and fire the dirty insider, then I don’t need to tell anyone.”



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# Myth:

“If I call law enforcement, they’ll come and take my servers away.”

# Myth:

“If I report to law enforcement, I’ll lose control of my proprietary data.”

# Best Practices

- Protect the rights of the victim.
- Consult with senior management.
- Consult with IT staff.
- Minimize disruption to the company.
- Coordinate media releases.
- Keep the company informed.
- Build relationships before an intrusion.



# Steps to Protect

- Logs, Logs and more Logs.
- Separation of Powers.
- Click-Through Banners.
- Extra vigilance.
- Immediate cut-off.

# Questions?

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