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Thread: [KillaMuvz sentenced to 2 years imprisonment for selling Cryptex crypter services](#)

National Crime Agency UK - February 16, 2018, 3:13 pm

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UpTheCrust - February 16, 2018, 3:59 pm

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SIM-1589588 - February 16, 2018, 4:06 pm

That's really sad man. I really liked him and he looks like chris evans (atleast his lower face)

Malicious` - February 16, 2018, 4:17 pm

Yikes. Another one down the drain. I'm not too sure if allowing crypters and RAT's to be sold on HACKforums is a good idea. Unless you use it as a trap.

Riyu - February 16, 2018, 4:33 pm

This is why you stick to selling eBooks on here.

tweety - February 16, 2018, 4:35 pm

Bout time we got rid of that fuck boy.

Good shit keep it up.

VirtualFrost - February 16, 2018, 4:41 pm

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Sigma - February 16, 2018, 4:47 pm

It's so crazy because I remember his product and thread. I am sure he didn't expect this to happen.

Vyxn - February 16, 2018, 5:02 pm

I thought he was already sentenced last year.

(Feb 16, 2018 05:41 PM)VirtualFrost Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) idk why but loved this part, never seen the risk in going blackhat if you can use your skills legally.

That is the sad part bro. If they just pursue legitimate career. :(

Omniscient - February 16, 2018, 5:05 pm

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Would be awesome if they gave him the chance to use his abilities for the greater good, but unfortunately prison doesn't work that way.

Hopefully when he gets out he builds a better path for himself.

FamousHater - February 16, 2018, 5:14 pm

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A kiss on the lips.....

JK you can feel good that you helped out the police :D

Riyu - February 16, 2018, 5:18 pm

(Feb 16, 2018 06:14 PM)FamousHater Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) what am i getting in return?

A get out of jail free card

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Armada - February 16, 2018, 5:41 pm

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Sad to hear of this news.

Honestly speaking I knew Killa, and he never had INTENTION for his products to be utilized in that fashion, I even warned him and he even voluntarily left the community on his return simply because he did not want the association.

Sad to hear of the sentencing personally, but you guys got your own jobs to do as well. If it was not within the legislation, it needs to be followed up upon.

(Feb 16, 2018 04:59 PM)imaloser Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This account is actually a pretty interesting approach

I actually appreciate an official account. Wish the FBI/NSA would do the same.

At least we know we are getting the news from the "Horses mouth" so to speak.

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Legalities are everything....

Cross your T's and Dot your I's on everything.....

You can never be too sure about anything now a days.

If they WANT to take you down, they can and will find a way. it is better to work with people than against them.

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It's a sad situation, I used to talk to Killa a lot before I did a long vacation ban from HF. Hopefully he get's a reduced sentence.

Haseo™ - February 16, 2018, 6:43 pm

Well, unfortunate however hopefully he will use his skills to peruse a career in legit security.

agabajhn - February 16, 2018, 10:48 pm

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Cyber Coder - February 17, 2018, 12:37 am

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Raoul Duke - February 17, 2018, 12:55 am

(Feb 16, 2018 11:48 PM)agabajhn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) 2 year is nothing, Our Comrade will be back soon. God have mercy on Killamuv

2 years in jail is not nothing, it could be worse but liberty is the most precious thing we have... I've

done 6 month and each minutes in jail seems to be years !

agabajhn - February 17, 2018, 9:21 am

(Feb 17, 2018 01:37 AM)Cyber Coder Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) guess i`l just die

I just came out few month ago. for a period of 2 years?

Bro, what u have to know there few people who Die in jail Than Out side. He will be out ... Two year .. Day and nite is a Year? 360 day .. he may get a parole or out side sentence after 8 month.

malson - February 17, 2018, 10:07 am

£32k is a "fair amount" for 5 years selling and risking for skiddy shit ??

"Thanks to TrendMicro that have the most retarded HIPS on the market(eg. detecting any unknown process that spawn a suspended svchost as RANSOMWARE_HAK), we successfully arrested a 24 yo skid selling useless shit so it may perhaps help to improve their company reputation to sell trash branded as AV"

Roberto Scorpius Malfoy - February 17, 2018, 10:13 am

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That is correct. I have a feeling we'll see more posts by the NCA in the near future.

Omniscient - February 17, 2018, 11:36 am

Quote:Is this some sort of a message to scare the rest of the pepole that sells illegal stuff here?"

I think that is their intent, at least for those who are under UK law. I actually think it's kind of them to care enough to give a fair warning to those at risk. Some in UK may not be aware of the law in their jurisdiction. I'm fairly sure even the NCA doesn't like putting teens who committed computer crimes in jail when they could be arresting terrorists and violent criminals. But law enforcement doesn't get the luxury of choosing which crimes to pursue. Once it's on the books they are obligated to uphold the law.

I also wonder if he had a good lawyer. This is really key to a proper legal defense.

Charger - February 17, 2018, 11:39 am

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Ninja - February 17, 2018, 11:40 am

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So any skid who skids a crypter and sells the skidded crypter can make money in cyber security. God, the standards sure have lowered over the year.

Tsukiri - February 17, 2018, 11:47 am

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Omniscient - February 17, 2018, 1:25 pm

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It would be nice to see some busts on some of these much higher end criminal enterprises or even action against nation-states which are very involved in Malware. What's really fucked up is that our own NSA had a fuckload of tools to use. Even possession of those same exact tools on a UK

citizens computer is against the law. That's really screwed up. Unsure how in the UK they allowed these laws to get passed.

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/rantoh yeah NSA definitely has a botnet but i highly doubt its for financial gain. itll be for intelligence whilst countries like north korea use ransomware because they are desperate for money. countries like russia and china on the other hand most likely just turn a blind eye to their citizens comitting crime as long as it doenst affect their own country too much. wouldnt be the first time we've seen a botnet sinkholed and have basically 0 hosts in russia or china respectively

Xerotic - February 17, 2018, 1:38 pm

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Yeah. A good job in that field would demand pretty great pay.

flavoral - February 17, 2018, 1:50 pm

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a shoutout on their twitter

Cyber Coder - February 17, 2018, 2:02 pm

when it was proven that NSA and CIA spies on everyone it was totally fine,nothing happened to anyone but sell a crypter or rat on hf and get thrown in prison.we live in a very fucked up world with strange priorities.

surenhohn - February 17, 2018, 2:37 pm

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The Unknown Coder - February 17, 2018, 5:15 pm

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I would say this is the biggest thing. Be aware of your own laws in your country and that applies to anything and everything.

ra1d - February 17, 2018, 5:28 pm

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I completely agree, you have to not just talk the talk, you have to walk the walk.

There are multiple ways to do the walk legally but most young teens are impatient and want instant results (financial gain), and thus end up doing the wrong thing when they could've had a bright future within the cyber world.

I hope that IT security awareness becomes a mandatory subject in schools, it's something everyone will have to deal with in one way or another in their life.

We are getting more and more digital every single day.

ZuGgY - February 17, 2018, 5:36 pm

(Feb 17, 2018 03:37 PM)surenhohn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's why HF is slowly but steadily dying ... and the reason why Viotto and Amanda et. al. should be saving money for their scheduled indictments
Not true...

OT: Anyways, sad to see him go, but doing stuff like this you're accepting the risks that come with it, unfortunately. I wish him the best of luck.

Armada - February 17, 2018, 5:52 pm

(Feb 17, 2018 03:37 PM)surenhohn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's why HF is slowly but steadily dying ... and the reason why Viotto and Amanda et. al. should be saving money for their scheduled indictments
I sure as fuck hope the Authorities can at least correctly spell my alias..... You wombat.

KOTOR - February 17, 2018, 6:03 pm

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eBuddy - February 17, 2018, 7:33 pm

In my opinion, recent topics such as <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5796264> or <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5800545> , indicates that RAT's and crypters gonna be forbidden on HF pretty soon. Same like booters.

Friedrich Nietzsche - February 17, 2018, 8:16 pm

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Never said that, Hell I warned him about that shit too..... ?

Riggs - February 18, 2018, 4:00 am

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SIM-1589588 - February 18, 2018, 4:12 am

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WuTangClan - February 18, 2018, 4:17 am

(Feb 18, 2018 05:00 AM)Riggs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

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Yep I was thinking the same.Omni what do you think about this?

makachu - February 18, 2018, 4:32 am

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i think the main difference been is that team viewer requires consent to be able to be used as a RAT whilst most of the tools here dont. they are installed without user interaction

BillyAdoTheKid - February 18, 2018, 5:56 am

why is this account even allowed on here.

Tsukiri - February 18, 2018, 5:58 am

(Feb 18, 2018 06:56 AM)JackOfSpades. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) why is this account even allowed on here.
Because it is a public forum and they are doing their job?
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Hoodie+ - February 18, 2018, 6:22 am

Didn't this happen years ago? <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5068680>

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That was the arrest. This post refers to the sentence of KillaMuvs.

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Omni stated a few posts back.

Quote:HF has a ton of members who are now military and intelligence officers.

Some people in here actually work for the governments you tend to hate. Yet, they're still welcome to contribute and lurk around.

Just because this particular account happens to represent a whole organization that hunts down illegal use of software doesn't mean it's not allowed in here. Them "fukwits" you refer to gives a reminder to kids in here that laws exist for such activities. Keeps the kids these days from being stupid, and also gives a chance to those who has potential to do it the right way.

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I know this is arguable and to each owns eye and opinion.

But fact is, Omni ignored me and my punishment was I could not give him money every month to advertise the sales thread as a sticky...

So I allocated the money elsewhere, such as adsense and FB ads etc....

Reality is, majority of sales do not come from here.

My outspoken nature about how I will openly ban and report malicious users deters stupidity alone.

But secondly, and HONESTLY speaking, the only reason its advertised here is this is where Sorzus and myself my one another. It seems only fair we offer the product of our collective work to the community that brought us together. And that pretty much is the ONLY reason you see me maintaining a sales thread here at all...

The Unknown Coder - February 18, 2018, 9:07 am

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So he got arrested for the scanning website or his crypter?

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Because simply saying "I don't support malicious use" in your sales thread is not enough to keep the feds from arresting you for selling obvious malware on a forum named HackForums.

Armada - February 18, 2018, 10:46 am

(Feb 18, 2018 10:07 AM)The Unknown Coder Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) So he got arrested for the scanning website or his crypter?

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Omniscient - February 18, 2018, 12:08 pm

Quote:oh yeah NSA definitely has a botnet but i highly doubt its for financial gain. itll be for intelligence

So right now in USA their is a big political controversy over Russian influence in US election. They say they used social media and bots to sway the election to Trump. And people don't think we do the same fucking thing all over the world? Of course we do. We been rigging elections for a century at least.

So damn easy to find articles about our personal involvement in elections.

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-us-intervention-foreign-elections-20161213-story.html>

Crystallize. - February 18, 2018, 12:11 pm

(Feb 18, 2018 05:00 AM)Riggs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#)

Subtle narrative.

Seems like another attempt to vilify our community.

Smh, I mean Omni gave them a free upgrade, an award and gave them a warm welcome and in return they slander HF?

Also my opinion:

NCA should do a better job targeting bigger criminals instead of going after some kids with small impact.

The Unknown Coder - February 18, 2018, 1:50 pm

(Feb 18, 2018 11:30 AM)Tsukiri Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Because simply saying "I don't support malicious use" in your sales thread is not enough to keep the feds from arresting you for selling obvious malware on a forum named HackForums.

Well of course nor it should be, its like selling a gun to a murder you know what they will use it for. I meant something more serious tho.

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I mean lets not beat around the bush here.

That is the controversy and the reason Ive been articted numerous times for various reasons by now, right?

Legalities and Intent....

I work with my authorities openly with good reason. Compliance goes a long way in the eyes of the law...

satanred - February 18, 2018, 3:46 pm

Rest in peace killa, I'll be waiting for you x

jambomoon - February 19, 2018, 10:10 pm

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05317832892 - March 7, 2018, 9:16 am

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Your completely wrong if you think a criminal record related to computer misuse will assist you in getting a job. Quite the opposite. For a short period of time that was the case however now a clean record is significantly better than having been arrested for anything computer related.

CyberStrike - March 7, 2018, 4:01 pm

Attempting to influence beginners by bragging/fear mongering doesn't help, and this is how it is seen. The UK govt has a full take system, what the user sees they see when it comes to web browsing not sure if users in the UK are aware of this, but they should be.

It's much easier to make the public feel good but getting a small player, it's hard to deal with APT's most of which are Nation States. So instead of dealing with whomever does nopetya or wannacry which greatly effected the UK so a small player it's easy pickings. All that needs to happen is just view the threads now you have 1-5 feel good news stories, but as for guidance for users and having them use their skills for good, well no one has the time for this, not to mention it is bad for business, if these new members were guided then what happens when a large cyber attack happens? There are not as many feel good stories and after a few more attacks with no response the public would wonder what is the govt doing?

For example here <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=5788473>

This is a UK based business where their laptop was stolen by a rogue employee, why was there no assistance from the NCA? Simple the threads being monitored is not to help or guide UK users, but to lock up and have easy feel good cases. But it is hard to catch people who in fact are dangerous be it on the cyber or other fronts, and know what they are doing, be it due to protection from a Nation State as well as good OPSEC.

malson - March 8, 2018, 3:00 am

can't stop laughing seeing all those retards saying "if he dedicated himself to the legal side, he would earn much more...". First of all, he was a SKID selling a ".NET Crypter" which proves that he doesn't have any skills with reverse engineering, vuln hunting, malware analyzing and everything required by an employer to make a step into the infosec industry. Second, by reviewing his posts, this guy definetly can't code, even in a simple language such as .NET which makes it nearly impossible to get even a tiny job in the software engineering field.

And as i stated before, this arrest is a simple advertizing to a shitty company which is TrendMicro & it was also to prove they're doing their job against cybercriminals.

SlowMehMo - May 6, 2018, 4:08 pm

(Feb 16, 2018 04:13 PM)National Crime Agency UK Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -snip-
LOL "LAW" On the internet... HAAHAHHAHAHAHAAA

there is always a way around your garbage, i mean i would just make like 30 websites using different hosts, i can sell anything i want.

what you gonna do about it? if i hypothetically set up a tails machine, and RDP from some random box? exactly, cant do shit.

keep catching these guys tho, they made it easy.