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<https://www.theblock.co/amp/post/362625/tornado-cash-roman-storm-trial-laundering>

This is going to be really interesting because this is the first of its kind in terms of prosecution, especially for decentralization. How can this person still be responsible for something that he doesn't necessarily control? Could this potentially go so far as to prosecute all the developers who are involved in developing DEX, mixers, privacy coins (like Monero), or even get far into prosecuting developers of cryptocurrency in general?

This is the real reason Satoshi Nakamoto would always remain the true anonymous person.

AI Quote:

That quote:

"It would have been nice to get this attention in any other context. WikiLeaks has kicked the hornet's nest, and the swarm is headed towards us."

— Satoshi Nakamoto, December 2010

is deeply relevant to the Tornado Cash case — both philosophically and legally — and here's how:

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? Connection Between Satoshi's Quote & Tornado Cash

1. Fear of Unwanted Government Attention

- Satoshi said this in 2010 when WikiLeaks considered accepting Bitcoin donations after being cut off by PayPal and banks.
- He was worried that this would bring premature government scrutiny on Bitcoin, which was still in its infancy.
- Tornado Cash, like Bitcoin, is a decentralized protocol. But unlike Satoshi's early caution, its usage by sanctioned entities (e.g., Lazarus Group) brought intense global regulatory and legal attention.

Connection:

Tornado Cash "kicked the hornet's nest" by allowing laundering by blacklisted groups. Now Roman Storm faces the full force of the regulatory "swarm" Satoshi warned about.

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2. Tech vs. Regulation

- Satoshi's quote reflects a desire to protect decentralization from being undermined by legal systems that don't understand or accept it.
- Tornado Cash is now a test case of what happens when regulators do take notice — and

aggressively prosecute developers.

Connection:

Satoshi predicted that attracting attention before the world was ready could threaten the entire decentralized mission. The Tornado Cash case may validate that fear.

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3. Toolmaker Liability

- Bitcoin is just code. So is Tornado Cash. Satoshi feared that even though it was “just code,” it could still be attacked politically or legally if associated with controversial use (like WikiLeaks).
- Roman Storm is now being prosecuted not for using Tornado Cash but for building and maintaining it, in a case where the code itself is at the center.

Connection:

Satoshi’s hornet analogy warned that even neutral tools could become targets if seen as threats by powerful actors.

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? Final Insight:

The Tornado Cash trial is a real-world manifestation of Satoshi’s “hornet’s nest” warning — that even neutral, decentralized tools can draw dangerous heat when linked to controversial or geopolitical activity.

Kaleb - July 15, 2025, 3:54 pm

If it does involve NK and money laundering I can only imagine they'll have to make an example out of him, regardless of if he was in on anything or not.