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Thread: [Does the name "Zeekill" or Julius "Zeekill" Kivimäki ring a bell?](#)

RiveR29 - November 10, 2025, 3:57 am

So yeah I just dove straight into the rabbit hole of Finnish hackers etc and the name "Zeekill" popped up.

It is the alias of one Aleksanteri Julius Kivimäki who is a "notorious" for the 2014 holiday season hack targeted against Sony.

He also later committed the Vastaamo data breach which he did between November, 2018 to March 2019. Even tho it only became public in October 2020.

He was sentenced in 2024 to 6 years and 3 months in prison. BUT HERE is the kicker. He was released in September 2025. Even tho the prosecutors wanted the conviction to stay as is.

But what are your takes on this?

Sam - November 10, 2025, 10:57 am

there's an entire mini series about him - <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt37202552/news/>

it's crazy to think I used to play games with him and vinnie many many years ago

Scarecrow - November 10, 2025, 1:37 pm

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RiveR29 - November 11, 2025, 4:34 am

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7 - November 11, 2025, 5:40 am

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0CHYMtORb0>]

PacketPilot - November 11, 2025, 6:06 am

Answer like:

Yeah, he was part of Lizard Squad back in the day — mainly known for DDoS attacks and some high-profile hacks.

Scarecrow - November 11, 2025, 8:02 am

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Uhh Idk if Julius did that one, but Julius is skilled. Also a lot of his friends are now deceased etc.

RangoWorld - November 11, 2025, 9:15 am

Quite an interesting story

DAL-SHA - November 11, 2025, 10:03 am

Wow !! That's interesting !!

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RiveR29 - November 11, 2025, 10:23 pm

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If I recall correct one of the people who killed themselves was just 17 years old. So on that note it is pretty bad.

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Yeah, it is an interesting story. But sad that he hurt so many people by doing this. I could not care less for the Sony, USAF etc but hacking a private sector health care clinic database and trying to

blackmail innocent people with their medical history data is another level of fucked up. And that is why I think the overturning of his conviction from 6 years to a 1 year is fucked up at the least.

PremiumJoe - November 12, 2025, 2:19 am

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RiveR29 - November 12, 2025, 3:49 am

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Unfortunately 99% of the info is correct.

Charlie Sheen - November 12, 2025, 5:32 pm

He had a few accounts on here. All of them are closed/purged now.

TheGOD1 - April 20, 2026, 2:43 pm

Kivimäki wasn't a technical genius. He was a Loudspeaker.

He got into those circles because he was willing to take the 'Heat' for the people doing the real work. He didn't need Linux fundamentals to breach Vastaamo because the database was left wide open—that's not hacking, that's just walking through an unlocked door.

ExampleD - April 22, 2026, 1:26 am

Saw him recently