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Abbreviations:  
[UI] Unintelligible  
[PH] Phonetic  
[SC] Simultaneous Conversation  
[OV] Overlapping Voices



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SYSTEM: Hello, this a collect call from "Marcus", an inmate at Henderson Detention Center. To pay for just this call using your credit or debit card, please press one, to decline this call, press two. If you would like to permanently block this number from making... This call will cost 21 cents plus any applicable federal, state and local taxes, plus a onetime transaction fee of three dollars. You will only be charged the per minute rate for the amount of time you are on the phone. If you do not want to connect this call, but would like to fund an account to pay for future calls, please hang up now and dial 800-844-6591.

Your payment has been approved

This call is subjecting to recording and monitoring. To continue press 1 to disconnect press 2, you may start the conversation now

[REDACTED]: Hey Marcus can you hear me?

HUTCHINS: Hey, um yeah I am in jail.

[REDACTED]: I was earlier today at the FBI building they gave me a courtesy, to let me know that they detained you. Any info you can provide on the call they gave you and start with that.

HUTCHINS: Yeah um UI, I used to write malware, they picked me up on some old shit.

[REDACTED]: Okay, um, so did they have you detained? Are they going to let you go at all?

HUTCHINS: Um right now it looks like I am going to have to spend the night in Hudson police station or some shit.

[REDACTED]: Okay

HUTCHINS: So I am in county lock up right now

[REDACTED]: Um, first off, it sucks, um, but we are going to try to help you here, um

HUTCHINS: Sorry about this

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[REDACTED]: I have talked to Jamie already, and I told him, you know, what's going on. They asked me to secure the kill switch. So I removed just your user from the registrar and from the Cloudflare so I could at least comply, we still hold it.

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: But I did remove it so that they don't, they don't feel like, you know, that anything bad is going happen when they release you. I did that to make sure that they could release you at some point.

HUTCHINS: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: I'm told that you are going see, you are going before what is called a Chief Magistrate tomorrow

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: And your current investigation is evidentially sealed, so I wasn't able to get any information about it. I'm told they are going to unseal it tomorrow.

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Um, so, that is what I know so far. Uh, have you talked to them at all? And have you gotten a lawyer yet?

HUTCHINS: No, I don't have a lawyer

[REDACTED]: Okay. And, um, did you talk to them at all about anything? did you tell them stuff? Or what is your situation?

HUTCHINS: They questioned me, they have some chat logs of me with some other guy, I don't know how they got them, but, they have some chat logs

[REDACTED]: Okay, so they got chat logs, and, um, it was related, is this related to something Jamie would know about that I could talk to him about separately?

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HUTCHINS: No, he doesn't know

[REDACTED]:

Okay

HUTCHINS: It was a long time ago

[REDACTED]:

Okay, were you, what, um so they have chat logs from a long time ago, um what I'm going to do is I am going to see if I can get you a lawyer.

HUTCHINS: Alright, UI

[REDACTED]:

Um and I don't know if you are going stay in Nevada, or if they are going to move you to Washington, I don't think so, um but I think they are going to keep you in Nevada. Don't say anything over the phone, don't talk about anything, that is not needed, whatever they have, they have, and they are going to investigate that, um you know, I pretty, uh pretty sad to hear that, that they've, they've taking something like of this matter and, you know, expedited it in this way, so

HUTCHINS: I'm wondering UI, because like I've been in the US multiple times since then, but this time they picked me up

[REDACTED]:

Yeah, I don't know, um I mean the timing is unusual, that's all I could say but I'm going to see if I can get you a lawyer, and did they give you way that we can can try to contact you back or um

HUTCHINS: No

[REDACTED]:

okay, but you are being held right now at, or you're going to be tonight now at, what is it called

HUTCHINS: Hudson something, Hudson County something, it's like the county lock up thing

[REDACTED]:

Okay, Okay, um what I'd like you to do is just, you know, I don't think you're compelled to answer anything, uh, you have a right to an attorney and



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HUTCHINS: Yeah, UI they kind of just dumped me here for the night

[REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, and anything, obviously anything you say on this call is recorded, um so you know it is a stupid situation that, that is unfortunate so I'll, I, I'll see if I can get a lawyer, the other thing I want to know, and or at least give you a recommendation for a lawyer. The other thing I want to know is, um, did they did they offer you any kind of information on what is going to happen tomorrow

HUTCHINS: Um I think they are going to put me in before a judge and that'll decide what happens next or something along those lines, I don't really know how it works

[REDACTED]: Okay, did you call anybody else, does anybody else know what is happening?

HUTCHINS: No, just you.

[REDACTED]: Okay good, um I'm going to work as hard as I can and keep this under the radar, I don't think it is going to stay under the radar, I'm told it is sealed for now no one knows about it

HUTCHINS: Yeah don't worry about that it's going to get out anyway.

[REDACTED]: Yeah, I, I, from what I am told whatever it is, has already been known about for a long time so I don't know what

HUTCHINS: I think something triggered it, like they must have known for a long time and I think they just brought it up now.

[REDACTED]: Yeah, and that speaks volumes by the way, so okay so I what I am going to is try to find a way to try to get back in contact with you, but you said Hudson

HUTCHINS: UI Hudson Correctional Facility, I don't know it's like a county lock up sort of thing

[REDACTED]: Okay and you are still in Nevada

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HUTCHINS: Yeah UI

[REDACTED]: Okay, hold on one sec I, I lost a little bit of reception, can you still hear me?

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay, um let me go back where it is quieter, um so Hudson Facility, correctional facility, you are still in Nevada, uh they, did they take you from the airport? Is that where they took you?

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay and then were you in the airplane yet or not in the airplane?

HUTCHINS: No, they picked me up in the first class lounge

[REDACTED]: Okay so they pick you up first class lounge, um, they took you in, they showed you some chat logs, and did you speak about anything at all, did you confirm anything, um, or did you talk for a while, or you just say you had nothing to offer.

HUTCHINS: Um we talked for a while like, the chat logs are completely undeniable

[REDACTED]: Okay

HUTCHINS: But they were, they wanted me to basically give them information on people I was in contact with, but I don't actually even have any information

[REDACTED]: Just, I, I mean I figured if they do anything that is what they are going to do, to kinda find out where it went, that's what they are after, you know what I mean

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: That is what they are after, and, you know, that is usually what these investigations, they want to obviously get somebody, you

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know, who is responsible for doing bad things.

HUTCHINS: Yeah the problem is I don't have anything to give them.

[REDACTED]: Yeah, okay, um, the nature of it, did they disclose the nature of it in the chat logs?

HUTCHINS: Ah, yeah, to an extent

[REDACTED]: To an extent?

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay, can you tell me what you told them, um, in general, like a high level?

HUTCHINS: So I wrote code for a guy a while back who then incorporated it into a banking malware, so they have logs of that, and essentially they want to know my part of the banking operation or if I just sold the code onto some guy then they wanted me to, once they found I sold the code to someone, they wanted me to give them his name, and I don't actually know anything about him

[REDACTED]: Right. So um so basically the nature of the conversation was you wrote code and that code was sold to somebody

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: and then that person went in turned and took that code and used it to do banking malware

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay

HUTCHINS: Yeah, and there were also some logs that I gave the compiled binary to someone to repay a debt

[REDACTED]: You gave a compiled binary to somebody on the chat log?

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HUTCHINS: To repay a debt yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay, um what was the nature of the debt, I mean did you tell them the nature of the debt?

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay, um was the nature of the debt anything significant?

HUTCHINS: It was about five grand

[REDACTED]: Oh not the amount, but was the nature of the debt significant, like was it related to something else, or just your personal debt?

HUTCHINS: Um he, no he asked me to hold some Bitcoins for him, and my software fucked up, and I lost some of the money

[REDACTED]: Oh so you had to pay him back?

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Okay, how old were you when that happened?

HUTCHINS: Um I think the coding part I was less than 18, but I think giving him the binary I might have been older than 18

[REDACTED]: Okay, so the coding was 18, and then the binary was later on.

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Uh around eighteen?

HUTCHINS: Yeah around eighteen, nineteen I think

[REDACTED]: So this all happened like within like the same twelve months really when you were eighteen, or before eighteen?

HUTCHINS: Yeah I think so



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[REDACTED]: Okay

HUTCHINS: UI I don't know exactly but I could find them out

[REDACTED]: Did GCHQ know about this, is had you told them about this stuff?

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Ok, and the NCSC as well?

HUTCHINS: No

[REDACTED]: Okay, um

HUTCHINS: Because it came up in my vetting

[REDACTED]: Okay, so you disclosed that for them and they were like no, okay. um, okay but they do know about it, alright, um so

HUTCHINS: Yeah, I feel like maybe they've been sitting on this for a while

[REDACTED]: Yeah basically they, they, they that's where that information came from almost certainly.

HUTCHINS: No, it didn't come from GCHQ, I think because they had chat logs so they've got it from a different source, whereas GCHQ only had my UI

[REDACTED]: Hum okay

HTUCHINS: Like what they have is a lot more than what I gave GCHQ

[REDACTED]: Yeah, what was the chat over what, like what, medium?

HUTCHINS: Over OTR with Jabber, so I don't actually know how they were intercepted

[REDACTED]: Hum interesting okay um well, it is unfortunate, um, but tomorrow They're are going to basically give you a hearing where they are

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going to read the charges UI is what I assume, uh the chat log

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: And they probably going to want to get some help to figure out who this guy is and where it went and what that guy has been doing with that code ever since if he is still even using it, God knows I don't know.

HUTCHINS: Yeah

[REDACTED]: Um so, okay, um anyway, I'm going to do my best, I have already talked to lawyers all day, I talked to the FBI as well, they gave us a courtesy call. So, they, they just give us the courtesy to tell us this was happening, I think is an issue for a number of reasons, um because if it does come out, or when it comes out, um I don't know if people are going to hit the kill switch, you know {laugh} or you know if, if I can't even predict what could happen so

HUTCHINS: Yeah I don't think anyone, any criminals are going to do shit, but I think it is going to look bad.

[REDACTED]: Yeah, yeah, well obviously its, um, I'm going to work on that as well and see what we could do. I don't know the nature of all of this all new to me so I have to talk to, you know, the legal counsel and see what they think, and we're going to see if can find a very good lawyer for you, you know to at least make sure that this is not criminal, you know, for what happened, especially you were seventeen doing some of this, um, and you have been doing a lot of good work, and you, Jamie told me even up until this morning, uh that you guys were working on a criminal investigation with the NCSC on botnets so you know, you know it's unusual. But anyways I, got this UI Hudson, I will see if I can get somebody for you, and um now I know what you told them and I'll, I'll relay that to them and as well. And uh try to take it easy, it is not the end of the world, um it just sucks,

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[REDACTED]: but yeah it just sucks. But we will work on it, it is all we can do right now, so we will find out tomorrow what they charge you with, whatever it is that or try to charge you with

HUTCHINS: Sorry I brought all this on you

[REDACTED]: Oh man, you know Marcus, you did a lot of good things, I think you have done so many good things, that this something you did when you were very young, and you didn't know any better and you had no money

HUTCHINS: Yeah I knew it was always going to come back, I just did think it would be so soon

[REDACTED]: Yeah, well look I'm going to work on it and just take it easy okay um and I've already talked to Jamie and I told them to keep it low key for now until we figure out something so let's get you a lawyer, um hopefully, you know, they will be reasonable, and um that's all we can ask for and just move forward and try to you know expedite and help with the investigation and hopefully, you know this can get resolved soon.

HUTCHINS: Alright

[REDACTED]: Okay I will talk to you soon, I'll try, if you need to call me again, just call me anytime, um just say look at this point you told all I can tell you and you will have a lawyer tomorrow and you will speak with the lawyer.

HUTCHINS: They're not coming back, they just left me here overnight

[REDACTED]: Okay, ah yeah they are going to pick you up tomorrow for the charges that's what they are going to do

HUTCHINS: Okay

[REDACTED]: okay well take it easy for now, stay calm, I know you are cool headed I know you thought about this before, so lets just take it easy, and you know stay tough and strong, and you are going to be alright okay.

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HUTCHINS: Alright

SYSTEM: You have one minute left

[REDACTED]: Okay we have one minute left apparently, but look let's leave that minute for you to, uh stay out, so I haven't told anybody, again I am going to try and keep it low key and Jamie has got this under control too

HUTCHINS: Okay, yah he'll have to take over my job for a while I guess

[REDACTED]: Well, I think, I think you'll be okay just right now all that matters is the kill switch doesn't go down, and that has been taken care of, everything else it doesn't matter it is not a big deal, we can live without it okay so don't be thinking about that stuff okay

HUTCHINS: Okay

[REDACTED]: I will talk to you soon, I think.

HUTCHINS: Alright see ya man

[REDACTED]: Bye

HUTCHINS: Bye

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