
Agenda

- Russian La Cosa Nostra
- Russian Organized Cybercrime
- DarkMarket Undercover Operation
- Q&A

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What is Online Organized Crime?

Botnets

Malware

Trojans

DDoS

Phishing

Spam

Pharming

Iframe Attacks

Click Fraud

Fast-Flux

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Advantages of cybercrime

- “because that's where the money is” (Willie Horton)
- Also:
 - High certainty of lack of attribution/cost
 - Low barriers to entry
 - Low cost of required resources
 - Enormous potential

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Interview with a Romanian cybercriminal

Thief in law / Вор в Законе

- Highly organized Russian underworld society
- Arose out of Stalin's Gulags in 1930s
- Developed strict set of laws (Thief's Code), violations often punishable by mutilation/death
- Example of laws:
 - Forsake all relatives
 - Not have a family of your own
 - Never, under any circumstances, work, no matter how much difficulty this brings
 - Make good on promises given to other thieves
 - Have nothing to do with the authorities

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Tattoo-based Language



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Russian Justice System

- 3-judge panel verdicts
- 1-2% acquittals
- Double jeopardy not prohibited
- “Telephone justice”
- The Cage



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We will recreate historical fairness

We will bring the USA down to the level
of 1928-1933

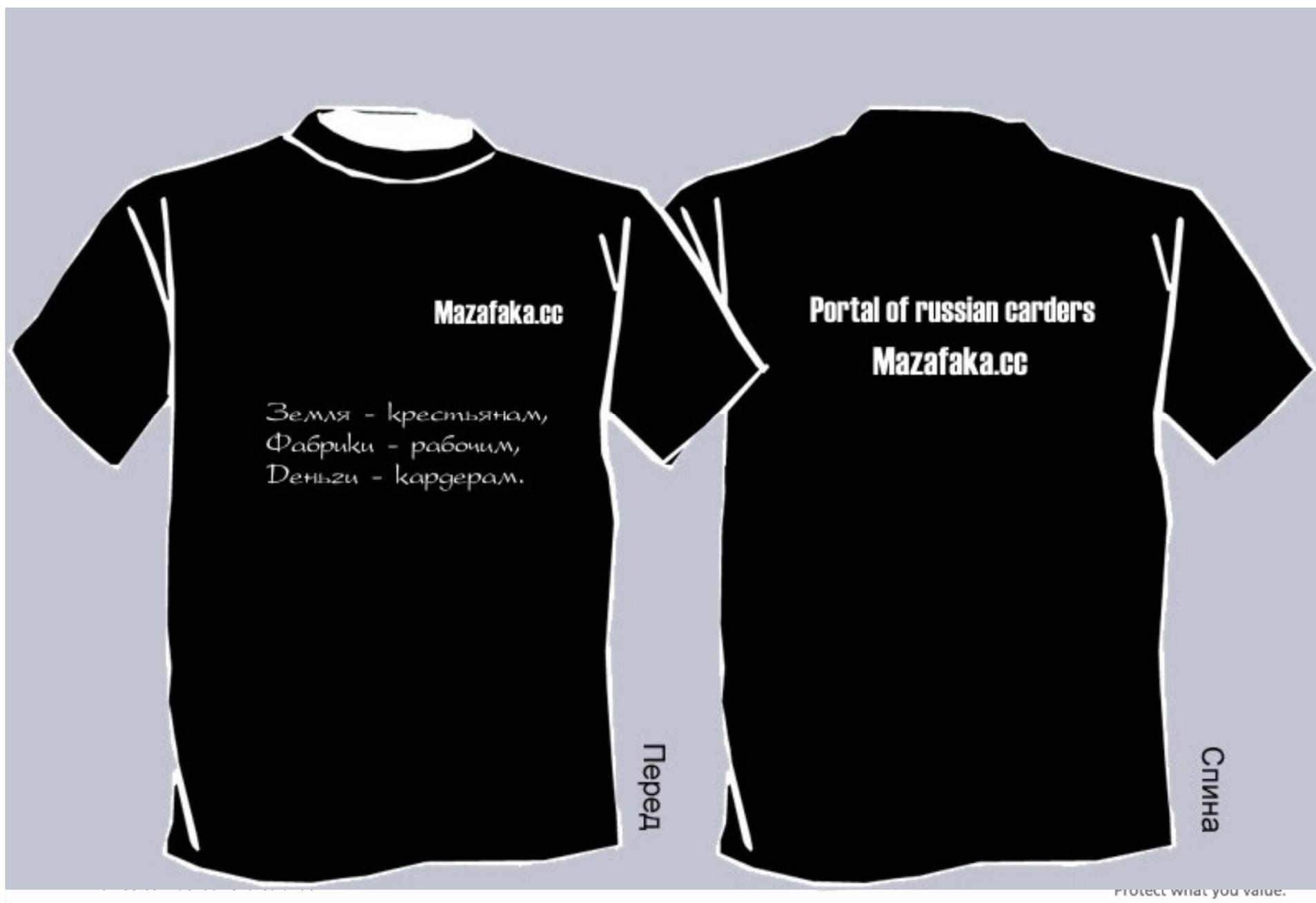
*Print Screen shots, CarderPortal Advertisement, September 6, 2004:

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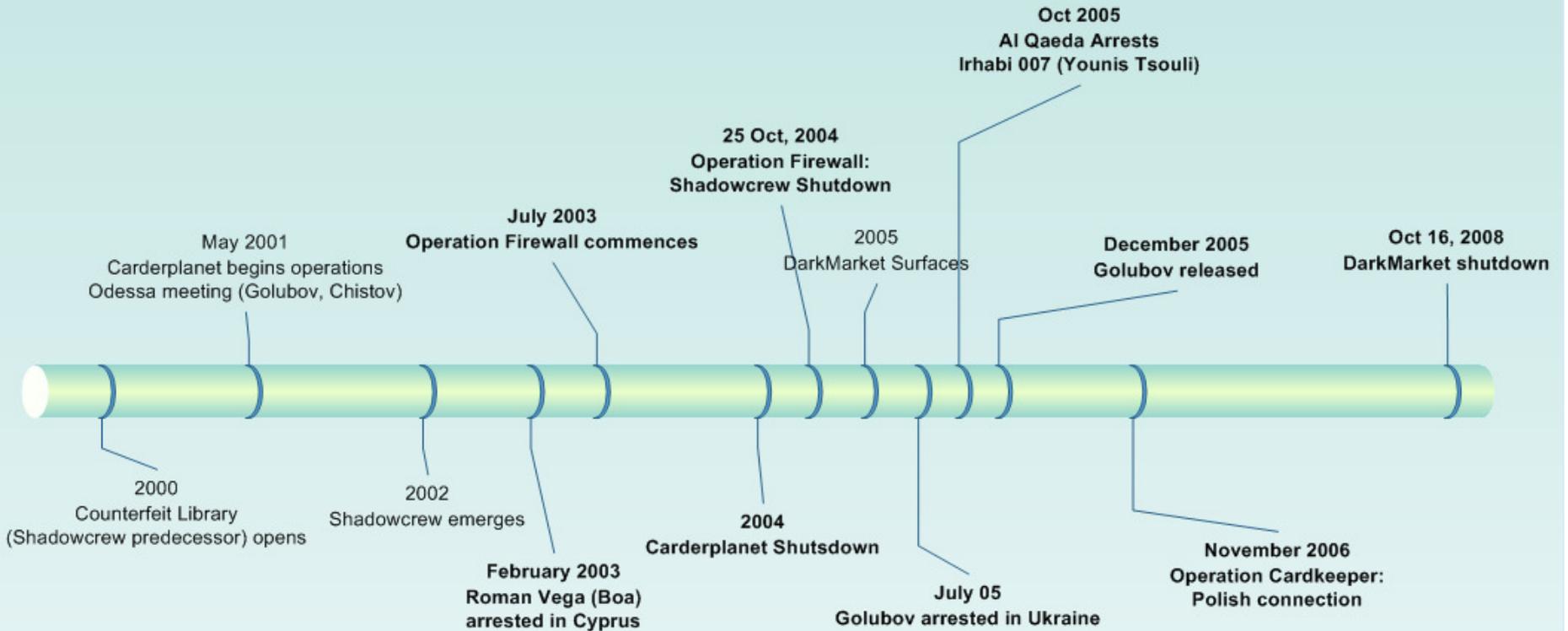
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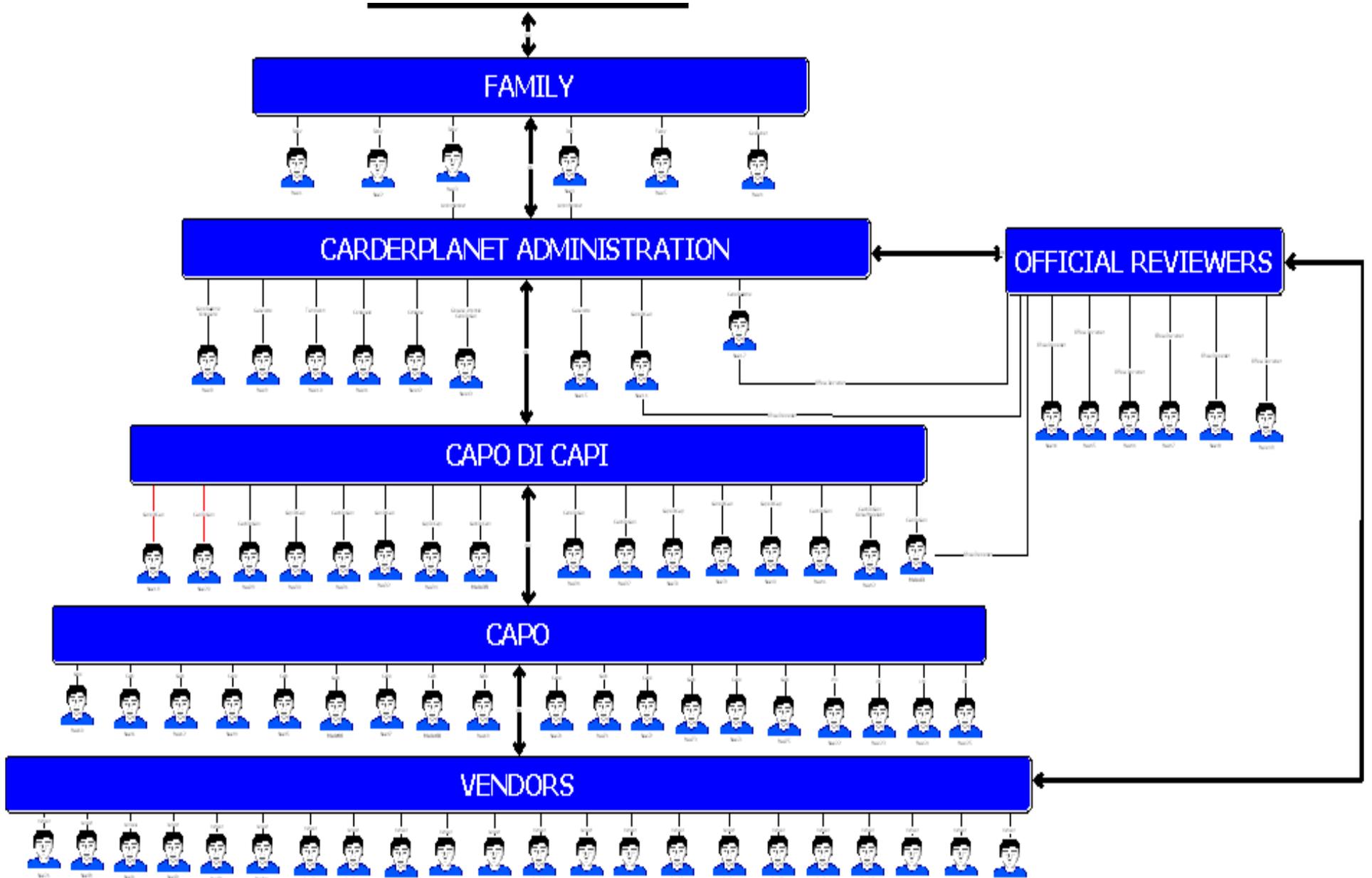
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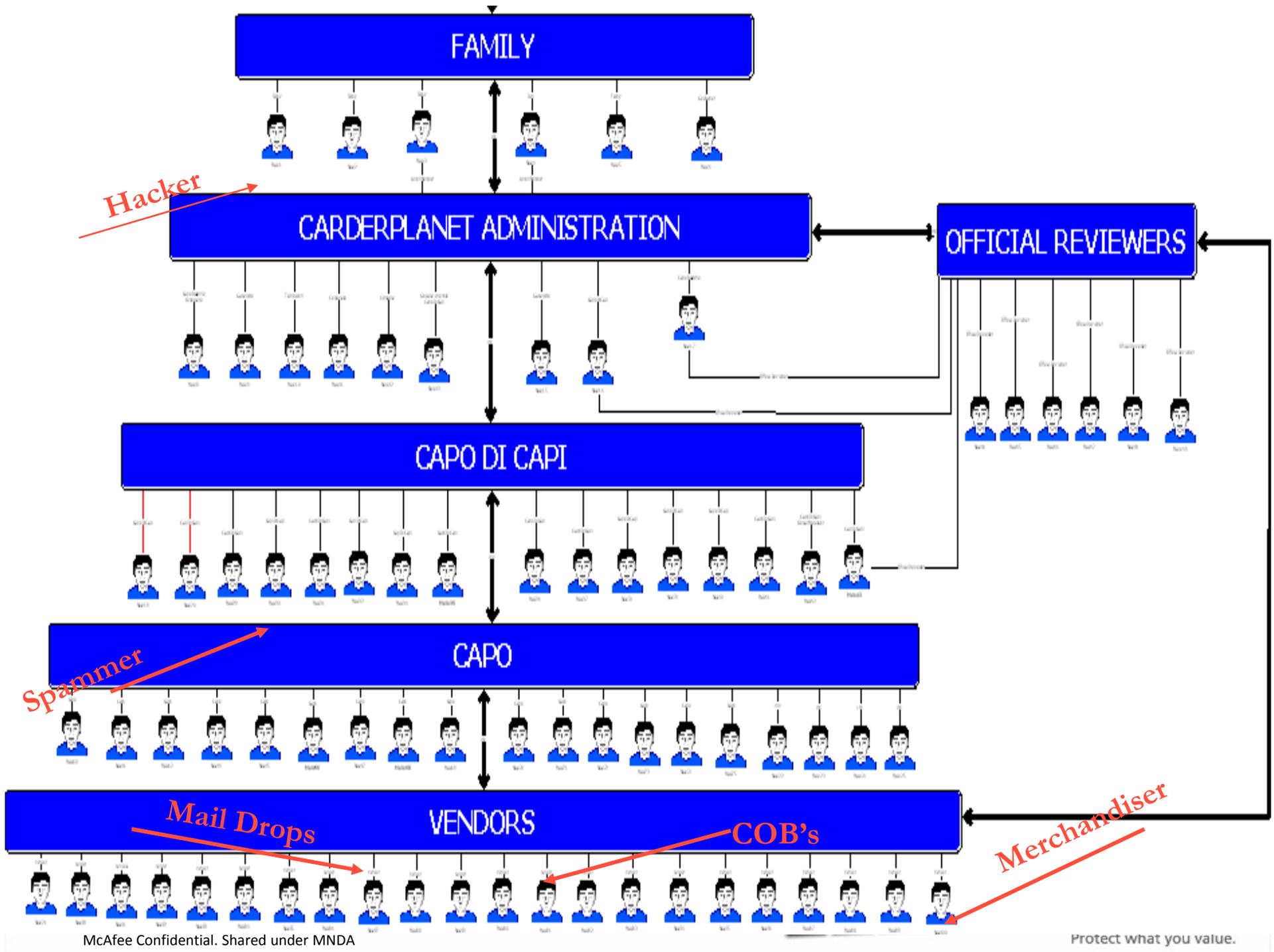
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Carding Underground: Events Timeline







Al Qaeda Connection



Al-Qaeda's PR agency

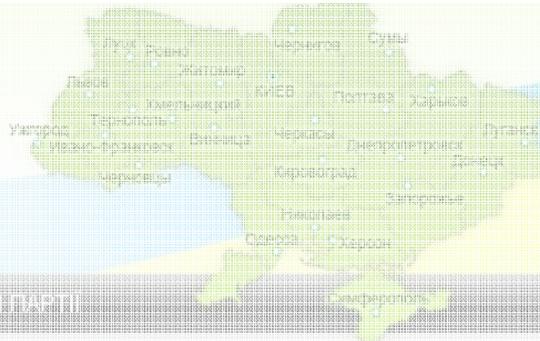
- Waseem Mughal, Younis Tsouli (Irhabi 007) and Tariq al-Daour
- Convicted in UK in 2007 for Internet-based terrorism incitement
- Financed their activities through cybercrime (37,000 stolen cards uncovered)
- Ties to London July 07 '05 bombings

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I belong to the rare category of people who go into politics not for personal gain but for the idea. I am not interested in money... Together with you we can clean up Ukraine from corruption and criminality

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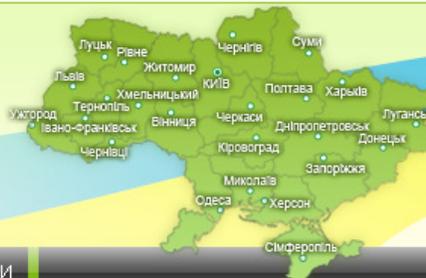
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- Володимир Путін
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- 13.04.2009 6:04
Пост: «Хакерський Портал - Взлом и Защита!»
Автор: Yara26 (не підтверджено)
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Пост: «Пользуетесь ли вы электронными деньгами?»
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Я, Голубов Дмитро Іванович, народився 16 жовтня 1983 року в місті Одеса. Українець, громадянин України. Одружений. Маю сина. У 1990 році пішов в школу імені Столярського, пізніше перейшов в 27 середню школу, яку закінчив в 2000 році.

У 2001 році поступив в Одеський Національний Університет імені Мечникова на економіко-правовий факультет, який закінчив в 2007 році.

У людях ціную порядність, цілеспрямованість, старанність, уміння тримати слово, відданість. Мій життєвий принцип полягає в словах Омара Хайяма:

«Голодним краще будь, чим аби що їсти, і краще будь один, чим разом аби з ким». Думки по створенню політичної партії приходили до мене вже в 12 літньому віці, і зараз я вирішив всю свою енергію і сили присвятити суспільно-політичній роботі, захисту прав молоді, підприємців, і просто служінню народу України. Я відношуся до рідкісної категорії людей, які йдуть в політику не ради наживи, а ради ідеї. Мене не цікавлять гроші, як мета всього життя. Так, без них неможливо, але їх повинно бути рівно стільки, скільки людині потрібно для повноцінного життя. Я отримую задоволення, коли допомагаю людям, і я готовий присвятити цьому своє життя. Разом з вами ми очистимо Україну від корупції, злочинності, змінимо законодавство, Конституцію, і будуватимемо нормальну країну, в якій держава не знущатиметься з своїх громадян, а піклуватиметься про їх зручне життя.

З повагою, Дмитро Голубов.

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- **НОВЕ НА САЙТІ**
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- **ДОДАТИ КАРТИНКУ**

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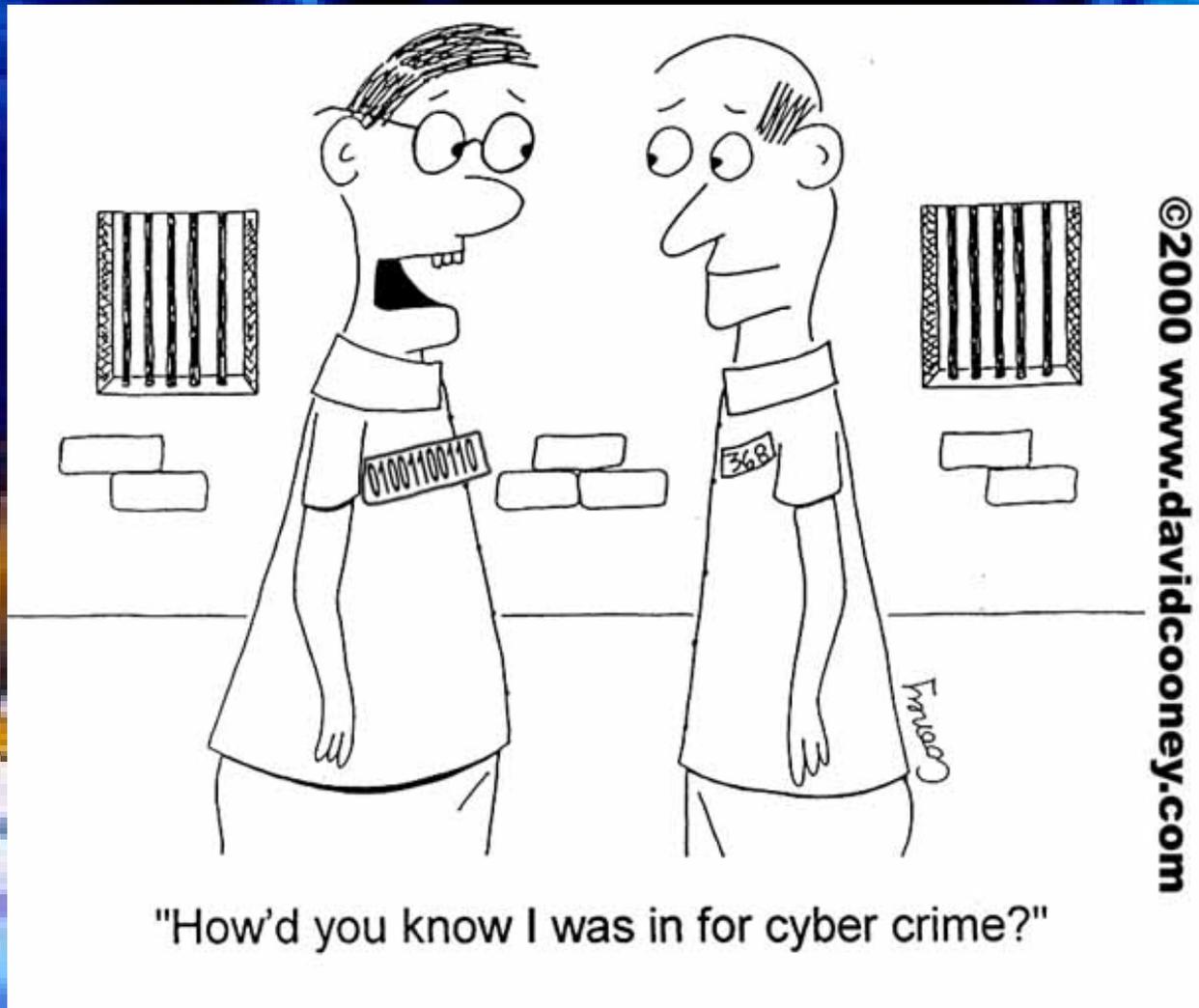
Organized Crime in the 21st Century



SSA J. Keith Mularski



Who are these guys?



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Carding Lingo 101

- **Carder** - Slang used to describe individuals who use stolen credit card account information to conduct fraudulent transactions.
- **Carding** - Trafficking in and fraudulent use of stolen credit card account information.
- **Cashing** - The act of obtaining money by committing fraud. This act can be committed in a variety of ways: The term can stand for cashing out Western Union wires, Postal money orders and WebMoney; using track data with PINs to obtain cash at ATMs, from PayPal accounts, or setting up a bank account with a fake ID to withdraw cash on a credit card account.
- **CC** - Slang for credit card.
- **Change of Billing (COB or COBs)** - Term used to describe the act of changing the billing address on a credit account to match that of a mail drop. This act allows the carder full takeover capability of the compromised credit card account and increases the probability that the account will not be rejected when being used for Internet transactions.
- **CVV2** - CVV2 stands for credit card security code. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover require this feature. It is a 3 digit number on the back of the card.
- **DDoS** - Acronym for Distributed Denial of Service Attack. The intent when conducting a DDOS attack is to shut down a targeted website, at least for a period of time, by flooding the network with an overflow of traffic.
- **DLs** - A slang term that stands for counterfeit or novelty driver's licenses.
- **Drop** - An intermediary used to disguise the source of a transaction (addresses, phones etc.)
- **Dumps** - Copied payment card information, at least Track 1 data, but usually Track 1 and Track 2 data.
- **Dump checking** - Using specific software or alternatively encoding track data on plastic and using a point of sale terminal to test whether the dump is approved or declined. This provides carders a higher sense of security for obtaining quality dumps from those who offer them and also a sense of security when doing in store carding.
- **Full info(s)** - Term used to describe obtaining addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, PIN numbers, credit history reports and so on. Full Info(s) are synonymous with carders who wish to take over the identity of a person or to sell the identity of a person.
- **Holos** - Slang for the word Holograms. Holograms are important for those who make counterfeit plastic credit cards to emulate an existing security feature.
- **ICQ** - An abbreviation for "I Seek You". ICQ is the most widely used instant messaging system for carders. Popular among Eastern Europeans in their Internet culture, it continues to be used for carding activity.
- **IRC** - An abbreviation for "Internet Relay Chat". IRC is a global system of servers through which users can conduct real-time text-based chat, exchange files, and interact in other ways.
- **IDs** - Slang for identification documents. Carders market a variety of IDs, including bills, diplomas, driver's licenses, passports, or anything that can be used as an identity document.
- **MSR (Magnetic Strip Reader)** - Device that can be used for skimming payment card information and/or encoding track information on plastic.
- **Phishing** - The extraction of information from a target using a hook (usually an e-mail purporting to be from a legitimate company). Phishers spam the Internet with e-mails in hopes of obtaining information that can be used for fraudulent purposes.
- **POS (Point of Sale)** - Acronym for a terminal through which credit cards are swiped in order to communicate with processors who approve or decline transactions.
- **Proxies** - Term used for proxy servers. The use of proxy servers to mask ones identity on the Internet is widely practiced amongst carders. Many vendors sell access to proxy servers, socks, http, https, and VPN (Virtual Private Networks), which aide in hiding the user's actual IP address when committing fraud or other illegal activity on the Internet.
- **Track 1/Track 2 data** - Track 1 and Track 2 data is the information stored on the magnetic stripe of a payment card that contains the account information.

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Discussion Forums			
The Lounge Anything goes in this forum. Take your battles and personal matters into the lounge or post news from the fraud world. Moderators deck , Mubin , carsen	1365	11975	Mon Oct 18, 2004 7:10 am DARKVIOLET
Identification Technical discussion on Novelty Identification, 2nd ID, Passports, and the like. Moderators pvthc , sigep , carsen	1156	8515	Mon Oct 18, 2004 6:51 am shlevster
Cyberspace Discussion about hacking, SPAM, online anonymity tools and programs in general. Moderators cumbaiohnnv , mengele	560	3561	Mon Oct 18, 2004 5:41 am dr00t
Credit, E-Currencies, Checks, and Bank Accounts Discussion concerning credit cards, bank accounts, paypal, e-currencies, credit bureaus, credit reports, and credit services. Moderators JimR , Spookycat , Scrilla	2381	17358	Mon Oct 18, 2004 6:56 am marciano4949
Qualification Discussion of Diplomas, Employment References, Job searches, Transcript, Etc Moderators ShadowReview , macqwer	84	753	Mon Oct 18, 2004 2:48 am prizmz
Auction Forum Buy and sell in the Auction forum. Moderator Voleur	17	120	Mon Oct 18, 2004 6:30 am BigPod
Latin American Forum Forum for Spanish speaking individuals. Moderator MALpadre	21	129	Sat Oct 16, 2004 9:34 am The_chango
Tutorials and How-To's Learn from those who came before you. *NOTE* You do not post here unless you're going to contribute a tutorial or comment on one that's already written! Moderator ShadowReview	236	1080	Sun Oct 17, 2004 11:35 pm auto179418
Private User Groups			
UK / EU User Group United Kingdom & European Union user group Moderators Casino , Spacemonkey , johnboy	392	2479	Sun Oct 17, 2004 10:14 pm johnboy
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Forum Topics	
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Are you interested to buy REAL cashier's check? If yes, what % of amount on check?	wotan
Collect WU in California <-- Needed !	X-PAK
checks cashout	temptation

Forum News
 Latest news about DarkMarket.

Forum Rules & Information
 All members must read before posting.

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Attack on DM, and our DDoS...
 by [matrix001](#)
 03-08-2007 08:33 PM

DO not accept/download files...
 by [matrix001](#)
 01-07-2007 11:19 PM

Trading

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Last Post Threads Posts

Verified Vendor Services (1 Viewing)
 Here you can find various reviewed vendors and their services.

Reviewed Vendors List

Buyers are obliged to leave feedback only in vendors' threads.
 Anything else besides feedback will be deleted without further notice.

Vendors Access
 Share anything with other vendors.

Review Requests
 If you want to vend - this is the place to go first.
[Terms and rules for requesting a review.](#)

The Bazaar
 Here you can buy, sell and exchange stuff.
[Terms and rules for posting in this section.](#)

Auction House
 Auction off your stuff here - Escrow recommended.
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Search & 'Looking For'
 Looking for someone or something? Post here.
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Scumbags & Rippers (1 Viewing)
 Report and take a look at people to be aware of.

Cashing & Drops (1 Viewing)
 Request drops or cash-out's for your accounts.
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Discussion

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 by [matrix001](#)
 03-08-2007 08:33 PM

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- Новости в мире Кардинга**
Самые свежие новости из жизни кардинга



Family Careers (CW)

User Name:

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Русский Общий Форум

Forum	Topics	Replies	Last Post Info
CW Русский Общий Форум Все последние сообщения, отправленные в русских форумах, вы можете видеть здесь	21.218	94.661	Today, 20:30 In: Protected Forum By: panchbob

Forum for Russian

Forum	Topics	Replies	Last Post Info
CW Кардинг Все темы, касающиеся кардинга. Forum Led by: David@	319	3.068	Today, 00:24 In: нововведения } By: Maranello
CW Новости в мире кардинга Новости, касающиеся кардинга, взятые из открытых источников Forum Led by: UpLevel , David@ , Хелло	644	2.265	Today, 17:32 In: Показы русские хакеры лучшие... By: Volland
CW Безопасность для кардеров	100	1.000	Today, 08:16

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Country: **Russian Federation**

State:

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Russian/American spammer. Does "OEM CD" pirated software spam, copy-cat pharmaceuticals, porn spam, porn payment collection, etc. Spams using virus-created botnets and seems to be involved in virus distribution. Partnered with Vlad - aka "Mr. Green"

Leo Kuvayev / BadCow

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- ▶ [Partner-In-Spam: Silmara Barreiros Ferraz](#)
- ▶ [Partner-In-Spam: Vladislav "Vlad" Khokholkov](#)
- ▶ [mailien.net / mailien.org](#)
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If you bought skimmer and pinpod from Cha0

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 Verified Vendor Services Here you can find various reviewed vendors and their services.	 USA, UK, Canada,... by visaexpert1987 Yesterday 09:01 AM 	83	1,515
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 Vendors Access Share anything with other vendors.	 us or canada account by thesnake 10-26-2007 05:59 AM 	29	111

Admin

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Run Escrow Service and Control Membership

Global Moderator

Supervises Content
Arbitrates Disputes

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Monitor Individual Topic Areas

Site Management (1st Level)

Reviewer

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Assess Quality of Vendor Products

Hackers/Coders/Data Thieves

Trial Vendor

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Have Permission to Sell Goods/Services To Forum Members

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Vendor Services

- Bank logins
- Dumps
- CVVs
- Full Info/CoBs
- Drops/Fake IDs

Thread / Thread Starter

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Aleph1

Sticky: [ATM Skimmers & ATM Pinpads](#) (1 2)

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[Checking service](#) (1 2 3 ... [Last Page](#))

KreenJo

[Service Selling CCfullz;cvv2;paypal \(USA\)](#) (1 2 3)

error

[FRESH ORIGINAL track1/track2 DUMPS FROM FIRST HANDS OF VEGA \[+\]](#)

Vega

[Full Info cards with paypal access & with mail access..binlist available.](#)

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Templates used to manufacture cloned cards

- Blanks produced
- High quality holograms
- “Dumps” data used to encode on magstripe, embosser used to print card details on front





http://www.darkmarket.ws

Actions

Settings

License/ID

Bank Card

Reconstruct

Coercivity

LoCo HiCo Check

Erase Track(s)

1 2 3 Erase

Batch Mode

Disabled

Track Settings

60%? 40:? 40:?
ISO

ASCII

HEX

Track 1

Track 2 456012345678

Track 3

Read Card Write Card Abort Reset MSR

1 - + Add 1 10 Del

NO RESPONSE ON COM1



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MSR206 Utility

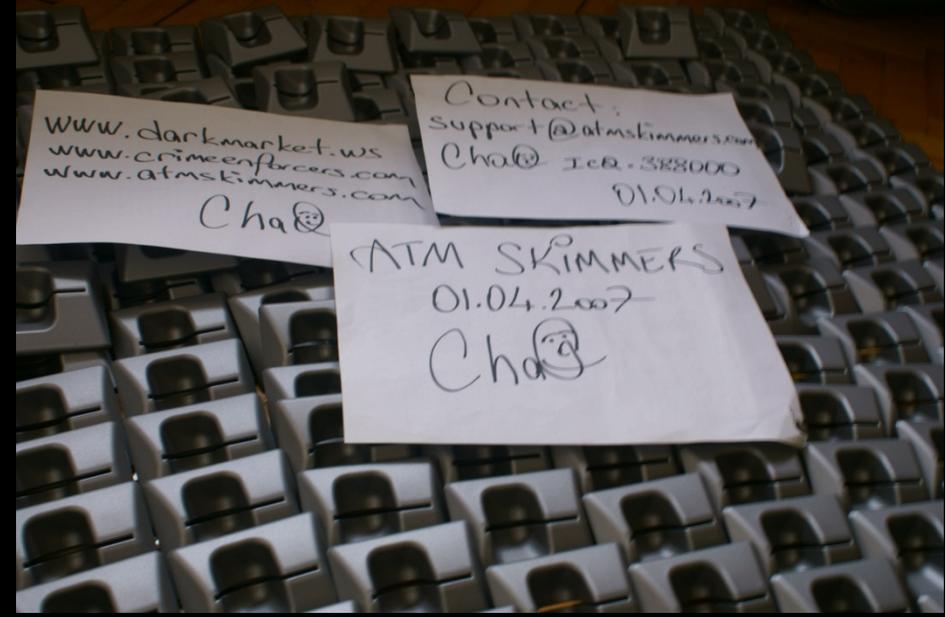
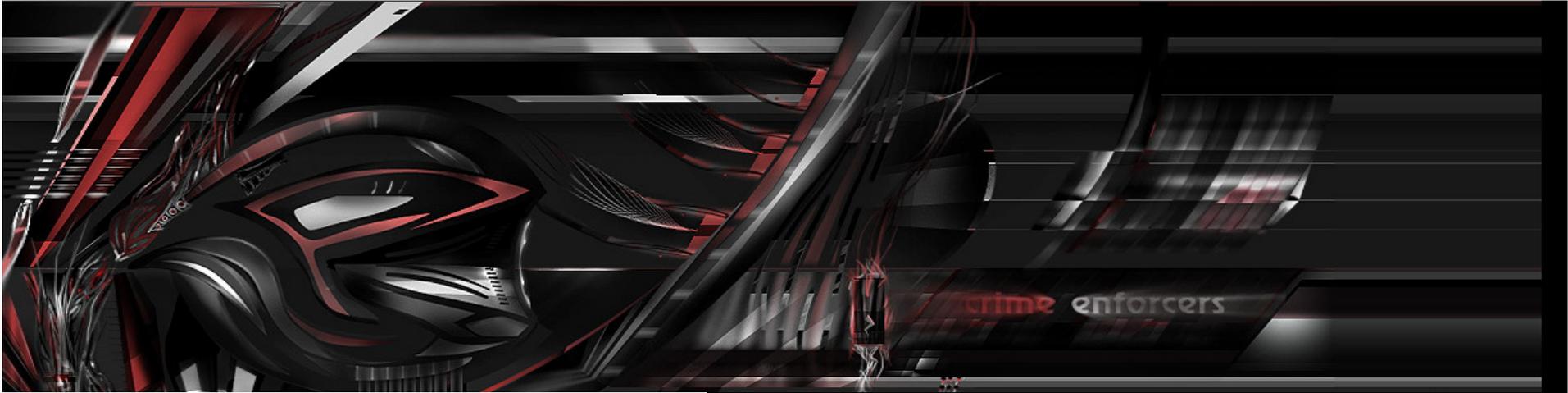


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56 Arrested in DarkMarket Sting, Says FBI

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Online crime marketplace DarkMarket closed following UK police raids

'DARK MARKET' TAKEDOWN
Exclusive Cyber Club for Crooks Exposed

10/20/08

Last week the FBI and its global partners wrapped up a two-year undercover cyber operation that resulted in 56 arrests worldwide, the prevention of \$70 million in potential losses, and the confirmation that while there might be honor among thieves, in the end, they are still just thieves.



Here's what happened:

...A discerning group of cyber criminals established a forum on the Internet called "Dark Market," where they bought and sold stolen financial information such as credit card data, login credentials (user names and passwords), and even electronic equipment for carrying out financial crimes.

...At its peak, this vast criminal network had over 2,500 registered members, who all believed they were operating in a protected cyber environment because they went to great lengths to vet members and to weed out undesirable elements.

...What they didn't know was that one of the site's administrators and most respected members, who called himself Master Splyntr, was one of us—an undercover FBI agent who had infiltrated the site posing as a cyber crook.

"It was a group of people who trusted each other," said the undercover agent after the arrests. He explained that there are two types of cyber criminals: those who steal, but not from one another, and "rippers," who steal from anyone.

Keeping the rippers off the Dark Market site, the agent explained, gave the other members a false sense of confidence. "They did a good job of trying to be secure, and they felt secure. There was honor among thieves, so to speak."

Press Release

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FBI Coordinates Global Effort to Nab 'Dark Market' Cyber Criminals

Joint Two-Year Undercover Operation Results in 56 arrests; \$70 million in Economic Loss Prevention

The FBI, in conjunction with many partners in international law enforcement, today announced the conclusion of a two-year undercover operation targeting members of the online "carding" forum known as Dark Market.

Cyber criminals using this forum represented a virtual transnational criminal network spanning numerous countries who were involved with the buying and selling of stolen financial information including credit card data, login credentials (user names and passwords), as well as equipment used in carrying out certain financial crimes. At its peak the Dark Market website had over 2,500 registered members.

A primary objective of this operation was to infiltrate the forum, develop intelligence on its leading members, and in coordination with our U.S. and international law enforcement partners, systematically identify, locate, and arrest them over a sustained period. This operation resulted in 56 arrests worldwide. Additionally, \$70 million in economic loss was prevented from the seizure of compromised victim accounts. Separate from these successes, this operation created new leads and more investigative information to pursue. These efforts are being followed up by the FBI and international law enforcement partners.

FBI Cyber Division Assistant Director Shawn Henry said, "In today's world of rapidly expanding technology, where cyber crimes are perpetrated instantly from anywhere in the world, law



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