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Case Study A Child Abuse Crime

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In 2013 CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) contacted the Bahrain Cyber Crime unit with concerns that there was child pornography crimes being initiated in Kingdom of Bahrain.

Along with these concerns came information of 34 facebook accounts, 7 tagged accounts, 45 e-mails, 2 Skype accounts, 12 Bahrain phone numbers, one blackberry pin, 8 Saudi phone numbers, 1 UAE phone number and IP addresses with possible criminal involvement.



After receiving information from NCA we took the following steps of investigation which included:

A task force was put together being organized to determine the best manner to proceed further.

At this point we were fully convinced, the Bahraini task force took proper and immediate action due to the nature of the crime



We initiated the legal steps to start investigating as per our country's laws. This involved the public prosecutor's office and the cyber-crime unit. In order to pursue the information supplied we got the necessary subpoenas for each and every action we took ,

obtaining information from ISP
(Internet Service Provider)

Search warrant

Arresting suspects

Digital Evidence Forensics and

gather information from offline or online sources.



Upon further investigation we discovered that all, with exception of 8 Saudi Arabia phone numbers, 1 UAE phone number and 4 of the IP addresses, were involved.

The first IP address we found to be involved in sharing images and video clips of underage children belonged to a female Bahraini citizen of approximately 70 years of age.

Upon visiting the subject's home we found a male subject who was found to be dressed in a very feminine manner which for the region very much out of the norm of publicly accepted behavior.

Upon further questioning he admitted to pretending to be a young girl on these social sites in order to communicate with minors in an attempt to lure them into deviant acts such as sending nude pictures, videos and convincing them into videoing themselves

To avoid being caught he started to threaten the minors telling them he would inform their parents and school official if they made anyone aware of what he was doing. He used this blackmailing to force the minors to continue to make videos for his on pleasure.



This lead to the arrest and further investigation of this subject which produced more evidences.

Upon the discovery of this evidence the subject provided the names of additional adult and minor suspects involved in like acts.

During the investigation of the other 3 other IP addresses we found that one of the IP's belonged to Coffee shop which lead to the arrest of another subject within 3-4 days after surveillance of the business.

All four of the IP address investigated lead to evidence that all were involved in blackmailing the minors to force them into continuing to participate.



Thank You

