



# THE HACKTIVIST



## CUTTING THE HACKTIVIST DOWN TO SIZE

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When the FBI alerted a \$13 billion global communications company that one of their employees was a dangerous hacker, the communications powerhouse enlisted SpearTip. According to the FBI, the hacker had compromised the local mayor's website as well as websites in Israel using the communications company's computer systems.

With the permission of the company and their lead counsel, SpearTip began monitoring the hacker's on-line presence. That same night, our cyber counterintelligence team launched an overnight investigation (night op) of the employee's office, computers and workspace, in an effort to uncover evidence of illegal activity.

Our operatives uncovered significant findings that identified the employee as a clear and present danger, who was using company systems to carry out much of his hacker activities.

Beyond the investigation itself, the SpearTip team analyzed the company's systems to ensure that when the hacker was brought to justice, no malware or other destructive initiatives were in place to damage the company.

After clearly identifying an array of dangerous hacker materials on the employee's computer, SpearTip helped the company prepare for the next step in this potentially dangerous process.

Our counterintelligence team carefully replaced every item inspected during its investigation, leaving no trace of the operation, while setting up surveillance to monitor the employee's every move both online and off.

With evidence in-hand, SpearTip and company executives delivered full reports to the FBI, who now had the necessary evidence to raid the hacker's home and arrest him. Following the arrest, the hacker was charged, convicted and sentenced to prison.

Thanks to SpearTip's rapid deployment and expert investigative operations, another criminal was sent to prison, with no additional harm to the company's systems, data, nor reputation.

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