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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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DEFENDANT(S).

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PENALTY SHEET ATTACHMENT

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Maximum Penalties: 5 years of imprisonment

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DAVID L. ANDERSON (CABN 149604)



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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges:

Introductory Allegations

At all times relevant to this Indictment, unless otherwise indicated:

1. AHMAD WAGAAFE HARED ("HARED") resided in Tucson, Arizona. He used and controlled the email addresses shenron@gmail.com, special@gmail.com, and hangmvn@gmail.com. He used and controlled an iMessage account, loser@openmailbox.org. He used a Skype account with the user name "special547." He also went by the alias "winblo."

- 2. MATTHEW GENE DITMAN resided in Las Vegas, Nevada. He used and controlled the email address mditman95@gmail.com. He also used a Skype account with the user name "lord crump."
- 3. A Subscriber Identity Module or Subscriber Identification Module ("SIM card") was a technology used to identify and authenticate subscribers on mobile phone devices.

COUNT ONE: (18 U.S.C. § 1030(b) – Conspiracy to Commit Computer Fraud and Abuse)

- 4. The factual allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 3 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference.
- 5. On or about and between October 2016 and May 2018, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

AHMAD WAGAAFE HARED and MATTHEW GENE DITMAN,

and others, knowingly conspired and agreed, with each other, and with others, to commit computer fraud and abuse, that is, with intent to extort from any person any money and other things of value, transmit in interstate and foreign commerce a communication containing any threat to cause damage to a protected computer, threat to obtain information from a protected computer without authorization and in excess of authorization and to impair the confidentiality of information obtained from a protected computer without authorization and by exceeding authorized access, and demand and request for money and other thing of value in relation to damage to a protected computer, where such damage was caused to facilitate the extortion, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(a)(7).

- 6. As part of the conspiracy, HARED, DITMAN, and others conspired, agreed, and engaged in a scheme to obtain by fraud and extortion cryptocurrencies and other money and property owned and controlled by executives of cryptocurrency-related companies and cryptocurrency investors.
- 7. In furtherance of the conspiracy, HARED, DITMAN, and others, used a variety of means and methods, including:
 - a. Obtaining personal identifying information of potential victims;
- b. Using fraud, deception, and social engineering techniques to induce representatives of cellphone service providers to transfer or port cellphone numbers from SIM cards in

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the devices possessed by victims to SIM cards in devices possessed by the conspirators ("SIM swapping");

- c. Using the victims' cellphone numbers and deceptive techniques to gain access to email, electronic storage, and other accounts of victims;
- d. Resetting passwords for email, electronic storage, and other accounts of victims so that the conspirators could control the accounts;
- e. Using information from the accounts of the victims to access cryptocurrency accounts of victims and transfer without authority cryptocurrencies owned by the victims; and
- f. Transmitting threats to victims to cause damage to computers, to compromise further their accounts, and to impair the confidentiality of information the conspirators had obtained and demanding and requesting money in relation to damage to a protected computer.

Overt Acts

- 8. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect its objects, on or about the dates listed below, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, HARED and DITMAN, and others, committed the following overt acts, among others:
- a. On or about November 18, 2016, a conspirator took control of a cellphone number used by victim J.D., gained access to email and other accounts of J.D., and transferred cryptocurrency owned by J.D. to an address controlled by the conspirators.
- b. On or about November 19, 2016, a co-conspirator ("Co-Conspirator #1) called J.D. for the purpose of extortion.
- c. On or about January 24, 2017, DITMAN and Co-Conspirator #1 called a cellphone service provider attempting to take over the cellphone number of victim C.P. in the Northern District of California.
- d. On or about January 31, 2017, DITMAN and Co-Conspirator #1 called victim T.P. in the Northern District of California for the purpose of extortion.
- e. On or about February 11, 2017, HARED, DITMAN, and Co-Conspirator #1 called a cellphone service provider attempting to take over the cellphone number of victim N.B.

f. On or about February 20, 2017, HARED, DITMAN, and Co-Conspirator #1 called a cellphone service provider attempting to take over the cellphone number of victim M.F. in the Northern District of California.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(b).

COUNT TWO: (18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(7) – Threatening to Damage a Protected Computer)

- 9. The factual allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 8 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference.
- 10. On or about January 31, 2017, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

AHMAD WAGAAFE HARED and MATTHEW GENE DITMAN,

with intent to extort from any person, to wit, victim T.P., any money and other things of value, transmitted in interstate and foreign commerce a communication containing a threat to cause damage to a protected computer, threat to obtain information from a protected computer without authorization and in excess of authorization and to impair the confidentiality of information obtained from a protected computer without authorization and by exceeding authorized access, and demand and request for money and other thing of value in relation to damage to a protected computer, where such damage was caused to facilitate the extortion.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1030(a)(7) and 2.

COUNT THREE: (18 U.S.C. § 875(d) – Interstate Communications with Intent to Extort)

- 11. The factual allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 10 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference.
- 12. On or about January 31, 2017, in the Northern District of California and elsewhere, the defendants,

AHMAD WAGAAFE HARED and MATTHEW GENE DITMAN,

with intent to extort from any person, to wit, victim T.P., any money or other thing of value, transmitted in interstate or foreign commerce any communication containing any threat to injure the property and

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defendants,

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knowingly transferred, possessed, and used, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person, to wit, T.P., during and in relation to a felony violation enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 1028A(c), to wit, conspiracy to commit computer fraud and abuse, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(b), and conspiracy to commit access device fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b)(2), knowing that the means of identification belonged to another actual person.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1028A(a)(1) and 2.

COMPUTER FRAUD FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (1

(18 U.S.C. §§ 1030(i) & (j) & 982(a)(2)(B) & 28 U.S.C. § 2461)

- 19. The factual allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 8 are re-alleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a) and 1030(i) and (j), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.
- 20. Upon conviction of any of the offenses alleged in Counts One through Two, the defendants,

AHMAD WAGAAFE HARED and MATTHEW GENE DITMAN,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B) and 1030(i) and (j), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, any personal property used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense or a conspiracy to do so, and any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as the result of such offenses, including but not limited to the following property:

- a. Money judgment: a sum of money equal to the total gross proceeds obtained by the defendant as a result of the offenses;
- b. a 2017 BMW i8 (VIN WBY2Z2C34HV676822); and
- c. 39.67004483 in Bitcoin.
- 21. If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants, any of said property
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

any and all interest defendant has in any other property shall be forfeited to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.

ACCESS DEVICE FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: (18 U.S.C. §§ 982(a)(1)(B) & 1029(c)(1)(C) & 28 U.S.C. § 2461 – Forfeiture)

- The factual allegations in Paragraphs 1 through 7 are re-alleged and incorporated by 25. reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 981(a)(1)(C) and 982(a), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461.
 - Upon conviction of the offense alleged in Count Four, the defendants. 26.

AHMAD WAGAAFE HARED and MATTHEW GENE DITMAN,

shall forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(1)(B) and 1029(c)(1)(C), and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461, any personal property used or intended to be used to commit the offense and any property, real and personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds the defendant obtained directly or indirectly as the result of such offense, including but not limited to the following property:

- a. Money Judgment: a sum of money equal to the total gross proceeds obtained by the defendant as a result of the offenses;
- b. a 2017 BMW i8 (VIN WBY2Z2C34HV676822); and
- 39.67004483 in Bitcoin c.
- 27. If, as a result of any act or omission of the defendants, any of said property
 - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
 - b. has been transferred or sold to or deposited with a third person;
 - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
 - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
 - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty;

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