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Is newspaper journalism part of the criminal justice system?

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The UK Telegraph Newspaper, on Father's Day, 19th June 2011, announced that the British honeymooner Shrien Dewani is not a suspect in the 'carjack' murder of his new wife in Cape Town. The report stated that the then British honeymooner Shrien Dewani was not a suspect in the carjacking and murder of his new wife in South Africa; the South African prosecutors were alleged to have said. The Telegraph article continued by reminding the reader that on November 18, 2010, in his taxi the national South African police commander Bheki Cele said that neither Zola Tongo, the taxi driver who took the couple to Gugulethu township where they were ambushed, nor Mr Dewani were suspects....

Cyber criminals having a ball

Sally Ramage

Japan's Sega Corp joined the rapidly growing club of video game companies whose computer systems have been hacked by cyber criminals, the company said. The news capped a week in which the Lulz Security group of hackers launched a cyber crime spree against other video game companies. In an unexpected twist, Lulz responded to the news of the attack on Sega by offering to track down and punish the hackers who attacked the Japanese maker of video game software. The drama surrounding the recent round of video game breaches paled compared to what PlayStation maker Sony Corp experienced following two high profile attacks that surfaced in April. Those breaches led to the theft of account data for more than 100 million customers; making it the largest ever hacking of data outside the financial services industry.

Security loopholes at Sony

They also exposed what turned out to be a large number of security holes in sites throughout the global Sony media empire. That led to a rash of attacks on Sony systems that undermined confidence in the company and made it the source of frequent jokes by security experts. Its security staff scrambled to repair vulnerabilities in its network as independent experts identified new problems via remote scans and disclosed them to Sony and the public....

The criminal offence of computer hacking

Sally Ramage with contributions by Edward Stefan Wheeler

Introduction

Every day there is news of another IT systems breach, it seems. RSA, Epsilon, Sony, now Citibank all suffered high-profile breaches. Hacking is today occurring with increasing regularity. When an organisation's system is hacked, the costs of remediating a breach are

very high, and some services are then left down. So preventing this kind of situation is important, and a source of major stress for security professionals. The size of a typical enterprise IT environment is large, complex and has dozens of different platforms, multiple business partners, and hundreds or thousands of different network pathways, not to mention the terabytes of confidential data, some of it requiring protection....

UK bans company UPS from import trade

Sally Ramage

Packages being removed from a UPS container at East Midlands airport after a suspected bomb was found in October 2010. The Department for Transport has barred the delivery firm UPS from moving air cargo through sites in the UK due to security requirements. In March 2011, an investigation was launched after a fake bomb was placed on a UPS flight to Istanbul. The Metropolitan police arrested a 26-year-old man, but said the incident was not terrorist related. The suspicious device travelled to Turkey from the UK without being detected. In October 2010, a printer cartridge bomb was found on a UPS cargo plane at East Midlands airport, triggering new security measures in the UK, implemented from November. The UPS plane was bound for Chicago, and an alarm clock on a mobile phone attached to the device was set to go off at 10.30am BST – when the plane would have been over the eastern seaboard of the US.

Morality, culture and fraud

Sally Ramage

Abstract

This article describes the historical development of fraud and the criminology of fraud. It explores the concept of “white collar crime” from its beginnings in 1939 when Edwin Sutherland the psychologist first coined the term and caused an outrage in Pennsylvania, North America. It explores the psychological theories about crime and examines these one by one to discover how the behaviour of modern serious fraud fits into theory. The controversial conclusion that the writer reaches should not be dismissed but should be left within the reader to be assimilated with time. The conclusion drawn about serious fraudsters is harsh, but then so is the devastation that oftentimes trail such criminals....

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