**Hermes Novas profile**

Hermes Novas is 22 years old Atlantis citizen born and living in Atlantis for most of his life. He was very successful high-school graduate with great interest shown in mathematics, economy and informatics sciences, although his grades and overall school performance were not following his plans and wishes.

After graduating from High-school he applied for National University of Atlantis and science studies with majors in computer sciences, with sub-major in economics, namely accounting. He started his studies on time and invested significant time to it, but due to different circumstances, including very active participation in students’ night life and leisure, he started to have problems with class attendance and exam passing. Eventually, that led to his delay in studies and exam schedule with consequence of not being able to follow studies program. After dropping second year of studies, Hermes decided that he needs to take a break from the University and to try to find something else what will fulfil his life style and wishes.

However, he decided that he should make of use his knowledge of economics in accounting and he applied for fast training for accounting support jobs in the local municipality training center. Soon enough he got his license for basic accounting support level of employment.

Since he was regular Internet and social networks user, very soon he found out that there are other people very similar to his way of life, especially one Ivan Ivanovich from country of Ostia, who was very experienced not only in night-clubbing, but with the connections to the Darknet and digital criminal scene as well. They started to be friends and Ivan introduces Hermes to several Darknet forums. Their communication and friendship was only by the use of the Internet, while their meeting in person was yet to come.

Very soon they found out that there is new and lucrative way of gathering additional funds for their life styles by performing complex frauds called “Business E-mail Compromise”, including techniques like “Reverse Social Engineering”, “Advances Persistent Threat” and specialized malware like spyware and similar products. Success stories of their Darknet online friends about this kind of actions instigated their decision to try to do the same.

In August 2017 they agreed that together with some additional Ivan’s friends from Ostia they will try to execute business e-mail compromise in Atlantis, due to the fact that that country was more developed and financially potent then Ostia. Very soon, around mid-August, Hermes noticed add posted on one of the local financial markets forums that Federal Bank of Atlantis is employing new employees due to the additional demand for the workforce during the summer period and onwards. Knowing that FBA is one of the most successful and well-known banks, Hermes an Ivan decided that it would be a good idea that Hermes applies to add and if successful, starts working in the FBA.

Hermes interview for the lower position in the FBA went well and to this surprise he was contracted for working in Department for Logistics and Operations, instead of Financial Department. Still, he didn’t want to lose the opportunity and started showing regularly on the work.

In the middle of September of 2017 he heard that some important anniversary job is going to be organized and he immediately notified Ivan about it to commence preparations with his friends. In that moment he installed spyware malware on certain key user computers and started to monitor ongoing exchange. Very soon he got into the possession of some crucial information’s which he shared with Ivan who undertook certain supporting actions with his friends in Ostia.

Perpetration was ready to happen.