

## **INCIDENT REPORT – USE CASE 2**

### **Network Intrusion Detection (Suricata IDS + Wazuh)**

#### **Incident ID: SOC-NID-002**

Incident Title: Network Reconnaissance Detected via Port Scanning

Date & Time: Jan 18, 2026 @ 17:48:24.331

Detection Source: Suricata IDS (Integrated with Wazuh SIEM)

#### **Affected Asset**

Host: Ubuntu Agent (Network Sensor)

Asset Type: Linux Server

Severity: Medium

#### **Incident Summary**

Suricata IDS detected network reconnaissance activity targeting the Ubuntu host. Multiple connection attempts to different ports from a single external source were identified, indicating port scanning behavior. The alerts were centrally collected and analyzed in Wazuh SIEM. Early detection of reconnaissance activity is critical to prevent follow-on attacks and host-level compromise.

#### **Detection Details**

Detection Tool: Suricata IDS

Detection Type: Network-based Intrusion Detection

Alert Category: Network Scan / Suspicious Traffic

Source IP: Kali Linux (Attacker Simulation)

Destination IP: Ubuntu Agent

Protocol: TCP

Detection Log Source: eve.json

SIEM Platform: Wazuh

#### **Investigation and Analysis**

The SOC analyst reviewed Suricata alerts ingested into the Wazuh dashboard and identified repeated connection attempts from the same source IP across multiple ports within a short time frame. This behavior was consistent with network reconnaissance activity. Correlation checks were performed against host-based logs, including SSH authentication and File Integrity Monitoring alerts, to determine whether the scan led to any host-level activity. No evidence of successful exploitation or unauthorized access was observed.

#### **Classification**

True Positive – Authorized Activity (Attack Simulation)

#### **Root Cause**

Intentional network scanning performed from a Kali Linux system to simulate attacker reconnaissance behavior as part of SOC detection testing.

#### **Impact Assessment**

No service disruption was observed.

No unauthorized access or host compromise occurred.

The activity was limited to reconnaissance and did not progress to exploitation.

#### **Response Actions**

Alerts were reviewed and validated by the SOC analyst.

Source IP and scanning behavior were documented.

No blocking or remediation actions were required due to the activity being part of a controlled test scenario.

## **Lessons Learned**

Network-based intrusion detection is effective for identifying early-stage attacker behavior. Correlating IDS alerts with host-based logs helps SOC analysts determine whether reconnaissance activity has progressed to exploitation or compromise.

## **MITRE ATT&CK Mapping**

Tactic: TA0043 – Reconnaissance

Technique ID: T1046

Technique Name: Network Service Scanning

## **Incident Status**

Closed – Informational (Test Case Validation)