

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)