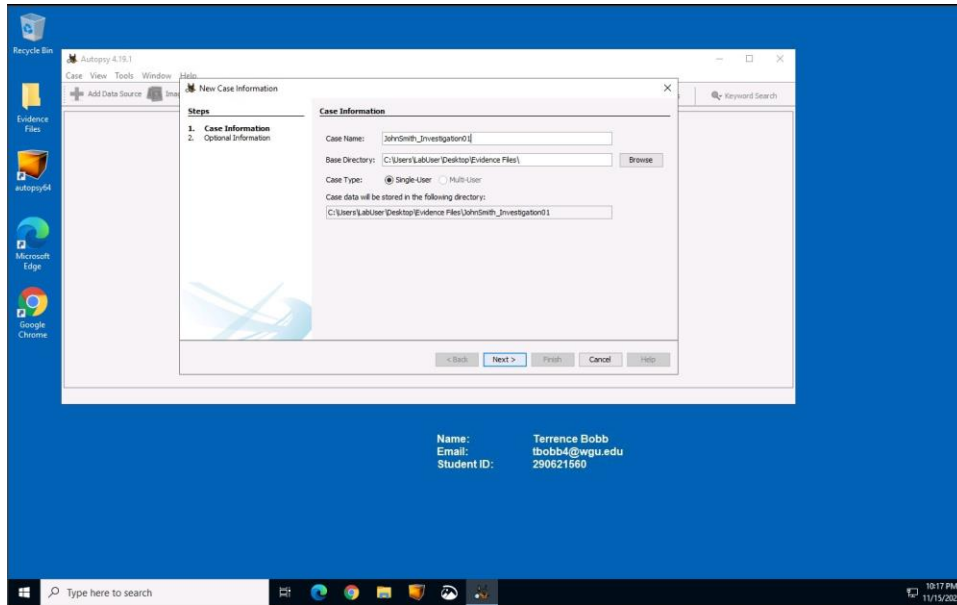
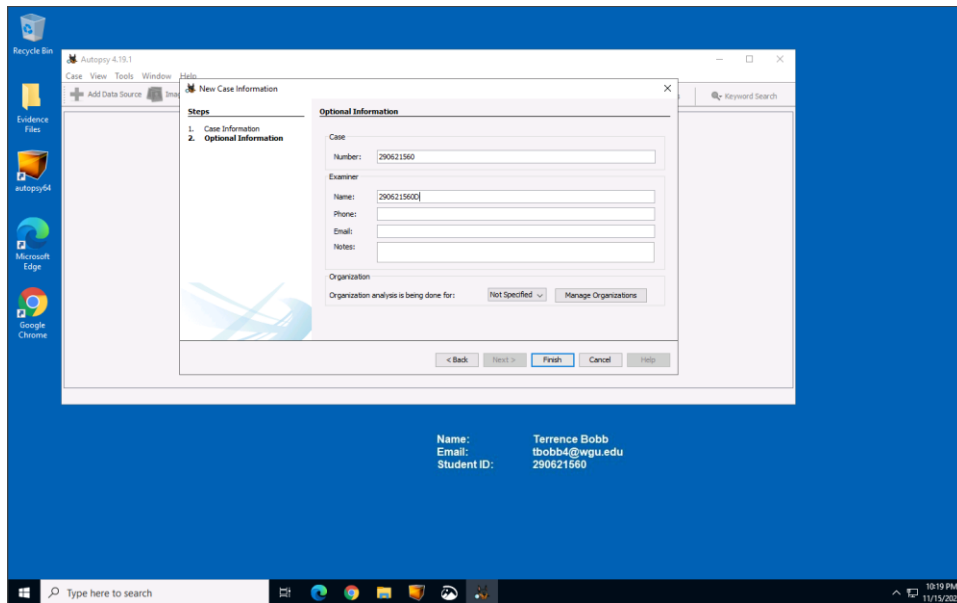


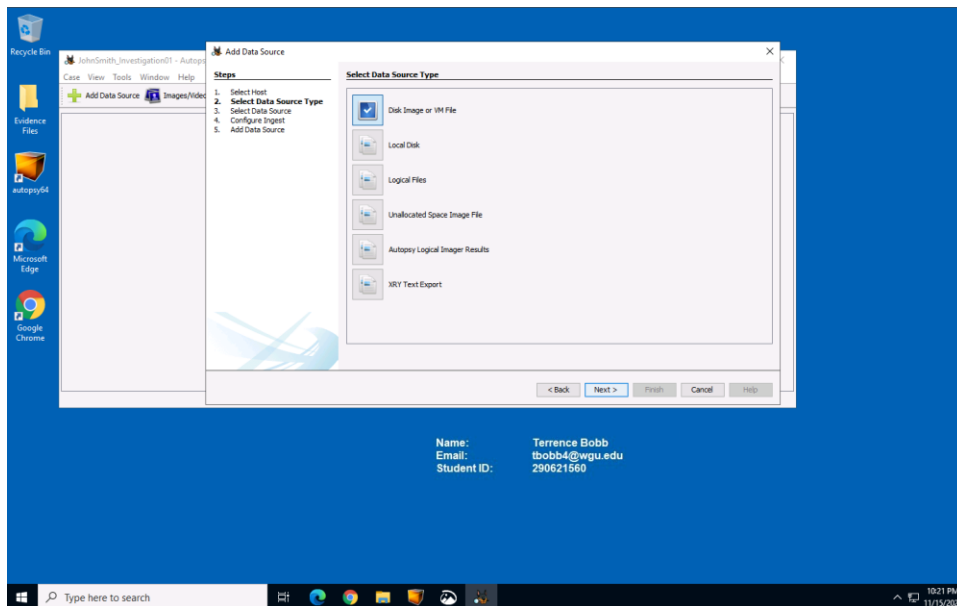
I first created the case using Autopsy. The name given to this case is JohnSmith\_Investigation01, located in path C:\Users\LabUser\Desktop\EvidenceFiles.



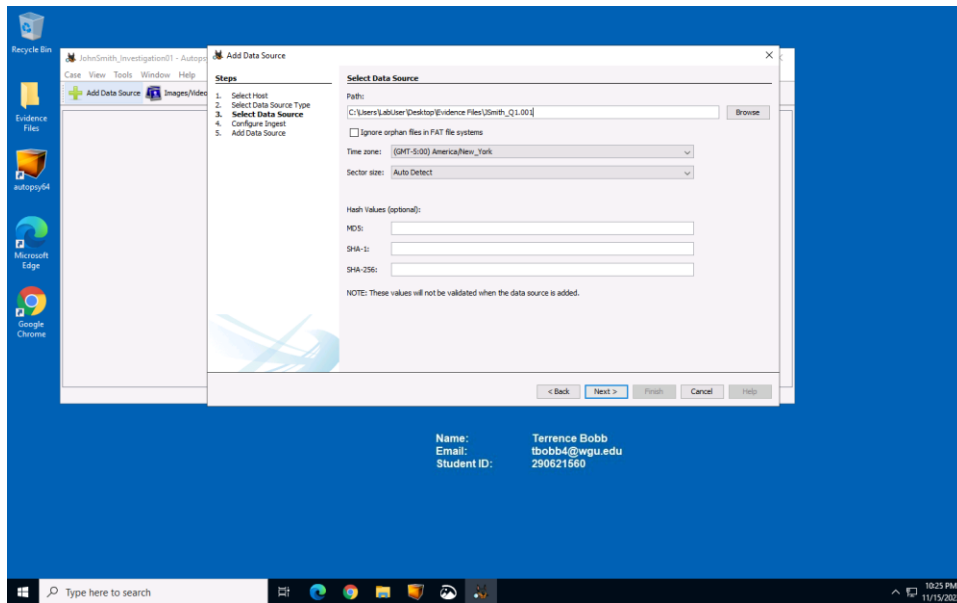
I then added the case number as 290621560, then listed the name as 290621560.



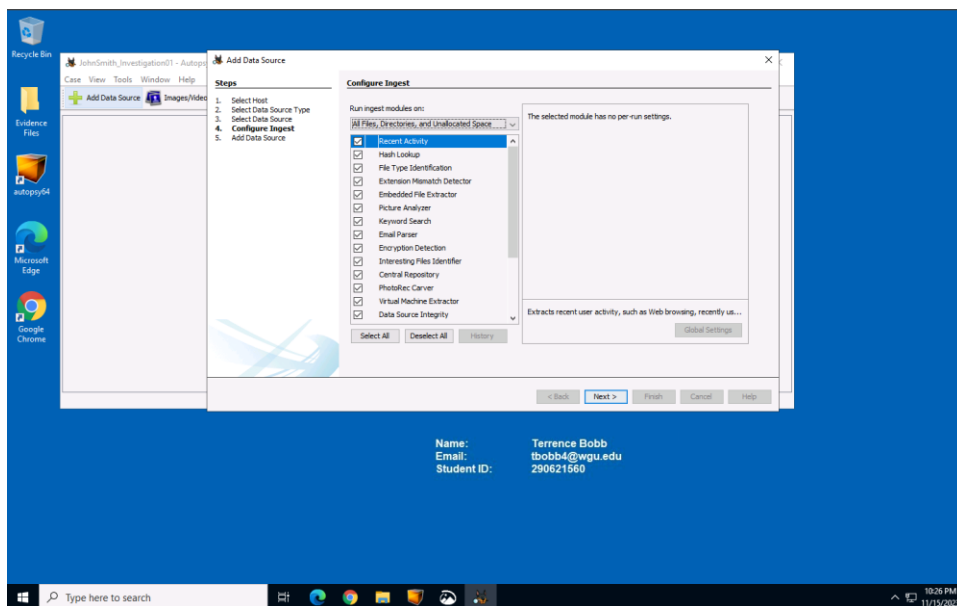
I then selected the data source type, Disk Image/ VM file.



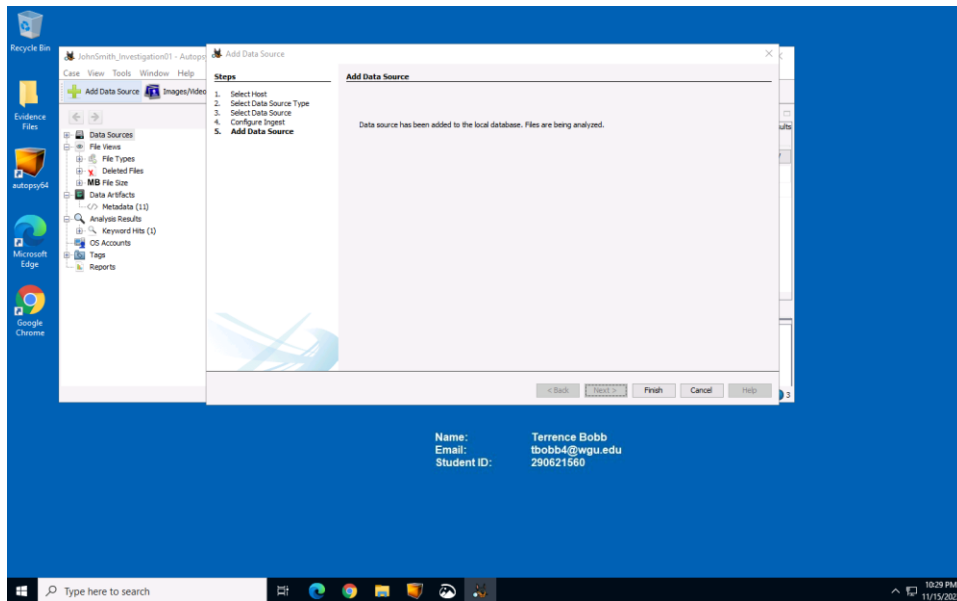
I set data source as C:\Users\LabUser\Desktop\Evidence Files\JSmith\_Q1.001



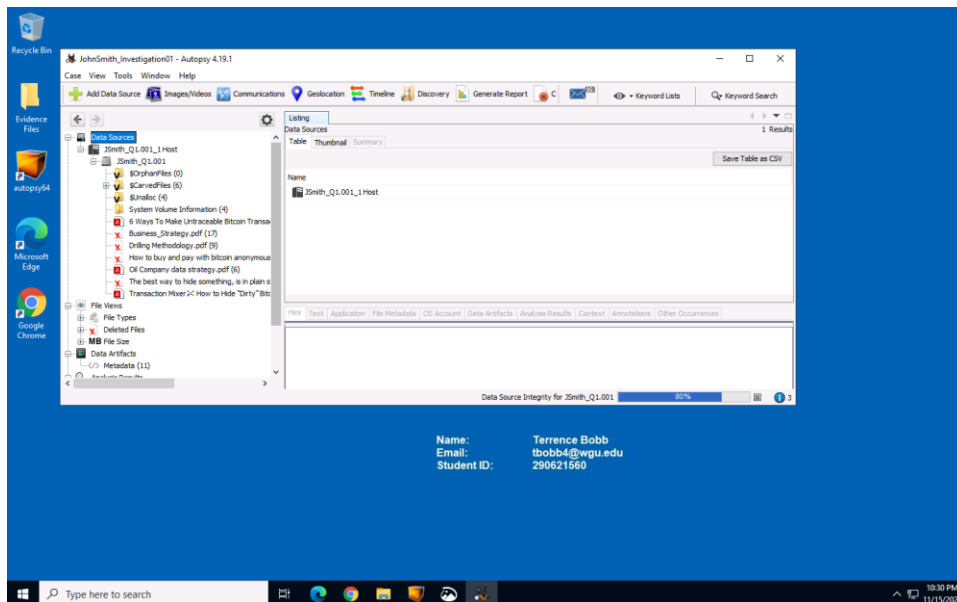
I set the analysis types. I selected the default modules.



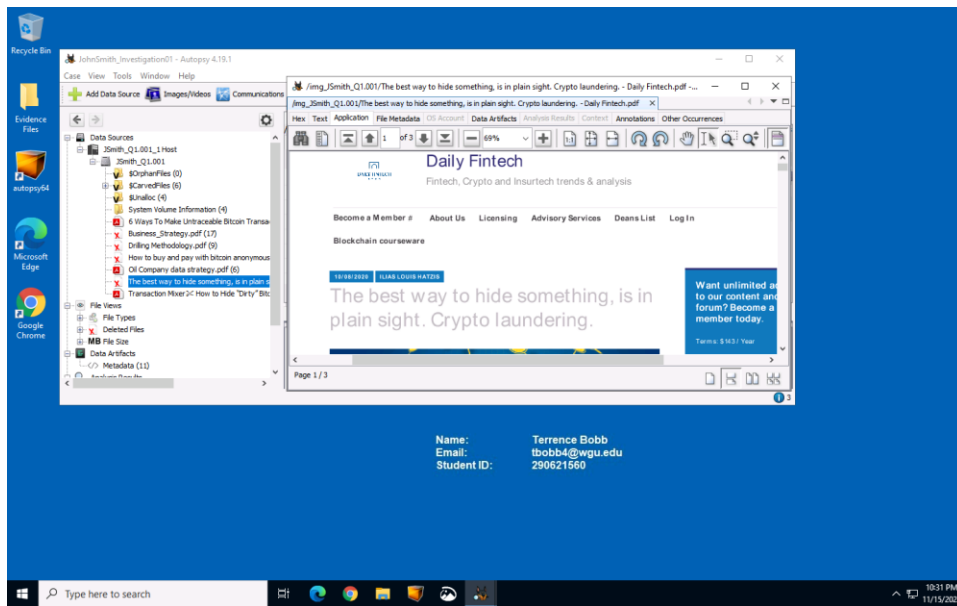
The data source loaded/analyzed and was added to the local database. This marks the start of my personal investigative analysis.



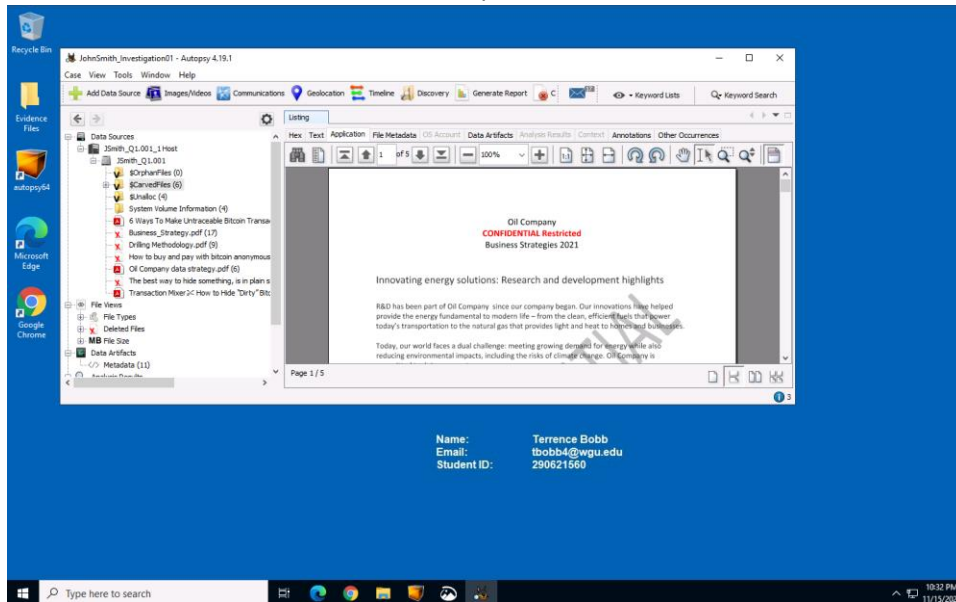
On the left pane I expanded data sources>JSmith\_Q1.001\_1Host>JSmith\_Q1.001



I then noticed a deleted file named, "The best way to hide something, is in plain sight , Crypto laundering".

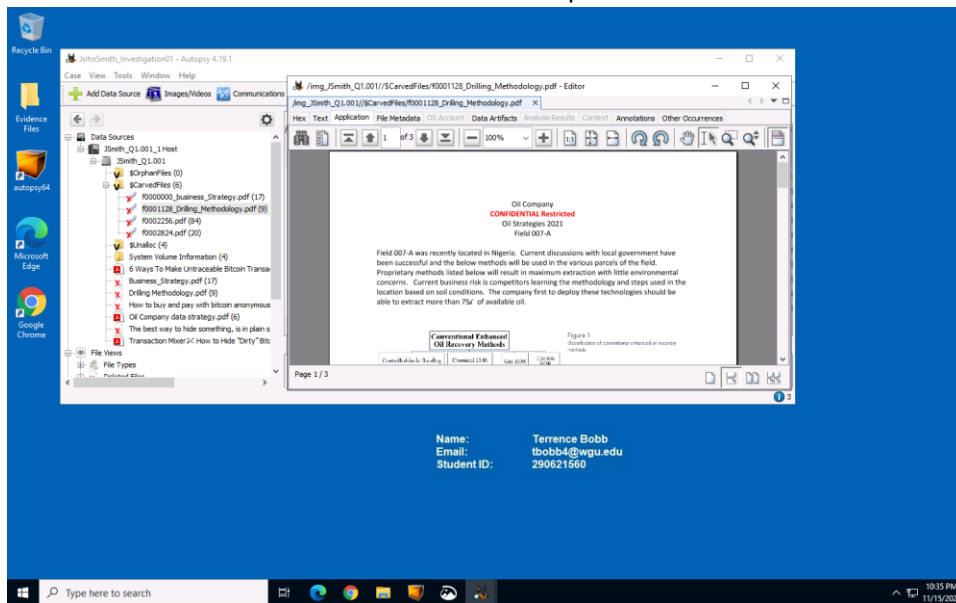


I then went up in the directory in \$CarvedFiles then discovered a file named “f0000000\_business\_Strategy.pdf”. I viewed the file and noticed that it is classified As confidential information. This was exported to Evidence.

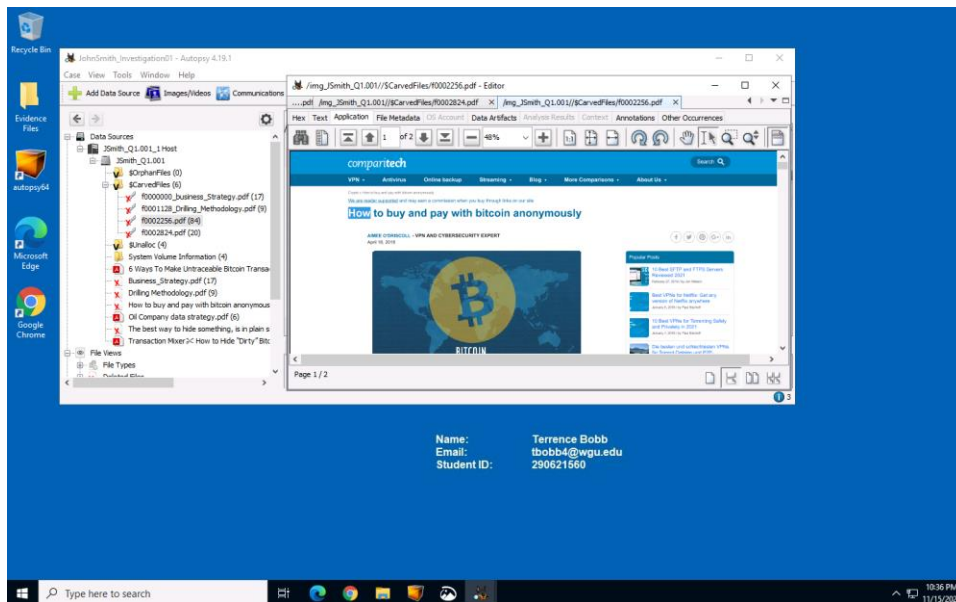


In the same directory named \$CarvedFiles, there is a file named “f0001128\_Drilling\_Methodology.pdf”

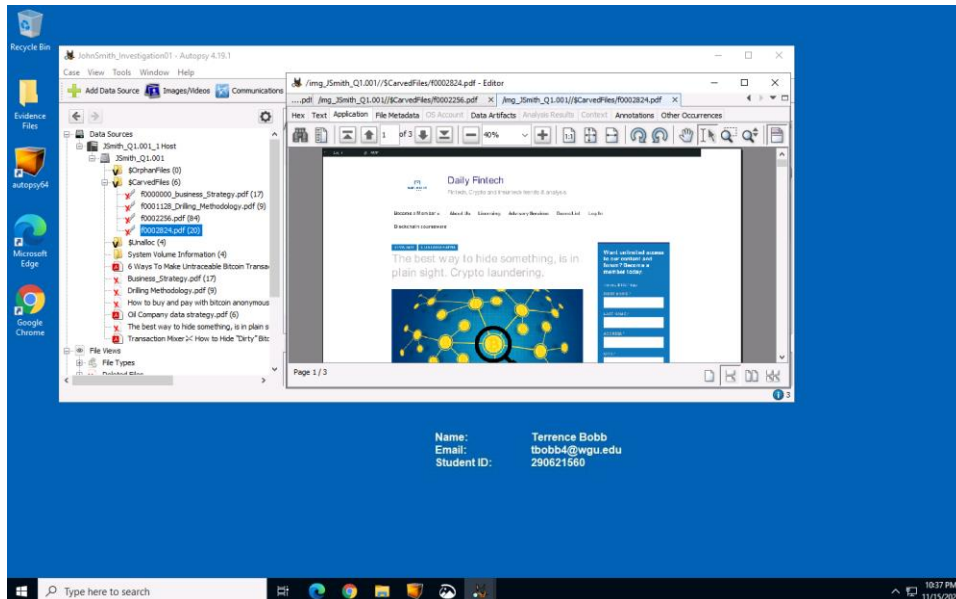
This file is classified as confidential. This was exported to Evidence.



In the Directory \$CarvedFiles, this file "f0002256.pdf" shows some possible Leads about bitcoin and how it can be used anonymously. This was exported to the Evidence folder.



In the Directory \$CarvedFiles, file "f0002824.pdf" viewed in Microsoft Edge. This evidence can provide leads relating to steganography and crypto laundering. This was exported to the Evidence folder.



The investigation into the case JohnSmith\_Investigation01 has unveiled significant findings, shedding light on potential illicit activities and confidential information. The presence of deleted files related to crypto laundering raises concerns about attempts to conceal sensitive information. The analysis of files marked as confidential, specifically "f0000000\_business\_Strategy.pdf" and "f0001128\_Drilling\_Methodology.pdf," shows the importance of these documents in the context of the investigation.

Moreover, files such as "f0002256.pdf" and "f0002824.pdf" discovered in the \$CarvedFiles directory provide crucial leads. "f0002256.pdf" suggests connections to bitcoin and anonymous usage, while "f0002824.pdf" indicates possible involvement in steganography and crypto laundering. The exportation of these files to the Evidence folder ensures their preservation for further scrutiny.

In conclusion, the evidence gathered thus far points towards a potential nexus between the individual under investigation and activities involving crypto-related operations, including potential attempts to hide information through steganography. The confidential nature of certain files raises the stakes, emphasizing the importance of a thorough and meticulous examination in further stages of the investigation. The exported evidence serves as a foundation for building a comprehensive case against the implicated party, and additional analysis is warranted to ascertain the full extent of their involvement in these activities.



