

PROJECT GLACIER - CONFIDENTIAL

BLACK ICE APT - Broker Investigation

CASE ID: BLACK-ICE-2025-047

CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BLACK ICE APT has been active for 14 months, targeting Dutch fintech and tech companies in the Amsterdam region. The operation is sophisticated but shows patterns indicating a single operator or small team.

KEY FINDING: The broker operates under the alias "VERAX DEDICATUS"

BROKER PROFILE: VERAX DEDICATUS

Alias Origin:

- "Verax" = Latin for "truthful, speaking truth"
- "Dedicatus" = Latin for "dedicated, devoted"
- Combined: "Dedicated to Truth" (ironic for a data broker)

Known Online Presence:

- LinkedIn: Active professional profile
- Twitter/X: @VeraxDedicatus (active)
- Reddit: u/VeraxDedicatus (crypto/privacy communities)
- GitHub: VeraxDedicatus (OSINT tools, encryption scripts)
- Possible Telegram/Signal presence (unconfirmed)

Communication Style:

- Formal, educated writing
- Uses specific phrases: "Moreover," "Subsequently," "Therefore"
- Native-level English with Dutch linguistic influences
- Professional tone in all public communications

Technical Profile:

- Advanced OSINT techniques
- Cryptocurrency expertise (Bitcoin, Monero)
- Strong OpSec awareness (VPN, Tor, encryption)
- Programming skills (Python, Bash)
- Blockchain forensics knowledge

Geographic Indicators:

- Activity timezone: UTC+1 (Amsterdam/CET)
- Peak hours: 09:00-17:00 weekdays (suspicious - office hours?)
- Location mentions: Amsterdam, Science Park, Flevopark
- Photo metadata: Amsterdam-Oost area

ASSESSMENT: Subject is likely Amsterdam-based

INVESTIGATION LEADS

LEAD 1: LinkedIn Profile Analysis

Target: "Verax Dedicatus" LinkedIn profile

Action: OSINT analysis of connections, posts, photos

Status: IN PROGRESS

Photo analysis shows:

- Multiple posts with Amsterdam locations
- One post contains coffee shop photo - Amsterdam-Oost
- EXIF data may be present - PRIORITY: Extract metadata
- Possible connection overlaps with known entities

LEAD 2: Social Media Cross-Reference

Platforms: Twitter, Reddit, GitHub, Instagram

Action: Pattern analysis, writing style comparison

Status: ACTIVE

Initial findings:

- Consistent posting schedule (weekday mornings)
- Technical discussions indicate cybersecurity background
- Cryptocurrency transaction mentions
- References to Amsterdam tech scene

LEAD 3: Broker Meeting Schedule

Intelligence indicates upcoming broker meeting.

Location: UNCONFIRMED - possibly Amsterdam area

Method: Contact established via LinkedIn messaging

Timeline: Within next 7-14 days

⚠ CRITICAL: Broker is aware of investigation heat

Exercise extreme caution

EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS

If primary investigator (Alex Mercer) is compromised:

Emergency Contact: Signal +31 6 [REDACTED]

Codeword: GLACIER

Authentication: Employee ID BX-2847

Backup evidence location: Flevopark dead drop

GPS: 52.3543, 4.9392

Access code: MERCER2024

NEXT STEPS

1. Complete OSINT profile of VERAX DEDICATUS
2. Extract and analyze photo metadata
3. Cross-reference with VRYAN employee database
4. Identify real-world identity
5. Gather evidence for prosecution
6. Coordinate with law enforcement

PRIORITY: Time-sensitive. Broker may relocate operation