getUserMentionsByChannel leaks messages with mention from private channel

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Summary

The <code>getUserMentionsByChannel</code> meteor server method discloses messages from private channels and direct messages regardless of the users access permission to the room.

Description

When calling the <code>[getUserMentionsByChannel]</code> method, the server does not check the users access to the given room and returns all messages the user has been mentioned in.

The issue was found in

app/mentions/server/methods/getUserMentionsByChannel.js#L7-L23 where roomld is verified to be a String only.

The server will return all messages the requesting user has been @ mentioned in.

Releases Affected:

- 4.1.2
- 3.18.3
- First 99065f7518bc88341210c0e38678bc3c97e3b58a (12.03.2018)

Steps To Reproduce (from initial installation to vulnerability):

- 1. Login to Rocket.Chat
- 2. Obtain Room Id
 - 1. Guess Direct Message roomld from User IDs
 - 2. Leak private Message ID with unknown vulnerability
- 3. Call getUserMentionsByChannel with given { roomId: "<Value>" }
- 4. Read messages where the own user was mentioned in console.log output

Supporting Material/References:

The following example leks a private message between two users to a third account trudy who performs the requests from the authenticated client disclosing a direct message between alice and bob.

```
Code 556 Bytes

1  Meteor.user().username
2  // > 'trudy'
3  let alice = 'kYfzDMQLyPFjS9ASb';
4  let bob = 'zZnrfd2RvcWhspr6S';
```

```
8  (err, data) => console.log(
9     data
10         .map((m) => `${m._id} ${m.u.username} (${m.ts.toGMTString()}): ${m.msg}`
11         .join("\n")
12     )
13     );
14  // > Yp6NoMZk34mnQZiBR alice (Thu, 25 Nov 2021 14:17:25 UTC): Mention @trudy som
15
16  Meteor.call("getMessages", ["Yp6NoMZk34mnQZiBR"], (err, data) => console.log(err
17  // > Not allowed [error-not-allowed]
```

Suggested mitigation

• Check for permission to read messages from the room given in in { roomId } method argument.

Impact

Authenticated users can disclose all messages they were mentioned in from private channels and direct messages they should not have access to.

Fixed in

We have fix this issue in version 5.0>

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