

## Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)

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Time on Task:  
5 hours, 43 minutes

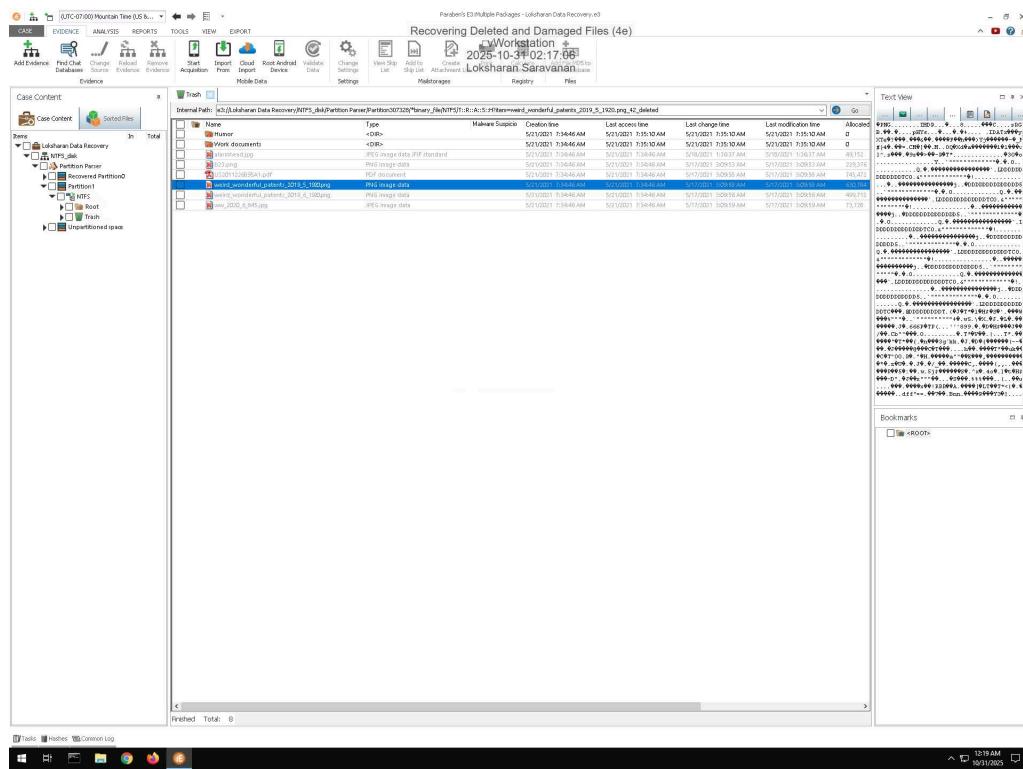
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100%

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## Section 1: Hands-On Demonstration

## Part 1: Recover Deleted Files from an NTFS Drive Image with E3

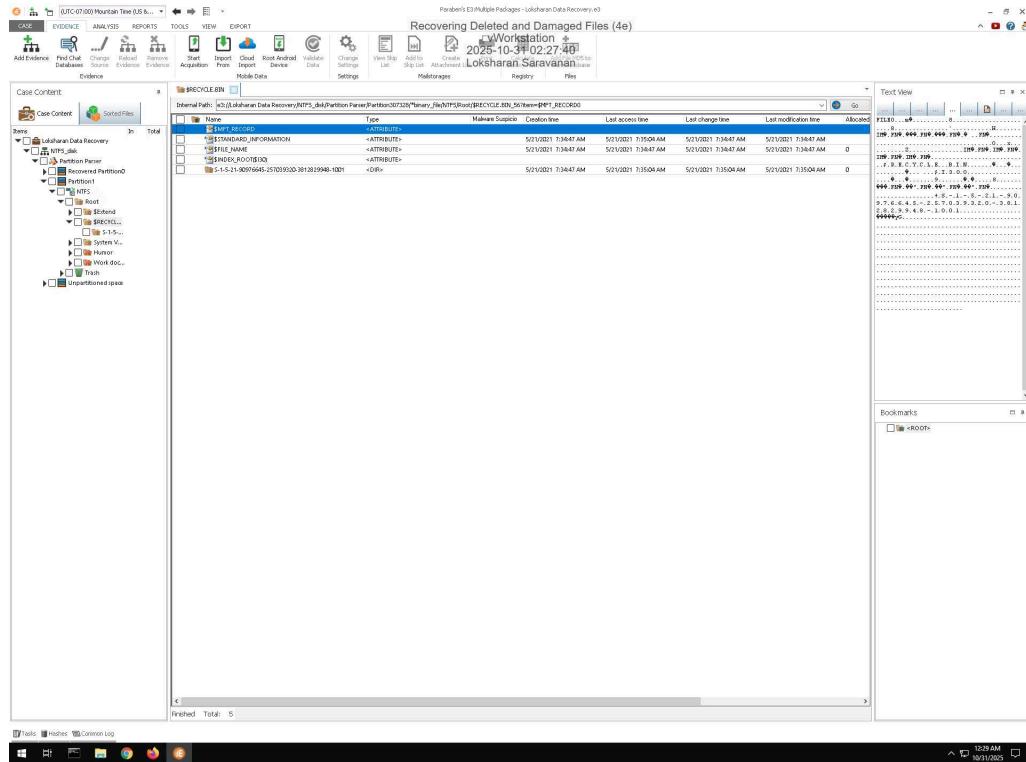
13. **Make a screen capture** showing the list of recovered files and folders in the E3 Trash folder.



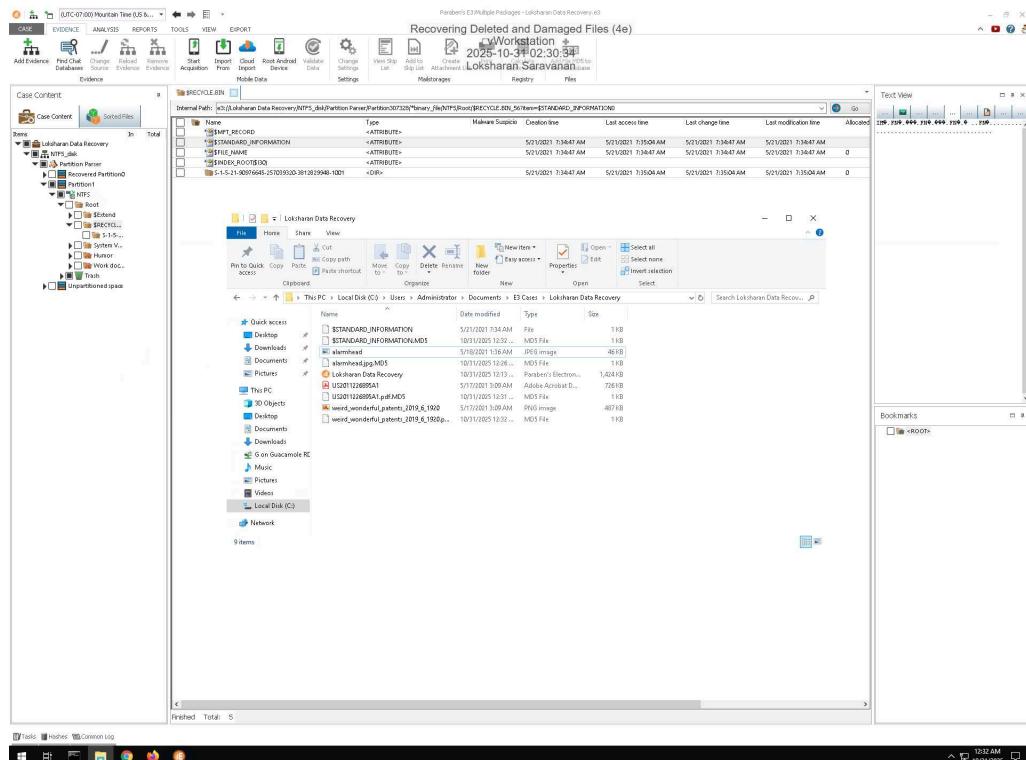
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## 20. Make a screen capture showing the patent file in the File Viewer.



## 25. Make a screen capture showing the recovered files in the File Explorer.

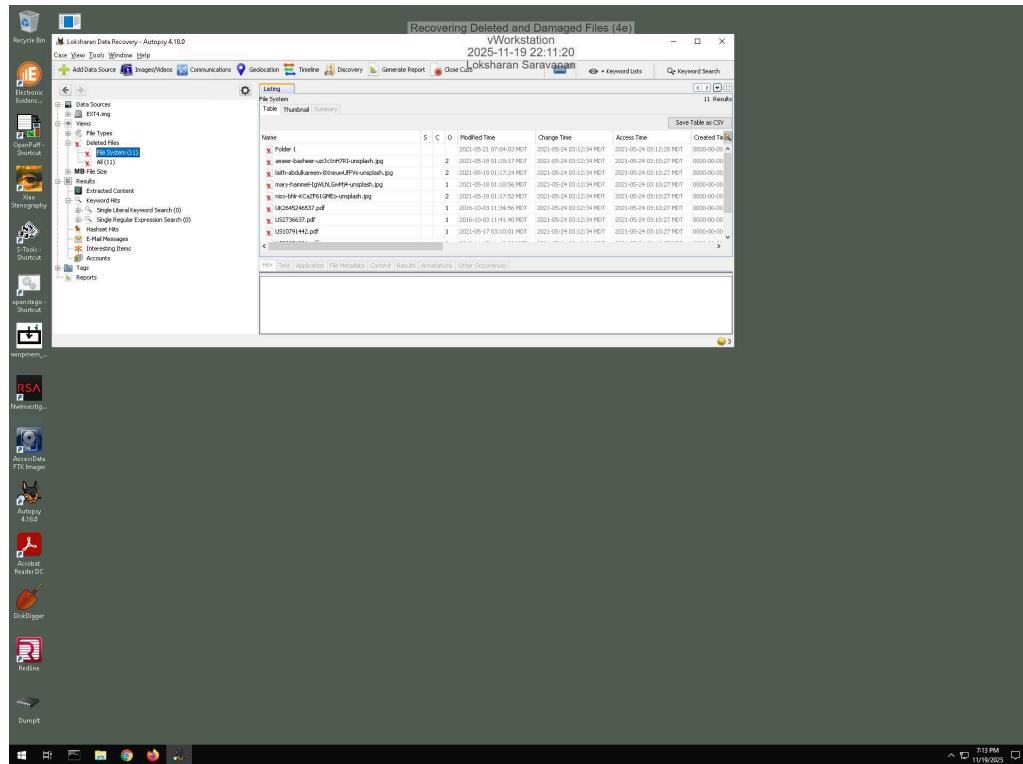


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## Part 2: Recover Deleted Files from an Ext4 Drive Image with Autopsy

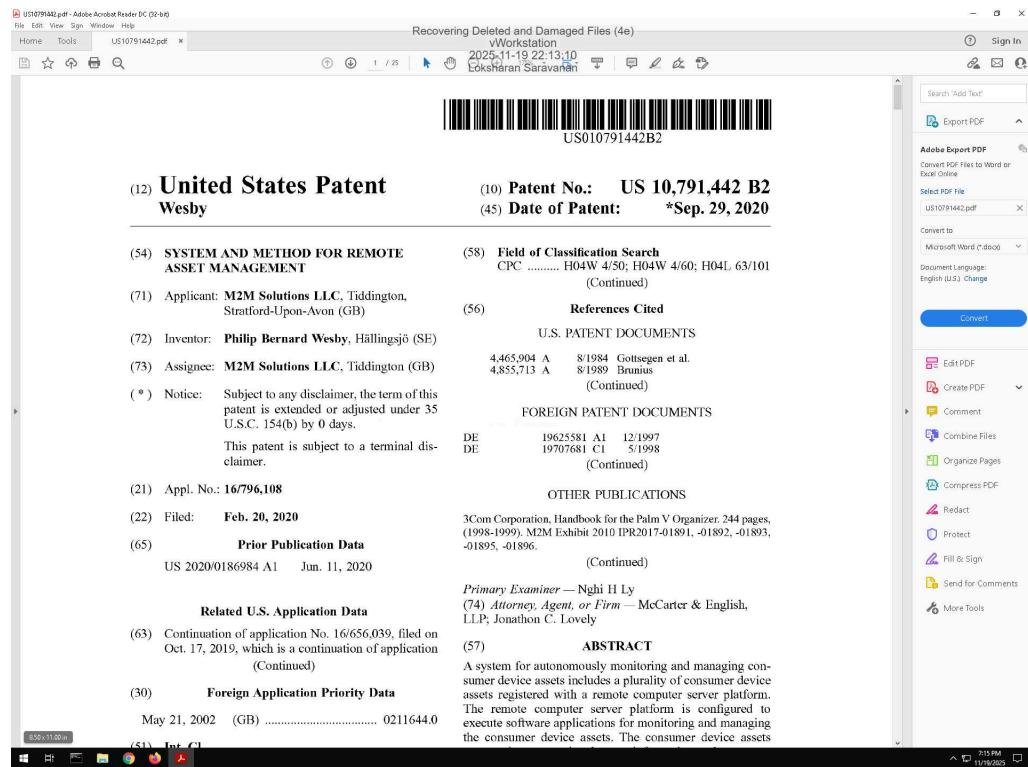
- 14. Make a screen capture showing the contents of the list of deleted files in Autopsy.**



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## 22. Make a screen capture showing the recovered patent file.



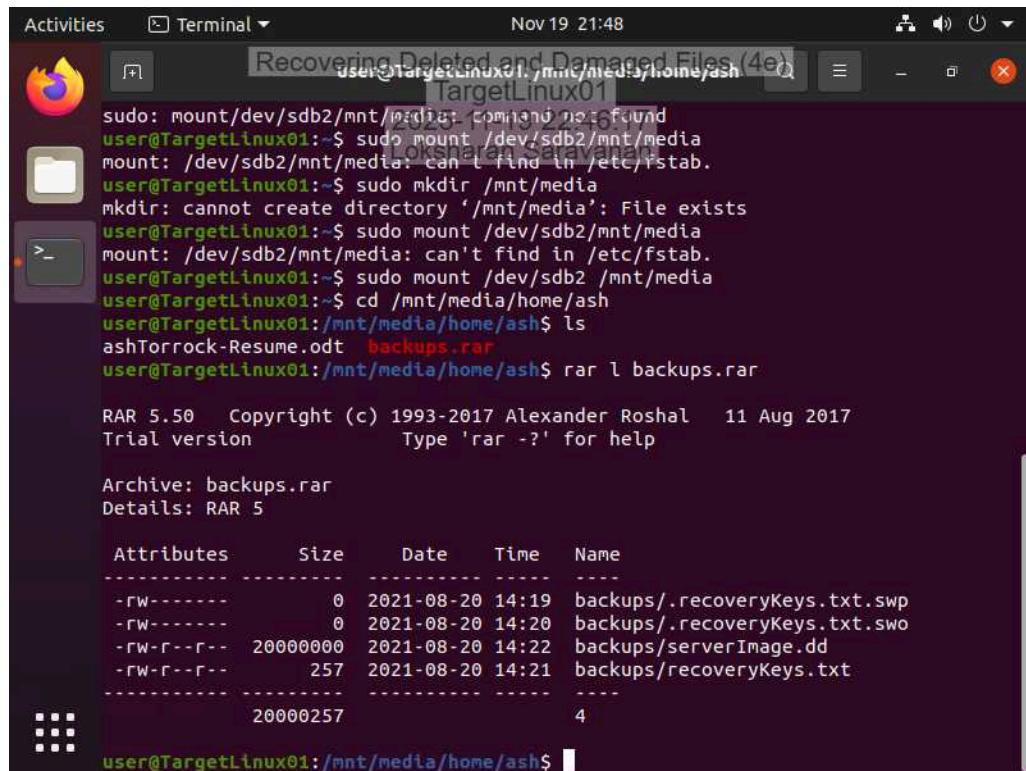
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## Section 2: Applied Learning

### Part 1: Recover Deleted Files in Linux with PhotoRec

9. Make a screen capture showing the contents of the RAR archive in the /mnt/media/home/ash directory.



The screenshot shows a terminal window on a dark-themed desktop environment. The title bar reads "Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)" and the command line shows the user's session: "user@TargetLinux01:/mnt/media/home/ash\$". The terminal output is as follows:

```
sudo: mount: /dev/sdb2/mnt/media: command not found
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mount /dev/sdb2/mnt/media
mount: /dev/sdb2/mnt/media: can't find in /etc/fstab.
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mkdir /mnt/media
mkdir: cannot create directory '/mnt/media': File exists
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mount /dev/sdb2/mnt/media
mount: /dev/sdb2/mnt/media: can't find in /etc/fstab.
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media
user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd /mnt/media/home/ash
user@TargetLinux01:/mnt/media/home/ash$ ls
ashTorrock-Resume.odt backups.rar
user@TargetLinux01:/mnt/media/home/ash$ rar l backups.rar

RAR 5.50 Copyright (c) 1993-2017 Alexander Roshal 11 Aug 2017
Trial version Type 'rar -?' for help

Archive: backups.rar
Details: RAR 5

Attributes      Size      Date     Time   Name
----- -----
-rw-----        0 2021-08-20 14:19  backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swp
-rw-----        0 2021-08-20 14:20  backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swo
-rw-r--r--  20000000 2021-08-20 14:22  backups/serverImage.dd
-rw-r--r--    257 2021-08-20 14:21  backups/recoveryKeys.txt
----- -----
                    20000257          4
```

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15. Make a screen capture showing the failed mount attempt on the /dev/sdb2 device.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)" running on "TargetLinux01". The terminal displays the following command sequence:

```
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Trial version
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Archive: backups.rar
Details: RAR 5

Attributes      Size      Date     Time   Name
-----          --       ----     ----  -----
-rw-----        0 2021-08-20 14:19  backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swp
-rw-----        0 2021-08-20 14:20  backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swo
-rw-r--r--  20000000 2021-08-20 14:22  backups/serverImage.dd
-rw-r--r--    257 2021-08-20 14:21  backups/recoveryKeys.txt
-----          --       ----     ----  -----
20000257                                4

user@TargetLinux01:/mnt/media/home/ash$ rm -f *
user@TargetLinux01:/mnt/media/home/ash$ cd ~
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo umount /dev/sdb2
sudo: umount: command not found
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo umount /dev/sdb2
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/sdb2 bs=1k seek=200 count =4k
4096+0 records in
4096+0 records out
4194304 bytes (4.2 MB, 4.0 MiB) copied, 0.196742 s, 21.3 MB/s
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media
mount: /mnt/media: wrong fs type, bad option, bad superblock on /dev/sdb2, missing codepage or helper program, or other error.
user@TargetLinux01:~$
```

32. Make a screen capture showing the compressed files recovered by PhotoRec.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)" running on "TargetLinux01". The terminal displays the following command sequence:

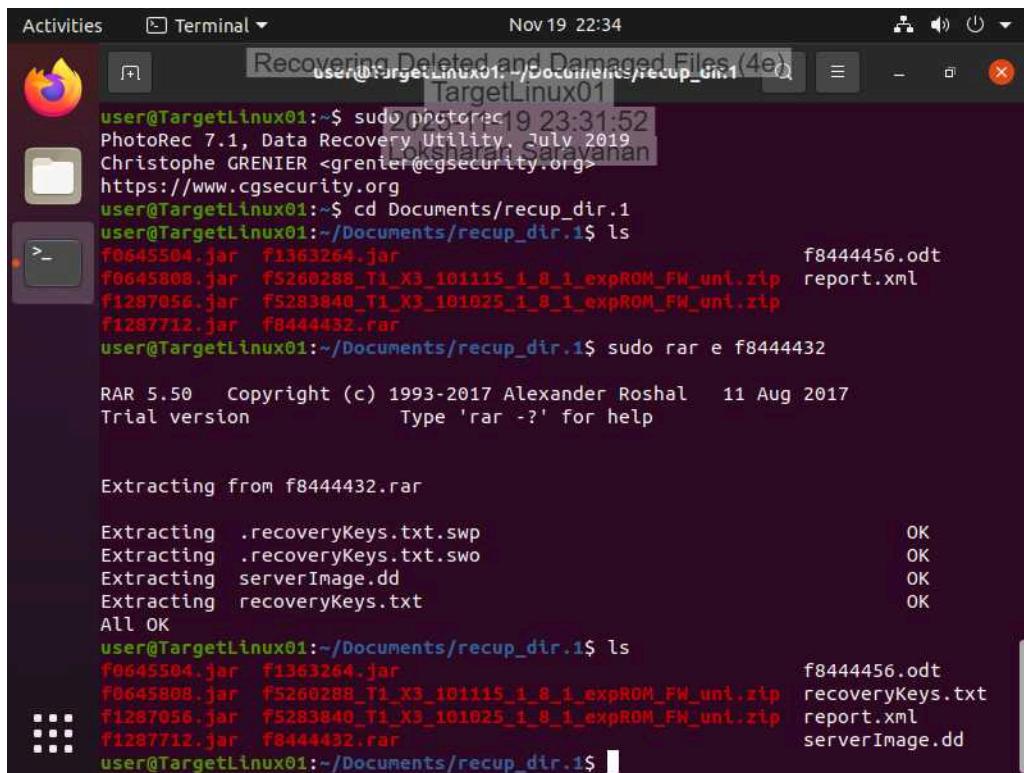
```
PhotoRec 7.1, Data Recovery Utility, July 2019
Christophe GRENIER <grenier@cgsecurity.org>
https://www.cgsecurity.org
Loksharan Saravanan

user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd documents/recup_dir.1
bash: cd: documents/recup_dir.1: No such file or directory
user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd Documents/recup_dir.1
bash: cd: Documents/recup_dir.1: No such file or directory
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo photorec
[sudo] password for user:
PhotoRec 7.1, Data Recovery Utility, July 2019
Christophe GRENIER <grenier@cgsecurity.org>
https://www.cgsecurity.org
user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd Documents/recup_dir.1
bash: cd: Documents/recup_dir.1: No such file or directory
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user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo photorec
PhotoRec 7.1, Data Recovery Utility, July 2019
Christophe GRENIER <grenier@cgsecurity.org>
https://www.cgsecurity.org
user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd Documents/recup_dir.1
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ ls
f0645504.jar  f1363264.jar          f8444456.odt
f0645808.jar  f5260288_T1_X3_101115_1_8_1_expROM_FW_unt.zip report.xml
f1287056.jar  f5283840_T1_X3_101025_1_8_1_expROM_FN_unt.zip
f1287712.jar  f8444432.rar
```

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35. Make a screen capture showing the backup files recovered from the RAR archive.



The screenshot shows a terminal window on a TargetLinux01 system. The user has run PhotoRec to recover files and then extracted them using RAR. The terminal output is as follows:

```
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo photorec
Nov 19 22:34
PhotoRec 7.1, Data Recovery Utility, July 2019
Christophe GRENIER <grenier@cgsecurity.org>
https://www.cgsecurity.org
user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd Documents/recup_dir.1
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ ls
f0645504.jar  f1363264.jar          f8444456.odt
f0645808.jar  f5260288_T1_X3_101115_1_8_1_expoROM_FW_unt.zip report.xml
f1287056.jar  f5283840_T1_X3_101025_1_8_1_expoROM_FW_unt.zip
f1287712.jar  f8444432.rar
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ sudo rar e f8444432

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Trial version           Type 'rar -?' for help

Extracting from f8444432.rar

Extracting .recoveryKeys.txt.swp          OK
Extracting .recoveryKeys.txt.swo          OK
Extracting serverImage.dd                OK
Extracting recoveryKeys.txt              OK
All OK

user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ ls
f0645504.jar  f1363264.jar          f8444456.odt
f0645808.jar  f5260288_T1_X3_101115_1_8_1_expoROM_FW_unt.zip report.xml
f1287056.jar  f5283840_T1_X3_101025_1_8_1_expoROM_FW_unt.zip
f1287712.jar  f8444432.rar          serverImage.dd
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$
```

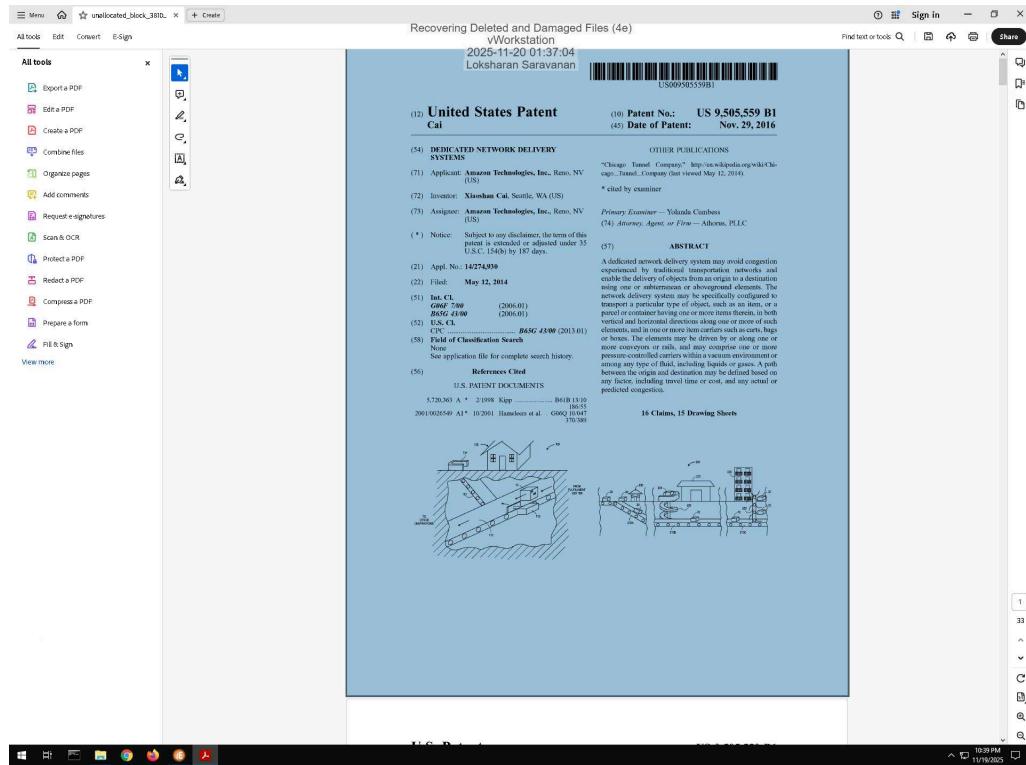
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## Section 3: Challenge and Analysis

### Part 1: Recover Deleted Files from a FAT Drive Image

Make a screen capture showing the patent file recovered from the FAT32 drive image within E3.



### Part 2: Recover Deleted Files from a APFS Drive Image

Make a screen capture showing the patent file recovered from the APFS drive image within Autopsy.

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Autopsy 4.18.0 interface showing file recovery results and a patent application document.

**File Recovery Results:**

- Case: loksharan data recovery pt2 - Autopsy 4.18.0
- Date: 2025-11-20 02:06:33
- User: Loksharan Saravanan
- Source: vWorkstation
- File Listing: /img\_APFS\_Data.img/APFS Pool/vol\_v0/0.Trashes/501
- Results: 14 Results
- Table View:

| Name                                       | S | C | O | Modified Time           | Change Time             |
|--|---|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| .DS_Store                                  | 2 |   |   | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| AK12613513753D.pdf                         | 2 |   |   | 2021-05-19 00:00:17 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| ameer-basheer-uziXnH7RI-unsplash.jpg       | 3 |   |   | 2021-05-18 01:18:17 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| BG56783837FD.pdf                           | 2 |   |   | 2021-05-19 00:00:18 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| CA27065241.pdf                             | 2 |   |   | 2021-05-17 03:09:54 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| GB2339950A.pdf                             | 2 |   |   | 2021-05-17 03:09:52 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| latif-abdulkareem-8XneuvUfFVs-unsplash.jpg | 3 |   |   | 2021-05-18 01:17:24 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |
| modernar00solo.pdf                         | 2 |   |   | 2021-05-19 00:00:19 MDT | 2021-05-24 04:09:20 MDT |

- Thumbnail View
- Summary View

**Patent Application Document:**

- Title: UK Patent Application GB 2 339 950 A
- Number: GB 2 339 950 A
- Publication Date: 08.02.2000
- Applicant: Duncan Morris Butlin, H M Pison Woodhill, Tetsworth Street, Milton Keynes, MK4 4PA, United Kingdom
- Inventor: Duncan Morris Butlin
- Agent and Address for Service: Duncan Morris Butlin, H M Pison Woodhill, Tetsworth Street, Milton Keynes, MK4 4PA, United Kingdom
- Abstract: Number Plate Providing Information About The Vehicle Driver
- Background: Two-sided transmittent background colours on either side of, reversible number plates 1 are a standardised, easy-to-change symbol on the exterior of a motor vehicle 2, which displays the sex or other information concerning the driver. The plate is attached to the vehicle with 'quick-release' positive-lock clips 3, to enable the quick reversing of the plate when a driver of the opposite sex takes over, while ensuring secure attachment to the vehicle body to minimise risk of accidental detachment. The symbol makes the sex of drivers immediately apparent to other road users and may also show the way they behave with each other; this will improve the behaviour of men and women towards one another, predict better the behaviour of odd drivers, and thus reduce the frequency and severity of traffic accidents. Background colour can also be altered from within the vehicle using electro-luminescent liquid crystal or electrically reflective panels.
- Figures: A diagram showing a number plate 1 with a symbol 2 attached by clips 3 to a vehicle body 4.