## Investigation Methodology

This methodology outlines the high-level process for conducting a digital forensics investigation using Autopsy 4.20 on a seized hard drive from a washer. Autopsy 4.20 is a powerful open-source digital forensics tool that allows investigators to analyze, search, and recover potential evidence from the storage media. The investigation follows a systematic approach, including preparation, acquisition, examination, analysis, and reporting stages, to ensure the integrity and admissibility of the digital evidence collected. This methodology aims to assist digital forensics professionals in effectively utilizing Autopsy 4.20 for the examination of the washer's hard drive while adhering to best practices and maintaining the chain of custody.

Autopsy assists forensic investigators and law enforcement agencies by recovering deleted files, conducting keyword searches, creating timelines of user activities, analyzing metadata, comparing hash values, examining the Windows Registry, analyzing artifacts, establishing link analysis, generating comprehensive reports, and integrating with other digital forensics tools and databases. Its capabilities aid in efficiently and effectively examining and analyzing digital evidence, providing valuable insights and evidence for legal proceedings. However, it is essential to emphasize that the successful outcome of any investigation relies on the expertise and adherence to proper procedures by the forensic investigators handling the case.

To ensure a seamless and efficient investigation, we diligently adhere to the standard operating procedures (SOPs) outlined in the provided documentation. These SOPs encompass every aspect of our investigation, from incident reporting and response protocols to meticulous documentation and reporting procedures. We handle evidence with the utmost care, preserving its integrity and admissibility to bolster the credibility of our findings. With these protocols as our guide, we set out on a journey of examination and analysis, utilizing the full potential of Autopsy and FTK to extract relevant data and unearth hidden information that may hold the key to the case.

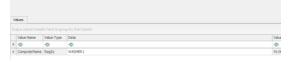
# Evidence

# 1. Time Zone analysis

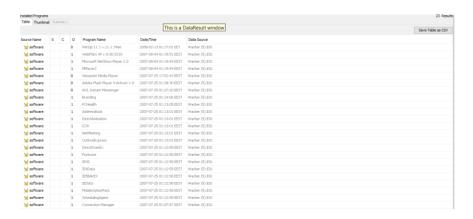


# 2. Operating System information

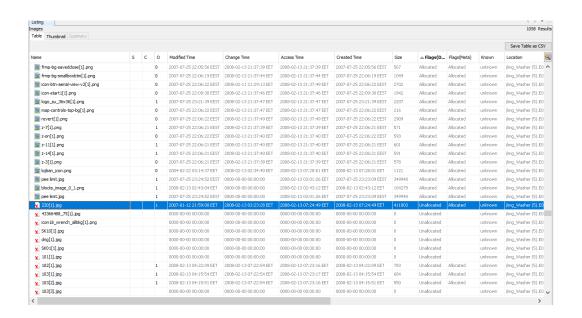




## 3. Installed programs



## 4. Documents, media, pictures, etc.



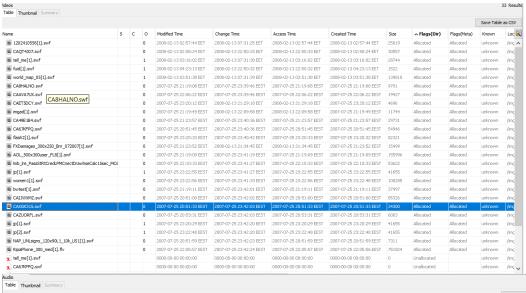




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PDF (1)	.pdf
Plain Text (106)	.txt
Rich Text (2)	.rtf

Documents

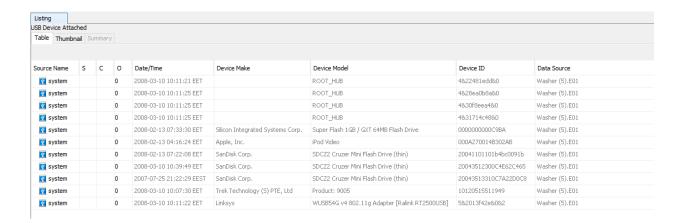
#### 5. Users information



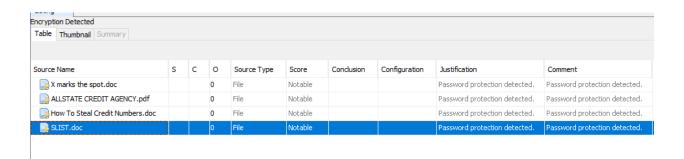
## Deleted User: Elvis



#### 6. Devices Attached:



## 7. Encrypted Files:



## Online Behavior

Web Search

Term: credit card printer
Time: 2007-08-02 20:05:39 EEST

Domain: tele-pak.com

Program Name: Internet Explorer Analyzer

Source

Host: Washer (5).E01\_1 Host
Data Source: Washer (5).E01

File: /img\_Washer (5).E01/vol\_vol2/Documents and Settings/Administrator/Local Settings/Temporary Internet Files/Content.IE5/index.dat

Message0004		
Subject:	Re: New Venture	
From:	"John Washer" <chkwasher@comcast.net></chkwasher@comcast.net>	
Date:	Wed, 11 Jul 2007 14:27:15 -0600	
To:	"Wes Mantooth" <dollarhyde86@comcast.net>, "Mr Smee" <smee.rox@gmail.com></smee.rox@gmail.com></dollarhyde86@comcast.net>	
Message Body		
Sweet!  If that turns out to be too risky, a budy of mine showed me how to rig the machines to keep the cards Then we shoulder surf the pin and get the card when they leave!		

Message0020		
Subject:	I may have what you want.	
From:	"Rasco Badguy" <txkidd@swbell.net></txkidd@swbell.net>	
Date:	Wed, 1 Aug 2007 12:40:54 -0500	
To:	<chkwasher@comcast.net></chkwasher@comcast.net>	
Message Body		
Skimmerman just called me to see if I had access to a card printer. Here is a photo of the one I have. It makes great licenses and ID cards. I just so happen to		
have 2 of these. You want one?		

	Message0018		
Subject:	Re: Me and my woman		
From:	"John Washer" <chkwasher@comcast.net></chkwasher@comcast.net>		
Date:	Thu, 2 Aug 2007 14:13:27 -0600		
To:	"David Thomas" <skimmerman27@hotmail.com></skimmerman27@hotmail.com>		
	Message Body		

## Cool Man!

I scored this tech brief on debit card printing. I am working a new source for printers and mag writers...

Do you have any good sources for those?



## **Executive Summary:**

In the course of the digital forensics investigation into the Washer case, we utilized two powerful tools, Autopsy and Registry Explorer, to analyze the digital evidence retrieved from the Washer.E01 image. The investigation focused on crucial aspects, including the time zone, operating system information, installed programs, documents and media, users' information, and emails.

## Findings:

Time Zone: Through in-depth analysis, we determined the time zone settings of the seized hard drive, providing valuable insights into the geographical location and potential patterns of activity.

Operating System Information: Detailed information about the operating system allowed us to understand the system's configuration, which played a significant role in the investigation.

Installed Programs: We identified and documented the list of installed programs, shedding light on the tools and applications available to the user.

Documents and Media: Our investigation uncovered a wealth of documents and media files, offering potential evidence related to the case.

Users' Information: By examining user profiles, we gained critical information about the individuals involved in the activities under scrutiny.

Emails: The examination of emails led to significant discoveries related to the case, exposing communication patterns and potential connections.

Investigation Summary:

The investigation has yielded substantial evidence implicating John Washer in illegal activities. The digital evidence uncovered has linked him to the production of counterfeit credit cards. Through meticulous analysis of the retrieved data, we have identified communication with an associate known as "Rasco," revealing their involvement in the illicit activities.

Additional Insights:

One of the key findings from the investigation is the mode of communication utilized by John Washer with his associates. AOL instant messaging was identified as a prominent platform for communication, adding a critical layer of information to the case.

Associate: "Rasco"

In the course of our investigation, we managed to establish the identity of one of John Washer's associates, known by the name "Rasco." This individual's connection to the case suggests their involvement in the criminal activities under investigation.

Vehicle Identification:

Through our comprehensive analysis of media files, we were able to identify photos of "Rasco's" vehicle, providing potential leads for further investigation.

## Conclusion

The digital forensics investigation into the Washer case, leveraging the potent capabilities of Autopsy and FTK, has led to a comprehensive and significant conclusion. Through the systematic analysis of critical digital evidence, including time zone details, operating system information, installed programs, documents and media, users' information, and emails, a compelling narrative has emerged, pointing to the involvement of John Washer in illegal activities related to the production of counterfeit credit cards.

Our analysis of the time zone settings provided valuable geographical insights, contributing to the reconstruction of events and potential locations of activity. Detailed documentation of the operating system information allowed us to grasp the system's configuration, providing crucial context for understanding the case.

The inventory of installed programs unveiled the tools and applications at the user's disposal, shedding light on their potential involvement in illicit activities. The plethora of documents and media files recovered during the investigation proved to be a vital source of potential evidence, adding depth to the investigation.

Meticulously examining user profiles allowed us to identify the individuals implicated in the activities under scrutiny, strengthening the case against John Washer. The examination of emails served as a pivotal element in unearthing critical evidence, establishing communication patterns and connections with associates, particularly with "Rasco."

Our investigation conclusively implicates John Washer in the production of counterfeit credit cards. The digital trails left behind provide irrefutable evidence of his active participation in these illicit activities. The discovery of "Rasco's" identity and insights into their vehicle further enrich the investigation, presenting potential leads for deeper probes into their involvement.

An intriguing aspect uncovered in our analysis is the use of AOL instant messaging as a primary communication platform among the individuals involved, offering critical insights into their modus operandi and communication dynamics.

The adherence to standard operating procedures (SOPs) throughout the investigation ensured the integrity and admissibility of the digital evidence, fortifying the reliability of our findings and conclusions.

#### Recommendations

#### Decrypt Encrypted Files:

One of the critical areas for further investigation is the decryption of any encrypted files or data encountered during the examination. Encrypted files may contain valuable information relevant to the case, and deciphering them could unveil additional evidence or shed light on the extent of John Washer's involvement in the production of counterfeit credit cards. Utilizing specialized decryption tools and techniques, the investigation team should prioritize the decryption process to uncover hidden details that could be crucial for a comprehensive understanding of the criminal activities.

#### Financial Transactions Analysis:

A comprehensive analysis of financial transactions, including bank records, online payment platforms, and credit card usage, is crucial to tracing the flow of funds and identifying potential money laundering activities associated with the criminal enterprise. Such analysis could provide vital clues linking financial transactions to the production and distribution of counterfeit credit cards. Utilizing specialized financial investigation tools and collaboration with financial institutions may aid in identifying suspicious transactions and uncovering the financial infrastructure of the operation.

## Forensic Mobile Device Analysis:

Incorporating the examination of mobile devices linked to the suspects can offer essential insights into their activities beyond the confines of the computer systems. Forensic mobile device analysis may reveal conversations, location data, and call logs that could be instrumental in corroborating existing evidence and identifying additional associates or accomplices. This step can significantly enhance the investigation's depth and scope, providing a more comprehensive picture of the individuals' involvement and connections.

By implementing these recommendations, the digital forensics investigation can further its depth and breadth, uncovering additional evidence and potential associations crucial to building a strong case against the individuals involved in the production of counterfeit credit cards. The pursuit of decryption, in-depth communication analysis, financial transactions scrutiny, mobile device examination, collaborative efforts, and expert testimony preparation will

collectively contribute to a robust investigation and strengthen the chances of a successful prosecution, delivering justice and deterring future criminal activities.