**Lizard Squad**

**Criminal Activity:**

* **DDoS’ing XBL and PSN**
* **DDoS’ing multitudes of gaming sites**
* **Tweeting in a bomb threat on the Sony CEO’s plane, forcing the plane to reroute**
* **Hacking machinima**
* **Hacking Malaysia Airlines**

**Lizard Squad is a blackhat group known for their history of DDoS attacks against just about anything with a network connection, from League of Legends servers to Playstation Network and Xbox Live. Their more high profile hacks include the takedown of XBL and PSN around the Christmas holidays, the highest traffic period for these companies. They also claimed to have taken the North Korean internet offline for an entire day. They defaced Machinima and the website for Malaysia airlines as well, showing that their skills did not just include DDoS attacks and failed Tor attacks.**

**At one point, LS announced they were retiring. The “retirement” didn’t last long, as they came back to launch more attacks against gaming companies. Upon announcing their Christmas season attacks, another hacker group, “The Finest Squad”, surfaced, vowing to end the LS’s reign of terror. Surprisingly, the group succeeded, doxing most of the high profile membership of LS. The members were arrested, and a site was set up to honor the downfall of the prime membership.**

**According to reports by the LS and others, none of Finest Squad’s leaks were correct. LS shut down their Twitter page in the beginning of 2017, but operated long after the actions of Finest Squad. There was a secondary leak by MLT of TeamPoison, a pastebin post containing doxed information on all of the members of Finest Squad, rife with ASCII art and claims of incompetence on the part of Finest Squad. Upon reading the pastebin dump, the dox look real enough, so it should be assumed that the Lizard Squad is still free, to some extent.**

**Targets:**

* **Gaming companies**
* **XBL**
* **PSN**
* **Other hacking groups**

**Connections:**

* **Vinnie Omari (arrested – released)**
* **Zeekill (arrested)**
* **Fbiarelosers (arrested)**
* **UchihaLS (arrested)**
* **Sp3cial1st**
* **HackForums**
* **Darkode**
* **Jordie**
* **Pain**
* **Plague**
* **Criminal (possibly Mafi?)**