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1 Can you suggest why the authorities have considered Rick to be a potential suspect of uploading the files to PharmaLeaks?

The Authorities could have considered Rick Chick as a Potential Suspect by analyzing the Annotated Email leaked and investigated its Comments and Highlights realizing that Rick Chick was its mentioned Author. [Figure: 1]

Another Path that the Authorities could have followed is checking if the Registered PharmaLeaks Account where the leaked files have been posted had any leads pointing to Rick Chick. The way that we found out that Rick Chick was Logged in will be explained later in this Report.

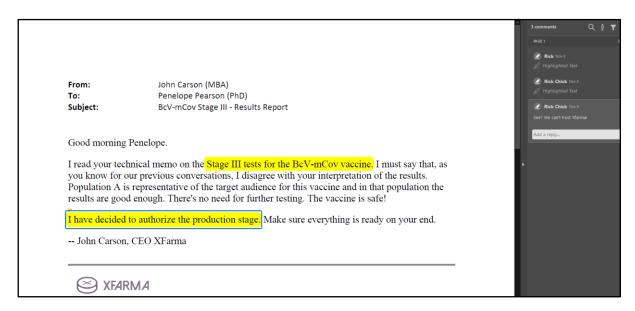


Figure 1: Annotated Email PDF

2 Do you find any traces of the PharmaLeaks files on Rick's computers?

Yes, we found the leaked files in the hard disk image of Rick's backup server.

The Steps we performed to find out the leaked files were:

- 1. We began by analyzing the .bash_history file in the /home/rick directory in the hard disk image of Rick's workstation. By analyzing it we were able to find out that the possible leaked files were downloaded as xfarma.zip and moved to the /data/xfarmadocs directory which was then securely deleted. Besides this we also find out that the xfarma-ceo-email.pdf was opened with evince (Document Viewer). We were also able to realize that an environment variable called BACKUP_PASS exists. [Figure: 2]
- 2. As we found out that the possible leaked files were deleted using the *srm* command, we went into the hard disk image of Rick's backup server and realized that on */home/rick* there were a few backups. We extract those backups and find out that they were protected by a Password. We had a previously knowledge of the existence of a *BACKUP_PASS* in the hard disk image of Rick's workstation. [Figure: 3]
- 3. We began by checking all possible files where that environment variable could be. We found out that its definition was on /etc/profile and its value was the output of a python program obfuscator present on the /home/rick/assets directory. [Figure: 4]
- 4. We extracted obfuscator and executed it to find out the value of *BACKUP_PASS* which is *r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK*. [**Figure**: 5]
- 5. Once we found out the value of *BACKUP_PASS*, we unzipped all the existing backups using that Password and found out that in the three most recent ones was the *xfarmadocs* directory with the leaked files, once that it hashes matches the ones leaked to PharmaLeaks. [**Figure**: 6]

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File Actions Edit View Help

opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136385
/home/rick/.bash_history
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136385
sudo su
set -o | grep history
mkdir /data/xfarmadocs
mv /data/downloads/xfarma.zip /data/xfarmadocs/
evince /data/xfarmadocs/xfarma/xfarma-ceo-email.pdf
sudo su
echo $BACKUP_PASS
sudo apt
sudo apt install srm
sudo apt install secure-delete
srm -vz /data/*
srm -rvz /data/*
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$
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Figure 2: Bash History

Figure 3: Protected Backups

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File Actions Edit View Help
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 393442
/etc/profile
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ icat -0 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 393442
# /etc/profile: system-wide .profile file for the Bourne shell (sh(1))
# and Bourne compatible shells (bash(1), ksh(1), ash(1), ...).
if [ "${PS1-}"
          {PS1-}" ]; then
"${BASH-}" ] <del>66</del> [ "$BASH" ≠ "/bin/sh" ]; then
     # The file bash.bashrc already sets the default PS1.
     # PS1='\h:\w\$
     if [ -f /etc/bash.bashrc ]; then
       . /etc/bash.bashrc
    if [ "`id -u`" -eq 0 ]; then
PS1='# '
       PS1='$ '
if [ -d /etc/profile.d ]; then
for i in /etc/profile.d/*.sh; do
   if [ -r $i ]; then
  done
  unset i
export BACKUP_PASS=$(python3 /home/rick/assets/obfuscator)
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$
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Figure 4: BACKUP_PASS Definition

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File Actions Edit View Help

opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136395
/home/rick/assets/obfuscator
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136395 > obfuscator
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ python3 obfuscator
r1ck_7ru7h2020_CH1cK
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$
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Figure 5: BACKUP_PASS Value

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File Actions Edit View Help

opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 606
/home/rick
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ fls -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 606
r/r 34224: .bash_logout
r/r 34400: .bashrc
r/r 36017: .profile
d/d 36031: .cache
r/r 36034: .sudo_as_admin_successful
d/d 9168: .ssh
r/r 10533: .bash_history
r/r * 36025(realloc): .backup_1604831402.zip.To7LJ3
r/r 77070: backup_1604761201.zip
r/r 27008: backup_1604763001.zip
r/r 11760: backup_1604827801.zip
r/r 35731: backup_1604827801.zip
r/r 36025: backup_1604827801.zip
r/r 36025: backup_1604829601.zip
r/r 36025: backup_1604829601.zip
r/r 36025: backup_1604831402.zip
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ unzip -q -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604831402.zip
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ unzip -q -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604831402.zip
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ data/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ data/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ data/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ data/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data sc xfarmadocs/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data/xfarmadocs/xfarma$ ls
BCV-mCov_internal_report.pdf
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data/xfarmadocs/xfarma$ md5sum BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf
8e5ac2390ef3e86a40f91be4a7eff550 BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf
8e5ac2390ef3e86a40f91be4a7eff550 BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf
8e5ac2390ef3e86a40f91be4a7eff550 BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data/xfarmadocs/xfarma$ md5sum xfarma-ceo-email_pdf
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data/xfarmadocs/xfarma$ md5sum xfarma-ceo-email_pdf
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data/xfarmadocs/xfarma$ md5sum xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data/xfarmadocs/xfarma$ md5sum xfarma-ceo-emai
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Figure 6: Leaked files

3 Can you find any evidence that PharmaLeaks file have indeed been uploaded from Rick's computers, and what the source of these files may have been? Establish a timeline of relevant events.

We will present our hypothesis of how the events happened in the following timeline:

Timeline Events Hypothesis			
Event	Time	Description	
1	Nov 7 14:32	Rick Logs into his PC [Figure: 7]	
2	Nov 7 15:00	Creation of the Backup ZIP backup_1604761201.zip [Annex File: backup_1604761201.zip]	
3	Nov 7 15:05	From: Rick Chick	
		To : N16H70WL	
		Subject: Job	
		Message:	
		We have a common friend. He told me you are the one I need for a job.	
		Can we meet?	
		R	
		[Annex File: Sent]	

4	Nov 7 15:11	From: N16H70WL
		To: Rick Chick
		Subject: Re: Job
		Message:
		38.737310, -9.130273
		today
		1715
		[Annex File: Inbox]
		 Meeting Details: Coordinates: Fonte Luminosa in Alameda Time: Nov 7 17:15
5	Nov 7 15:30	Creation of the Backup ZIP backup_1604763001.zip [Annex File: backup_1604763001.zip]
6	Nov 7 15:33	Rick Logs out of his PC [Figure: 7]
7	Nov 7 17:15	Supposedly Rick meets N16H70WL [According to Event : 4]
8	Nov 8 09:01	Rick Logs into his PC [Figure: 7]
9	Nov 8 09:15	From: N16H70WL
		To: Rick Chick
		Subject: Done
		Message:
		V2hhdCB5b3UgYXNrZWQgZm9yOiBodHRwczovL3d3dy5kcm9wYm94LmNvbS9zL25mN2M0azd 1aWsxMW5iNC94ZmFybWEuemlwP2RsPTA=
		[Annex File: Inbox]
		Message Decoded from Base64:
		What you asked for: https://www.dropbox.com/s/nf7c4k7uik11nb4/xfarma.zip?dl=0
10	Nov 8 09:20	Rick Visits the leaked files Dropbox [Figure : 11]
11	Nov 8 09:20	Rick Downloads the leaked files ZIP xfarma.zip [Figure: 10]
12	Nov 8 09:21	Rick Extracts the Email PDF xfarma-ceo-email.pdf [Annex: recently-used.xbel]
13	Nov 8 09:25	Rick Opens the Email PDF xfarma-ceo-email.pdf Using Document Viewer
		[Annex: recently-used.xbel]
14	Nov 8 09:26	Rick Creates an Annotated Email PDF xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf
		[Annex: recently-used.xbel]
15	Nov 8 09:26	Rick Opens the Annotated Email PDF <i>xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf</i> Using Document Viewer
		[Annex: recently-used.xbel]
16	Nov 8 09:30	Creation of the Backup ZIP backup_1604827801.zip [Annex File: backup_1604827801.zip]
17	Nov 8 09:40	Rick Registers himself on the PharmaLeaks Website [Figure: 11]

18	Nov 8 09:41	Rick Logins himself on the Pharma Leaks Website [Figure: 11]
19	Nov 8 09:42	Rick Gets in the Pharma Leaks Website [Figure: 11]
20	Nov 8 09:42	Rick Opens a New Page on the Pharma Leaks Website [Figure: 11]
21	Nov 8 09:43	The Report PDF BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf and Annotated Email xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf are Used by Firefox [Annex: recently-used.xbel]
22	Nov 8 09:44	Rick Does a Request on the Pharma Leaks Website with a Suspicious Description Suggesting that He is Leaking the Files [Figure: 11] Suspicious Description:
		What they don't wan't you to know!
23	Nov 8 10:00	Creation of the Backup ZIP backup_1604829601.zip [Annex File: backup_1604829601.zip]
24	Nov 8 10:05	Rick Searches on Internet How to Permanently and Securely Delete Files [Figure: 11]
25	Nov 8 10:05	Rick Opens an Article that Explains How to Permanently and Securely Delete Files
		[Figure: 11]
		Article Description:
		In this article, we will explain several command line tools for permanently and securely deleting files or memory in Linux.
26	Nov 8 10:30	Creation of the Backup ZIP backup_1604831402.zip [Annex File: backup_1604831402.zip]
27	Nov 8 11:02	Rick Deletes the leaked files from his PC [Figure: 13]
28	Nov 8 11:02	Rick Logs out of his PC [Figure: 7]
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Source of leaked files:

- The BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf and xfarma-ceo-email.pdf has been downloaded from a Dropbox which Link was sent to Rick Chick from N16H70WL via Mail. [Events: 9, 10, 11]
- The *xfarma-ceo-email.pdf* was then highlited and commented by Rick Chick in Document Viewer creating the *xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf*. [Events: 12, 13, 14, 15]

Evidence that Rick Chick has indeed uploaded the leaked files:

• Given that Rick Chick had in his possession the leaked files, and Rick's browser accesses it 1 minute before he does a Request to PharmaLeaks with a suspicous description suggesting that he is leaking the files, we strongly believe that Rick Chick has indeed Uploaded them to PharmaLeaks. [Events: 21, 22]

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File Actions Edit View Help
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 306149
/var/log/wtmp
opty@opty:~/D
rick :0
                  ocuments/Lab_2$ icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 306149 > wtmp & last -f wtmp
                                                                                            (02:00)
(02:01)
(01:00)
            :0 :0 Sun Nov
system boot 5.4.0-52-generic Sun Nov
:0 Sat Nov
                                                                   8 09:01 - down
8 09:01 - 11:02
7 14:32 - down
reboot
rick
            7 14:32 - down
7 14:32 - 15:33
6 18:29 - down
6 18:29 - 18:35
6 16:07 - crash
6 16:06 - 18:35
reboot
                                                                                            (01:00
(00:05
reboot
            system boot 5.4.0-52-generic Fri Nov
:0 :0 :0
            :0 :0 Fri Nov
system boot 5.4.0-52-generic Fri Nov
wtmp begins Fri Nov 6 15:56:08 2020 opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$
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Figure 7: Login Logs

Figure 8: Mail Logs

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File Actions Edit View Help
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ cd data/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data$ ls
downloads firefox_cache xfarmadocs
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/data$ cd firefox_cache/
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2/datafrirefox_cache$ ls
addons.json content-prefs.sqlite
                                                                             formhistory.sqlite protections.sqlite
                                                                                                                                                         SiteSecurityServiceState.txt
                                                                                                        safebrowsing
saved-telemetry-pings
search.json.mozlz4
SecurityPreloadState.txt
                                                                             mp-gmpopenh20
handlers.json
                                      cookies.sqlite-wal
                                                                            key4.db
minidumps
OfflineCache
                                                                                                                                                          storage.sqlite
broadcast-listeners.json
                                      extension-preferences.json
                                                                                                                                                          times.json
                                                                            permissions.sqlite sessionCheckpoints.json
cert9.db
ClientAuthRememberList.txt extensions.json compatibility.ini favicons.sqlite
                                                                            pkcs11.txt
places.sqlite
                                                                                                                                                         webappsstore.sqlite
webappsstore.sqlite-wal
shield-preference-experiments.json xulstore.json
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Figure 9: Places Table Found



Figure 10: Downloads

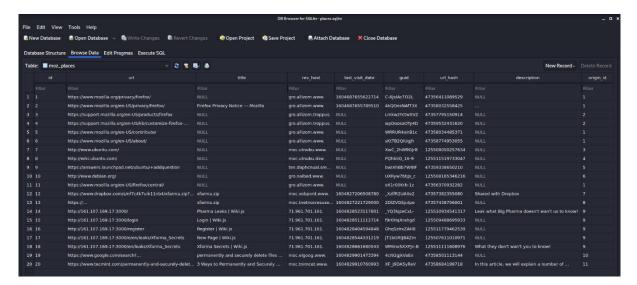


Figure 11: Firefox History

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File Actions Edit View Help

opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 284779
/home/rick/.local/share
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ fls -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 284779
d/d 284780: tracker
d/d 448343: xorg
d/d 551612: ibus-table
d/d 551625: keyrings
d/d 312179: gnome-shell
d/d 312181: evolution
r/r 284781: session_migration-ubuntu
d/d 448380: applications
d/d 448380: applications
d/d 448381: flatpak
d/d 448384: flatpak
d/d 448386: icc
d/d 312201: gnome-settings-daemon
d/d 4312201: gyfs-metadata
d/d 448407: nautilus
r/r * 284699(realloc): recently-used.xbel.UAQPT0
r/r 284699: recently-used.xbel
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 284699 > recently-used.xbel
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ md5sum recently-used.xbel
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ md5sum recently-used.xbel
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ md5sum recently-used.xbel
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ recently-used.xbel
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Figure 12: Recently Used Files Log

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File Actions Edit View Help

opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ffind -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136385 /home/rick/.bash_history
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136385 sudo su
set -o | grep history
mkdir /data/xfarmadocs
mv /data/downloads/xfarma.zip /data/xfarmadocs/
evince /data/xfarmadocs/xfarma/xfarma-ceo-email.pdf
sudo su
echo $BACKUP_PASS
sudo su
sudo apt install srm
sudo apt install secure-delete
srm -vz /data/*
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ istat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 136385
inode: 136385
Allocated
Group: 16
Generation Id: 426690121
uid / gid: 1000 / 1000
mode: rrw——
Flags: Extents,
size: 278
num of links: 1
Inode Times:
Accessed: 2020-11-08 11:02:26.581560265 (GMT)
File Modified: 2020-11-08 11:02:26.581560265 (GMT)
Inode Modified: 2020-11-08 11:02:26.581560265 (GMT)
File Created: 2020-11-06 16:06:39.479448504 (GMT)

Direct Blocks:
558410
opty@opty:~/Documents/Lab_2$ ■
```

Figure 13: Deletion Evidence

4 What can you tell about the identity of the person(s) responsible for leaking the files?

There are two persons responsible for leaking the files:

- N16H70WL: Who provided the leaked files by sending a link to its Dropbox to Rick Chick in the Mail Exchange. [Mail: N16H70WL_services@protonmail.com] [Annex: Inbox] [Figure: 14]
- Rick Chick: Who made the Annotated Email PDF with its Comments and Highlights and uploaded it along
 with the Report downloaded from N16H70WL Dropbox to PharmaLeaks. [Mail: rick_chick_@outlook.com]



Figure 14: Dropbox Owner

5 Annexes:

Note: The Backups are not present in the *Annexes* folder along with the Report because it was not possible due to Size Constraints. However, it can be obtained following the commands below.

- backup_1604761201.zip: Backup containing the firefox_cache folder of the hard disk image of Rick's backup server at Nov 7 15:00.
 - o MD5: 35dc3d5a455cbe5ad008a00060c57b58
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 27007 > backup_1604761201.zip
 - o **Command to Unzip**: unzip -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604761201.zip
- backup_1604763001.zip: Backup containing the firefox_cache folder of the hard disk image of Rick's backup server at Nov 7 15:30.
 - o **MD5**: de216611dd10fbdc44b6328f6fd376d1
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 27008 > backup_1604763001.zip
 - Command to Unzip: unzip -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604763001.zip
- backup_1604827801.zip: Backup containing the downloads folder, the firefox_cache folder and the xfarmadocs folder of the hard disk image of Rick's backup server at Nov 8 09:30.
 - o **MD5**: c8e0a92ccc6d09eaf8bd0e74bf9a61ff
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 11760 > backup_1604827801.zip
 - Command to Unzip: unzip -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604827801.zip

- backup_1604829601.zip: Backup containing the downloads folder, the firefox_cache folder and the xfarmadocs folder of the hard disk image of Rick's backup server at Nov 8 10:00.
 - o **MD5**: 2a05c7471c5d518430ddeea7441d1206
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 35731 > backup_1604829601.zip
 - **Command to Unzip**: unzip -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604829601.zip
- backup_1604831402.zip: Backup containing the downloads folder, the firefox_cache folder and the xfarmadocs folder of the hard disk image of Rick's backup server at Nov 8 10:30.
 - o **MD5**: f5bf6e88c20e392d8a44902cdcf5f63a
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0000002048 backup_disk.dd 36025 > backup_1604831402.zip
 - Command to Unzip: unzip -P r1cK_7ru7h2020_CH1cK backup_1604831402.zip
- BcV-mCov_internal_report.pdf: Report that was leaked to PharmaLeaks (Hashes matches), found in the hard disk image of Rick's backup server.
 - o **MD5**: 8e5a62390ef3e86a40f91be4a7eff550]
 - o **Present in**: Last three backups in *xfarmadocs/xfarma* folder.
- *xfarma-ceo-email.pdf*: Email that was used by Rick to create *xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf*, found in the hard disk image of Rick's backup server.
 - o **MD5**: 87eca7a4b6ec8c47d2351172ab825a24
 - o **Present in**: Last three backups in *xfarmadocs/xfarma* folder.
- *xfarma-ceo-email_annotated.pdf*: Email that was leaked to PharmaLeaks (Hashes matches), found in the hard disk image of Rick's backup server.
 - o **MD5**: dc1abdb8679d3ca10a7f40b5b6436a35
 - o **Present in**: Last three backups in *xfarmadocs/xfarma* folder.
- *places.sqlite*: Contains the history of the browser as well as the downloads, which proves that *xfarma.zip* was downloaded from it and that he interacted with PharmaLeaks Website, found in the hard disk image of Rick's backup server.
 - MD5: 58690f087b47dcc17ff800d92177ce46
 - **Present in**: Last backup in *firefox_cache* folder.
- *Inbox*: Contains relevant emails sent from N16H70W, found in the hard disk image of Rick's workstation.
 - o MD5: ba4d14d3fd6e938e03adbaee1c224e18
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 10703 > Inbox
- Sent: Contains relevant emails sent to N16H70W, found in the hard disk image of Rick's workstation.
 - o **MD5**: f734ddbae63e1de47d4c072d00ec1793
 - o **Command to Extract**: icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 10874 > Sent
- recently-used.xbel: Recently Used Files Logs, which shows that the emails were opened in Document Viewer and the browser used the leaked files on a suspicious moment, found in the hard disk image of Rick's workstation.
 - **MD5**: 7af45076d5525a72b1dc7f1eea8d9972
 - Command to Extract: icat -o 0001052672 rick_disk.dd 284699 > recently-used.xbel