How to decide that 1KKhtG8XygZM7ioyWFWUzSwGZTjFcs8nR4 bitcoin address has suspicious activities.

- 1. First visit to bitcoinabuse portal to verify that address belongs to bitcoin blockchain.
- 2. Verify that the address is reported by someone as a malicious or not if yes then the address is malicious otherwise we need to check financial transactions of that account
- 3. Visit bitref and insert suspected bitcoin address in the search box and hit enter. This will give us details about list of transactions are done by that address.
- 4. Search number of transactions and intended source and recipient for those transaction on blockchain.com
- 5. If after six or more hopes bitcoin is again resend to this address it indicates that address is suspicious.
- 6. Search current address and all other suspicious address on bitcoinwhoswho portal to get its IP.
- 7. Search that IP on the passivedns to get URL for that IP address.
- 8. After getting URL finally search who owns that URL on the whois.domaintolls.com

### Rihan sir!!!

Let's Investigate & be a Crypto-Investigator in 30 Minutes.

## As an Investigator

- To find details associated with the suspicious cryptocurrency address in any given case.
- To use commercial tools but to also use Open Source Intelligence.

### **Investigating Crypto-Assets**

### Step 1 : Validate The Address First

- Start by checking the suspicious address is a valid address before diving into investigation.
- Tools:
  - <a href="https://thomas.vanhoutte.be/tools/validate-bitcoin-address.php">https://thomas.vanhoutte.be/tools/validate-bitcoin-address.php</a>
  - o <a href="https://awebanalysis.com/en/bitcoin-address-validate/">https://awebanalysis.com/en/bitcoin-address-validate/</a>

# Check valid Bitcoin address

#### Bitcoin Address Validator

Check a Bitcoin address for its validity. This tool will see if the given string of text is indeed a correaddress before sending any Bitcoins to it.

Some key facts about valid Bitcoin addresses:

- · A Bitcoin address is between 25 and 34 characters long;
- the address always starts with a 1;
- an address can contain all alphanumeric characters, with the exceptions of 0, 0, I, and I.

Now check your address by entering it below:

Bitcoin Address

CHECK THIS ADDRESS

## **Step 2 : Confirm the Address Balance**

Start by confirming and preparing the reports on the address Balance.

- Tools:
  - o <a href="https://www.homebitcoin.com/easybalance/">https://www.homebitcoin.com/easybalance/</a>
  - o https://www.cointracker.io/wallet/bitcoin
  - o <a href="https://bitref.com/">https://bitref.com/</a>
  - o <a href="https://www.blockonomics.co/">https://www.blockonomics.co/</a>

## 15K9Zj1AU2hjT3ebZMtWqDsMv3fFxTNwpf

| Total Received: | 0.09036343 |
|-----------------|------------|
| Total Sent:     | 0.08945595 |
| Final Balance:  | 0.00090748 |



#### Total transactions: 23. Most recent:

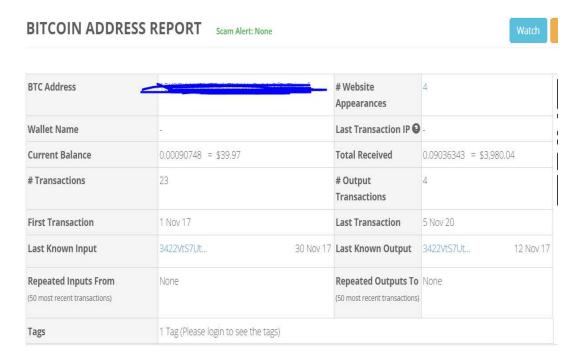


|   | Date <b>▼</b>       | Amount     | USD value |
|---|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| 8 | 2020-11-05 13:31:21 | 0.00006300 | \$2.78    |

## **Step 3: Prepare Reports On Bitcoin Address**

Check for SPAM/SCAM Alert, Current Balance, I/O Transact-ions, IP Address, Web Appearance, etc...

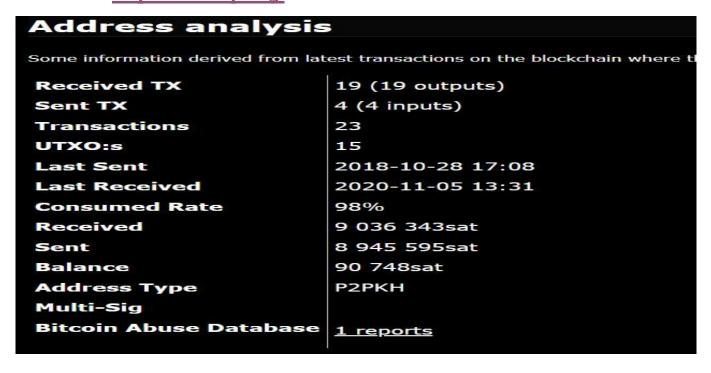
- Tools:
  - o <a href="https://bitcoinwhoswho.com">https://bitcoinwhoswho.com</a> (Need to Register to get details)



## **Step 4: Link Transactions**

Identify Transactions, Identify Blocks, Checked for Mined Blocks and search for exchange names

- Tools:
  - o <a href="https://hashxp.org/">https://hashxp.org/</a>



# **Step 5: Identify Related Domains**

### **Passive DNS**

- Tools:
  - o <a href="https://passivedns.mnemonic.no/">https://passivedns.mnemonic.no/</a>
  - o <a href="https://whois.domaintools.com/">https://whois.domaintools.com/</a>
  - o <a href="https://bgpview.io/">https://bgpview.io/</a>



| a <u>seed.bit</u>  | coinstats.com     | <u>176.9.28.155</u> | 2019-03-10 23:28 |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| a <u>x9.dnss</u> ı | eed.emzy.de       | <u>176.9.28.155</u> | 2020-12-17 12:14 |
| a <u>dnsseed</u>   | .litecoinpool.org | <u>176.9.28.155</u> | 2018-06-23 05:28 |

# Step 6: Search Engine, Social Media & Email Investigation

Everyone exists somewhere on internet. Search them.

- Tools:
  - o Search Engine Search
  - o Social Media Search
  - MXToolBox Email Search
  - SPYTOX Email Search



e.g. Mark Smith

Find people, personal info & phone numbers.

# Step 7: Identify Wallet & Exchange

Use Basic Algorithm to determine wallet address. Search for possible exchanges based on wallet and link the traces.

- Tools:
  - o WalletExplorer
  - o oxt.me