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## REPORT

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## 1. Introduction

This legal report provides a detailed information of the forensic findings and legal implications related to Hunter XP Case. The purpose of this report is to present evidence in a clear, structured manner to support legal proceedings and provide a personal legal opinion on the case. From what I have examined, this case is mainly related to stalking and extortion. Two suspects related to this case are **Billy Ray** and **Bob Hunter**.

Victims of the crime are **Sabrina Dewercs** and **Christina Detsiwt**, including their fathers **Ted Dewercs** and **John Detsiwt**. Two suspects were found with case proving evidence of their respective offence i.e. Stalking and Extortion. The photographs of the victims were clicked by **Canon PowerShot G2** digital camera. I also found the proof related to extortion where suspects used **Hotmail** to ask for ransom to the fathers of relevant victims. John gave his banking information to the suspect but Ted did not entertain them. The total amount of ransom demanded by the suspect was 1million dollars. The suspect also used internet to explore about lawyers, stalking information, anti-forensic tools, and encryption tools. At last suspect used **IMAPI.EXE** to burn out CD/DVD.

## 2. Case Overview

The forensic investigation uncovered several significant findings relating to the actions and offence committed by **Bob Hunter** and **Billy Ray**.

### 1. Stalking

Analysis of the image file revealed strong evidence of stalking activities carried out using a Canon PowerShot G2 camera. The images of Christina and Sabrina were organized across multiple directions, indicating monitoring and photographing of the victims over time. The quantity of pictures of the victims shows strong stalking behaviour.

### 2. Extortion

Hunter and Ray used the digital photographs of victims as a mean to pressurise and extort their respective fathers, Ted and John. The information extracted by Hotmail consists ransom and banking details demanded by the suspects to respective fathers. The total ransom demanded by them was 1 million dollars. This conduct confirms that the victims' families were subjected to extortion through threats linked to the illegally obtained photographs.

### 3. Conspiracy

The forensic investigation showed that Bob and Billy acted jointly in planning and executing the stalking and extortion. Their coordinated efforts included tracking the victims, capturing images, and using those images to demand money. Also, they searched information related to anti-forensic techniques and legal consequences of similar cases, which shows prior planning and awareness. This collectively shows and establish the act of conspiracy.

## 4. Use of Anti-Forensic Tools

Logs and artefacts indicated the use of various anti-forensic and disk-wiping utilities. These actions suggest deliberate attempts to destroy digital evidence related to the offences. The disk image also contained evidence of research into multiple anti-forensic tools, reinforcing the intent to frustrate the forensic examination.

## 5. Tools Used in the Investigation

1. Autopsy 4.22.1
2. AccessData FTK Imager 4.7.1
3. RegRipper v3.0-master
4. AccessData Registry Viewer v1.8.0.5 (DEMO MODE)
5. Ophcrack v3.8.0
6. Hec Editor HxD

## 3. Offence Committed and Relevant Punishment

### 1. Stalking

**Section 2A** of the **Protection from Harassment Act 1997** defines stalking is a course of conduct that leads to harassment.

Such conduct may cause a serious mental issue or may result to fear of violence, so considering these activities the offence must be treated as aggravated stalking and should fall under **Section 4A** of the Act.

Legal Penalty:

A conviction for stalking may result in imprisonment of up to **10 years**, precisely where the act of mental breakdown and fear of violence has occurred. (**Protection of Harassment Act 1977**)

## 2. Blackmail (Extortion)

**Section 21** of the **Theft Act 1968** defines extortion or blackmailing as an act of demanding an unwarranted money with the intention of gaining for oneself or causing a loss to another.

Legal Penalty:

Blackmail or extortion is an indictable-only offence and it carries a maximum sentence of **14 years** imprisonment, reflecting the seriousness of the damage done to the victim. (**Theft Act 1968**)

## 3. Conspiracy

**Section 1** of the **Criminal Law Act 1977** defines conspiracy as the act when two or more persons agree to commit a criminal offence. The conspiracy is complete at the point of agreement, even if you have committed it or not.

Legal Penalty:

The penalty for the conspiracy varies according to the crime that the suspect has planned off and it can reach up to **life sentence** if the conspiracy is posing threat to the nation. (**Criminal Law Act 1977**)

## 4. Possession of Anti-Forensic and Encryption Tools

If you try to run any anti-forensic tool after doing offensive act or try to obstruct the encryption you will have to face the **Computer Misuse Act 1990** and also **RIPA 2000**.

Legal Penalty:

The penalty can reach up to **7 years** of imprisonment. (**Computer Misuse Act 1990 and RIPA 2000**)

## 4. Personal Legal Opinion and Conclusion

The Hunter XP case underscores the significant legal and societal implications of stalking and extortion offences. The quantity and consistency of the forensic evidence including photographs of the victims, conversation between both suspects, possession of anti-forensics tools, deep research about the relevant crimes and its respective punishment, and deletion and concealment of the relevant data artefacts establishes that the criminal offences have been committed by both of the suspect Hunter Bob and Billy Ray. All these findings establish deliberate intent and sustained criminal behaviour. Such activities have clearly breached multiple statutory provisions, including “The Protection of Harassment Act 1977”, “The Theft Act 1968”, and “The Computer Misuse Act 1990”. It is important that accountability is enforced to uphold justice and to ensure appropriate closure for the victims affected by these crimes.

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