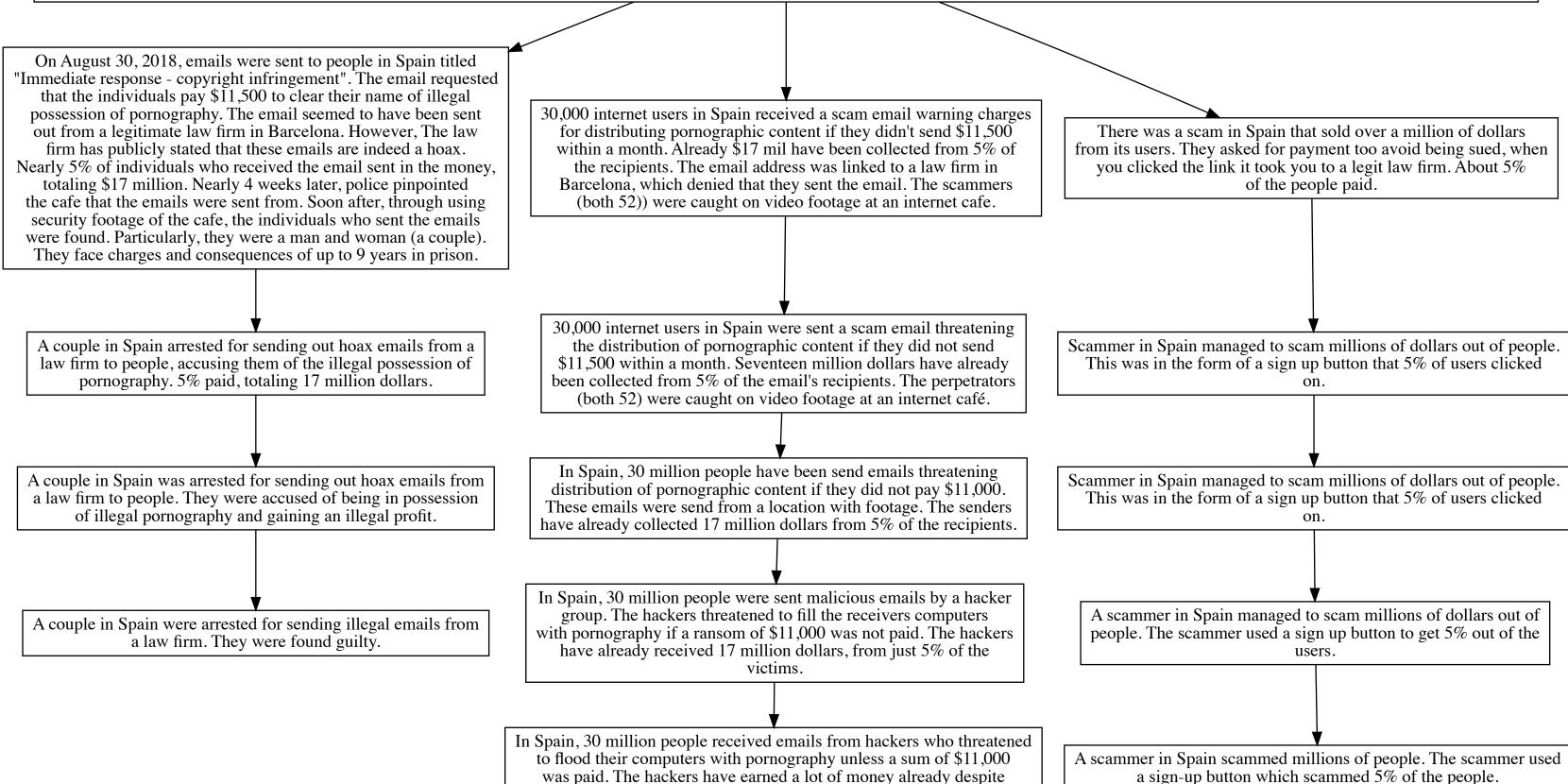
On August 30 2018, 30,000 internet users in Spain received an email with the subject line 'Immediate response required - copyright infringement'. In these emails, the recipients were accused of illegally distributing pornographic content and were instructed to pay \$11,500 by the end of September to avoid a lawsuit. Searching for the email address online leads to an official law firm website located in Barcelona. Shortly after the emails were sent out, the law firm disowned them, calling them a hoax. So far, police officials estimate that approximately 5% of the recipients have paid the money. This sums to more than \$17 million that have been paid to the scammers. Now, nearly 4 weeks later, the police have tracked down the internet cafe from which the emails were sent. After observing the cafe's camera footage, the police arrested a man and a woman (both 52) who were allegedly responsible for the scam. If found guilty, they face up to 9 years in prison. Moreover, news outlets recently acquired access to the camera footage and found that the video material is of very high quality and therefore undoubtedly reliable.



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