

# *Nethken Corporation*

As the Corporate Security Officer for the Nethken Corporation, my team and I are responsible for the overall direction of all security functions associated with Information Technology applications, communications (voice and data), and computing services within the enterprise. We are also responsible for the physical security, protection services, and privacy of the corporation and its employees. Through this role I coordinate security efforts across the enterprise, including information technology, human resources, communications, legal, facilities management, and other groups to identify security initiatives and standards.

As background, our company is a 9-to-5 operation; that is, the entire building is empty every night with the exception of our physical security staff stationed outside and a few janitors inside (that clean the bathrooms, vacuum the carpets, empty all the trash cans, and so on). Nethken Corporation makes a good deal of money doing what we do and are very good at it. We have competitors that might want to know the details of current projects and upcoming products in order to launch their own competing versions. Currently, our company is at the end of a major development cycle of a new design that we plan to announce next Monday. Needless to say tensions have been high as Monday approaches. Over the last several days my team and I have been begun to suspect that one of our own employees may be attempting to exfiltrate information about our latest design to one of our competitors. Because of time sensitivity and our announcement being next Monday, I am requesting your assistance in determining if our beliefs that an insider is divulging confidential information to an outside source are correct.

We have obtained some relevant information through a preliminary analysis of the situation and a sweep of our building. We need your help to answer the following questions:

- (1) Who is the employee (the insider) exfiltrating our intellectual property?
- (2) How did s/he exfiltrate our intellectual property?
- (3) Who was the target/outside (the receiver of the intellectual property), and who does s/he work for?
- (4) What intellectual property did the insider exfiltrate?
- (5) How should we (Nethken Corporation) respond as a company?

As you discover information through your investigation you should report it to the security team immediately at the following email address: [nethken.cso@gmail.com](mailto:nethken.cso@gmail.com). Any additional information relevant to this matter that you uncover during your investigation should be sent to me as well.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please keep the fact that you are performing this investigation confidential. If there is an insider in our company we do not want to alert them that we are on to them.