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Operation Oval: Child Protection

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1. Overview of the Case

1.1 Narrative of the case

A Group of Persons do Sexual grooming of a Child. They engages in predatory conduct to prepare a child person for sexual activity at a later time. They communicate to befriend and establish a relationship by emotional connection with the child. In this case A person engages in predatory conduct to prepare a child person to befriend and attach with her and emotionally or systematically capture her social media id. Their connection was established via social media platforms. He has partners for grooming of a child.

1.2 Timeline of key evidence

Image Information:

Acquisition started: Wed Nov 9 05:19:45 2022 Acquisition finished: Wed Nov 9 05:25:36 2022

Segment list:

F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil.E01
F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil.E02
F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil.E03

Image Verification Results:

Verification started: Wed Nov 9 05:25:37 2022 Verification finished: Wed Nov 9 05:27:07 2022

1.3 Details of the offenders, victims and witnesses

A targeted child name arid tortoise sexually abused by offenders. Witness is child image & Project_1.pdf file collected from seizure device of offender.

1.4 Photographs of any physical evidence, clues or supplemental material



1.5 Scenario Rules

A tortoise represent a victim child image. Flag represent the Offender image. Sample Pendrive represent the seizure device from the offenders.

2. Legislation Analysis

2.1 Legislation

High quality and disaggregated data on all forms of child sexual exploitation and abuse collected. children and young people's views are considered as a key element of the development of legislation related to online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

2.2 Points to prove

A Child emotionally abused by a grooming person & the person have partners for child sexual exploitation.

2.3 What the Digital Forensics case can prove

This Digital Forensics case can prove that who is the child, who is the offender & which member included with real offender.

2.4 What the Digital Forensics case will not prove

This Digital Forensics Case does not prove the exact location address of the offenders.

2.5 Highlight any artefacts that undermine the prosecution's case.

Here is social media chat between victim & offender that can prove, child emotionally attached with offender & offender treated her by like this and also the child social media id password collected by the offender. Attachment Below:

you wake up?? hm Can we talk in call? why? You are so cute! What is your pass!! Share me!! We will check out. Ok? I am using phone Pass tortoise 123 You unsent a message

3. Evidence File

3.1 Details of the Evidence File

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Case Information:

Acquired using: ADI4.5.0.3

Case Number: 545 Evidence Number: 112

Unique description: Child_Protection

Examiner: Hamid Emon

Notes: Seizure Image From device

Information for F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil:

Physical Evidentiary Item (Source) Information:

[Device Info]

Source Type: Logical
[Drive Geometry]
Bytes per Sector: 512
Sector Count: 15,814,593
[Physical Drive Information]
Removable drive: True
Source data size: 7721 MB
Sector count: 15814593
Image Information:

Acquisition started: Wed Nov 9 05:19:45 2022 Acquisition finished: Wed Nov 9 05:25:36 2022

Segment list:

F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil.E01
F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil.E02
F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil.E03

Image Verification Results:

Verification started: Wed Nov 9 05:25:37 2022 Verification finished: Wed Nov 9 05:27:07 2022

3.2 Hash value of the Evidence File

[Computed Hashes]

MD5 checksum: 9fd659c98c29a35e2766bb1dc7c490b4 : verified

SHA1 checksum: cbecf8dd5f5b71eadd72018a07a7383b59d3302b: verified

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Mensil.E01.txt - Notepad
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File Edit Format View Help
Created By AccessData® FTK® Imager 4.5.0.3
Case Information:
Acquired using: ADI4.5.0.3
Case Number: 545
Evidence Number: 112
Unique description: Child Protection
Examiner: Hamid Emon
Notes: Seizure_Image_From_device
Information for F:\Hamidemon705\Evidence Files download\Mensil:
Physical Evidentiary Item (Source) Information:
[Device Info]
Source Type: Logical
[Drive Geometry]
 Bytes per Sector: 512
 Sector Count: 15,814,593
[Physical Drive Information]
 Removable drive: True
 Source data size: 7721 MB
 Sector count: 15814593
[Computed Hashes]
MD5 checksum:
                9fd659c98c29a35e2766bb1dc7c490b4
 SHA1 checksum: cbecf8dd5f5b71eadd72018a07a7383b59d3302b
Image Information:
 Acquisition started: Wed Nov 9 05:19:45 2022
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 Verification finished: Wed Nov 9 05:27:07 2022
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 SHA1 checksum: cbecf8dd5f5b71eadd72018a07a7383b59d3302b : verified
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4. Artefacts

4.1 Summary of Artefacts

Data Recovery					
DRF	Content of Files				
DRA	Contents of Application Data Structures				
DROS	Contents of Operating System Data Structures				
DRFS	Contents of File System				
Data Hiding					
DHU User					
DHA	Application				
DHOS	Operating System				
DHFS	File System				

Figure 4.1 – Key for table 4.2

			Filename or Data		
Category	Туре	Number	Structure	Comment	
	Document File &		Project_1.pdf	Files containing the victim child image &	
DRF	Picture File	4.2.1	Arid-tortoise.jpg	Clarification.	
				File containing some social media chat	
DRA	Picture File	4.2.2	Chats.jpg	logs between victim & offender.	
				File containing the information about	
			.img_Mensil.E01/	offender edited the victim image for	
DROS	Registry File	4.2.3	Software_Hive	sexually Abuse. Like tools and file.	
			.img_Mensil.E01/	Files containing information about child	
DRFS	Document File	4.2.4	Deleted Files	protection research article by UNICEF.	
	White text on white		Something_	Contains information about sexual	
DHU	background	4.3.1	Bookmark.docx	abused images goes to online.	
				File Containing ethical consideration	
DHA	Audio file	4.3.2	Stegano.pdf	message for child protection.	
				File containing Data secret data hiding by	
DHOS	Unknown File(.sc)	4.3.3	Stegano.sc	changing the file extension	
				File containing offender real image	
DHFS	Picture File	4.3.4	Catch me.jpg	information.	
			Child_abused_	File Containing the victim child abused	
DHU_1	Compressed File	4.3.5	Image.zip	image.	
	Compressed File with				
	Picture File		Gromming_	File Containing the information of	
DHU_2		4.3.6	Partners.zip	offender partners.	
				File containing information on a article	
				related with online child sexual	
DHU_3	Text File	4.3.7	Link.txt	exploitation and abuse	
				Here is Some secret string under this	
				image. Containing information about	
DR_1	Image File	4.3.8	Victim.png	victim real name.	

Table 4.2 – Summary Table of Artefacts

4.2 Data Recovery Artefacts

4.2.1 Category DRF

Screenshot of the artefact:

Content- Abusement- A tortoise we found from social media emotionally. We need to continue chatting with his favorite social media platform.







Metadata

Name: /img_Mensil.E01/efi/microsoft/Project_1.pdf

Type: File System

MIME Type: application/pdf

Size: 13159

File Name

Allocated

Allocation:

Metadata
Allocated

Modified: 2022-11-08 19:26:48 GMT

Accessed: 2022-11-09 00:00:00 GMT

Created: 2022-11-09 05:03:56 GMT

Changed: 0000-00-00 00:00:00

MD5: ff711451343cb686d9910b5c3d94a077

SHA-256: 7afd65bee62d08e5bfb4996e387fd134591a54f27db56c16a2f8a3901176ac3d

Hash Lookup

UNKNOWN

Results:

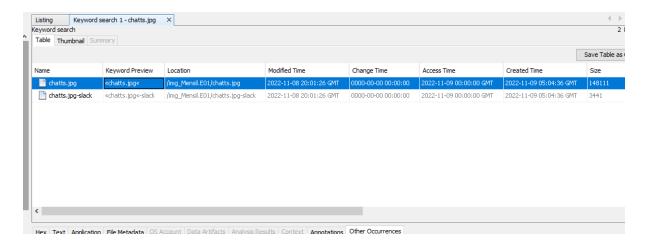
Internal ID:

1969

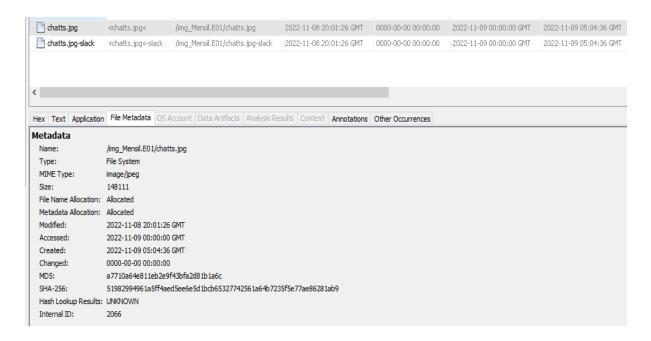
Description and implications of the artefact:

This Document ensure that offender found a child person from social media by contacting emotionally. They planned for continue the chat in social media platform with her. They mentioned her name & we found the named picture. So that is relevant that the victim.

4.2.2 Category DRA



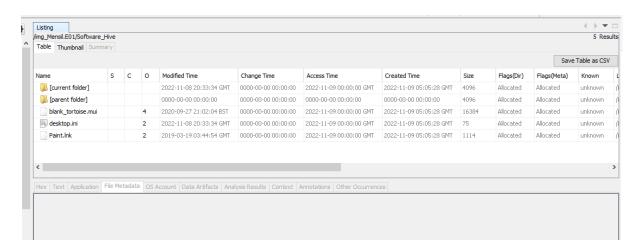


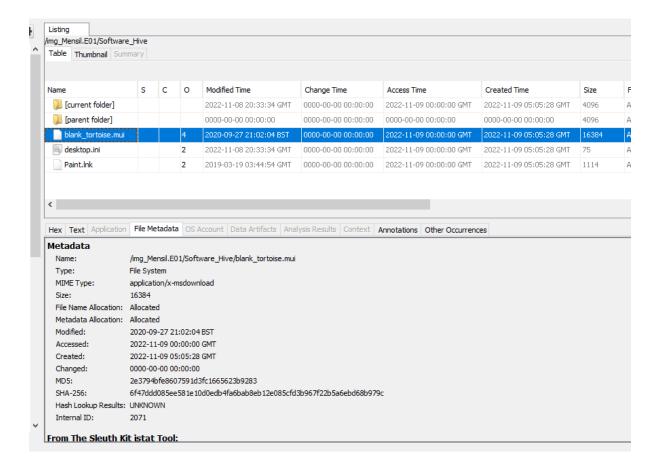


Here is social media chat between victim & offender that can prove, child emotionally attached with offender & offender treated her by like this and also the child social media id password collected by the offender.

4.2.3 Category DROS

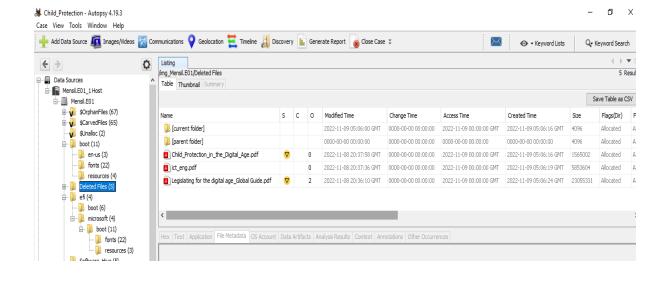
Screenshot of the artefact:



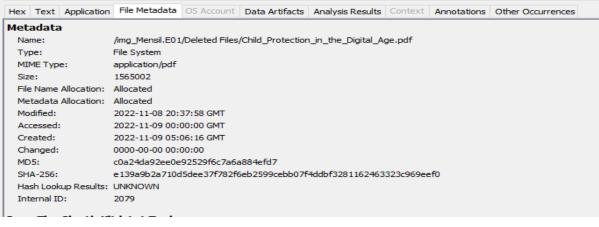


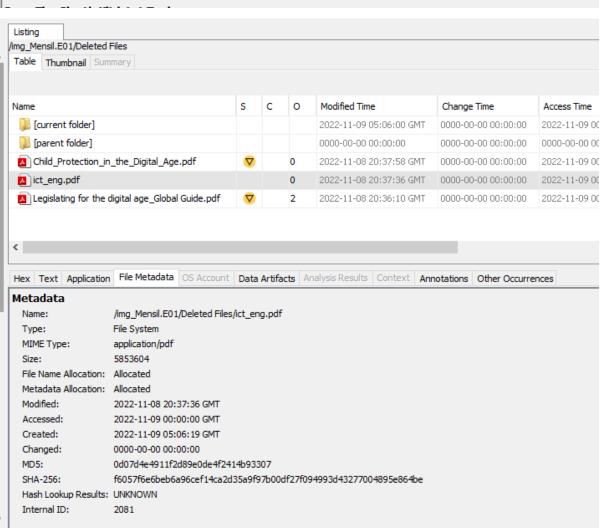
Victim Image edited by this software. For make sexual abusement image edited by paint software & the files hives saved.

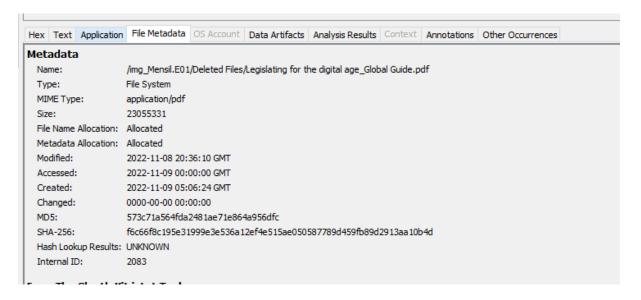
4.2.4 Category DRFS



Result: 1 of 1	Result (+ ->	Metada			
Туре	Value	Source(s)			
ersion ersion	4				
ate Modified	2022-06-08 21:51:35 BST	org.sleuthkit.autopsy.k			
ate Created	2022-06-08 21:41:01 BST	org.sleuthkit.autopsy.k			
ource File Path	/img_Mensil.E01/Deleted Files/Legislating for the digital age_Global Guide.pdf				
rtifact ID	9223372036854775740				



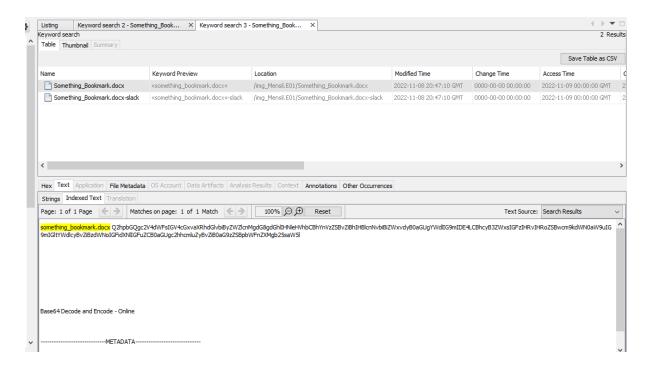




This Section clarify that offenders analysis the article on Child protection in the digital age & legislation on Global Guidance. Thinking to bypass the Digital law inforcement.

4.3 Data Hiding Artefacts

4.3.1 Category DHU

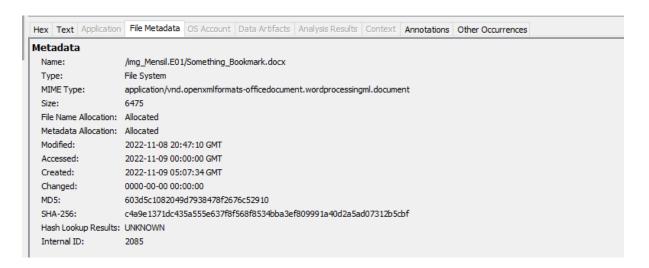


Content:

Q2hpbGQgc2V4dWFsIGV4cGxvaXRhdGlvbiByZWZlcnMgdG8gdGhlIHNleHVhbCBhYnVzZSBvZiBhIHBlcn NvbiBiZWxvdyB0aGUgYWdlIG9mIDE4LCBhcyB3ZWxsIGFzIHRvIHRoZSBwcm9kdWN0aW9uIG9mIGltYWdlcyBvZiBzdWNoIGFidXNlIGFuZCB0aGUgc2hhcmluZyBvZiB0aG9zZSBpbWFnZXMgb25saW5l

Base64 Decode and Encode - Online

A screenshot of artefact evidence details:



Description and implications of the artefact:

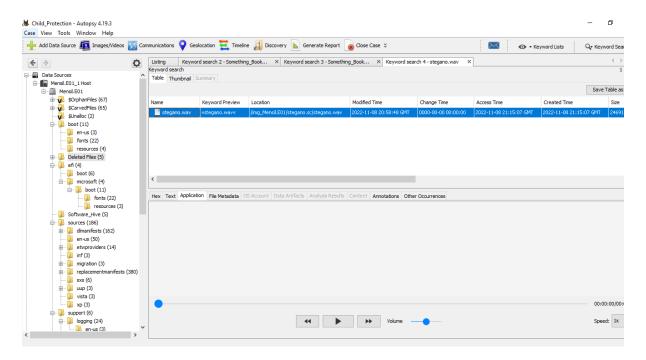
Offender Hide some secret data in a docx file by encrypting to a hash code like base64 format. After decode the hash found that text "Child sexual exploitation refers to the sexual abuse of a person below the age of 18, as well as to the production of images of such abuse and the sharing of those images online". We clarify that they are planning to share the abuse images of a child to social media platform.

Description of the hiding/unhiding process:

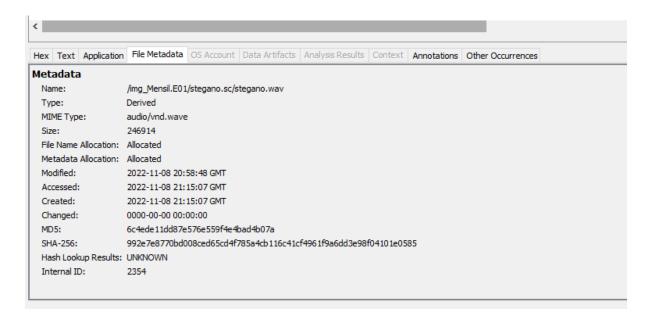
Hide the characters in a docs file by a white background. Basically when it is opened then it can view by blank but mark the page and change the colour then we found the text that is hash value like base64. We decode from base64 decoder.

4.3.2 Category DHA

Screenshot of the artefact:



A screenshot of artefact evidence details:



Description and implications of the artefact:

Offender Used the steganography technique for hide some secret data that is related to Grooming of a child & Abusement. The extracted message is

WEWILLSAFEOURCHILDFROMSEXUALABUSEMENT

They used Morse Code Adaptive audio for hide the text.

Description of the hiding/unhiding process:

Data Hiding in Application section Like Steganography

This is a morse code adaptive audio for some plain text messages. We hide a readable message in audio via morse code. You can extract the plain text by decode the morse code adaptive audio using a suitable decoder. We used an online site to make the file <u>link</u>.

Decode the file using Morse code Adaptive audio decoder site. Link: Morse Code Audio Decoder | Morse Code World

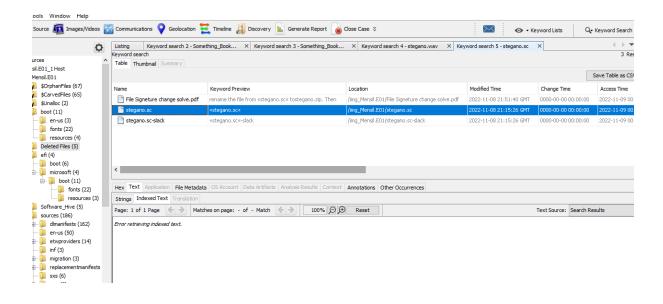
Step-1: go to the link and upload the audio file.

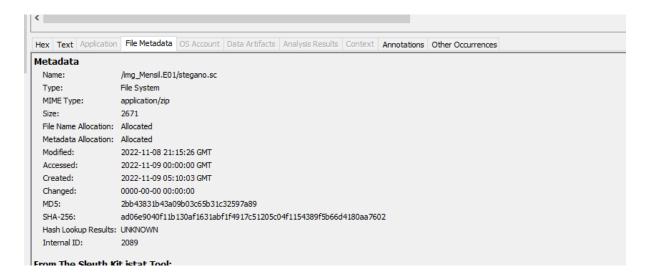
Step-2: Set the morse speed 20 WPM & Minimum, maximum frequency is 700 HZ. Screenshot below

Select	File	Speed (wpm)	Min volume (dB)	Max volume (dB)	Min frequency (Hz)	Max frequency (Hz)	Volume threshold	FFT size
•	Morse	20	-100	-30	700	700	200	256
0	Alphabet	30	-100	-30	600	600	200	256
0	Alphabet	40	-60	-30	700	700	200	256
0	Fox (via mic)	23	-60	-30	600	700	225	256
0	Inspector Morse	10	-60	-30	1313	1358	25	1024
0	Two Tone	20	-60	-30	300	300	200	1024
0	Two Tone	20	-60	-30	700	700	200	1024

Use the "Apply" button to change the parameters to those selected in the table. The "Play" button will play the selected file regardless.

4.3.3 Category DHOS



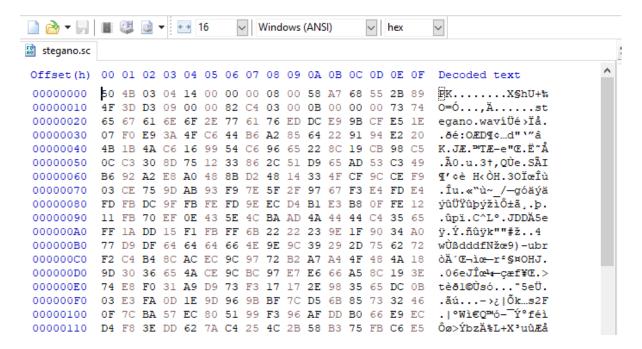


Description and implications of the artefact:

In this section Offender Make corrupt the file by change the extension of the previous section file Compressed like Stegano.zip to stegano.sc

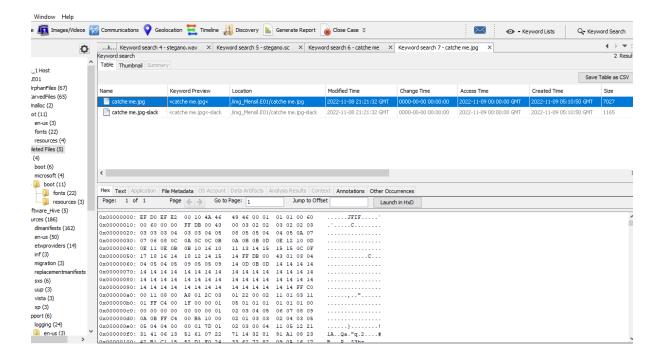
Description of the hiding/unhiding process:

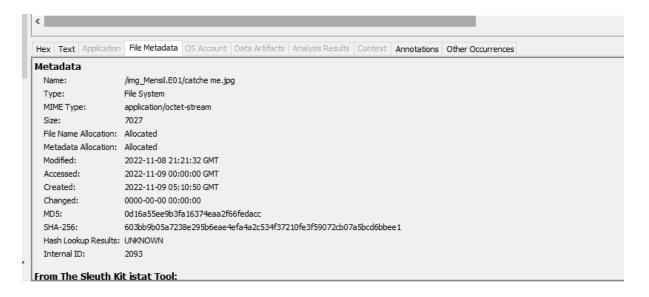
Check the extension by matchinfg header signature.



Hex start from "50 4B 03 04" that is Related to zip file. Rename the file from stegano.sc to stegano.zip.

4.3.4 Category DHFS





Description and implications of the artefact:

Finally we noticed that this is the offender image and information. But the image is being corrupted. We need to correct it. Here is, they do the file signature change for hide the real image. This is a offenders jpg image but not opened. So after correct the header signature of jpg file then it will opened. And we got it our offenders image.

Description of the hiding/unhiding process:

File Signature Correction

For the "Catch me" jpg fle, we showed that the fle does not open due to a signature or extension mismatched. This image extension we show that it's a jpg fle but not opened. Using HxD tools, we can open it to check the signature with a detailed hex view with ascii value. After Open in HxD,

Check the fle header signature.

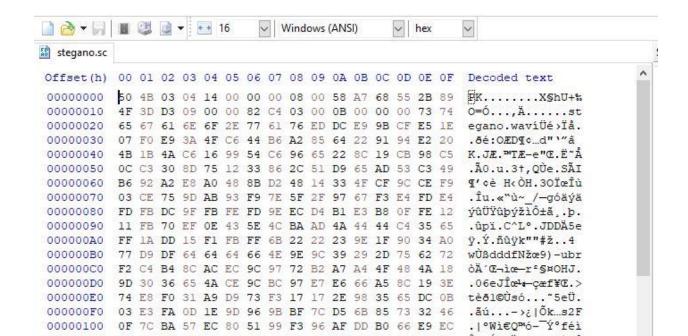
We noticed that the hex value ended with FF D9.

But also we can see that its start JFIF in ascii section & ended by hex FF D9. That means it's a jpg fle. Extension is correct. But the signature is incorrect, that's why this is not open.

We know that the Jpg fle header signature starts from **FF D8 FF E0** sequence. So we will correct from the beginning. And save it. Then it will be open.

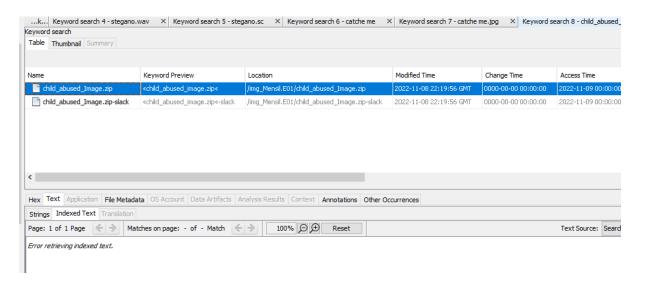
File Extension Correction

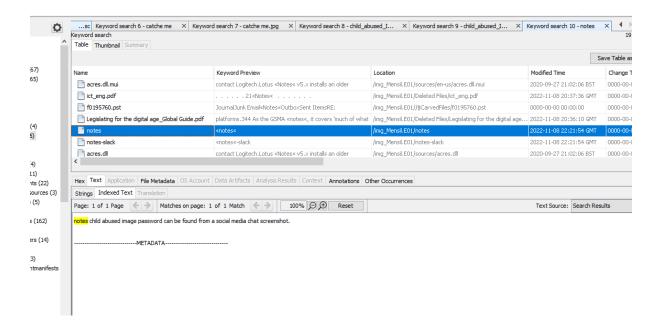
For stegano fle we can see that it's an unknown fle. By open in HxD.



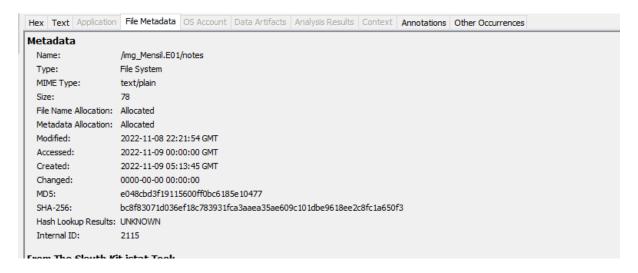
Hex starts from 50 4B 03 04 that means it's a zip fle. Zip fle header is 50 4B 03 04. so , we need to rename the fle from stegano.sc to stegano.zip. Then it will be corrected and will open.

4.3.5 Category DHU_1





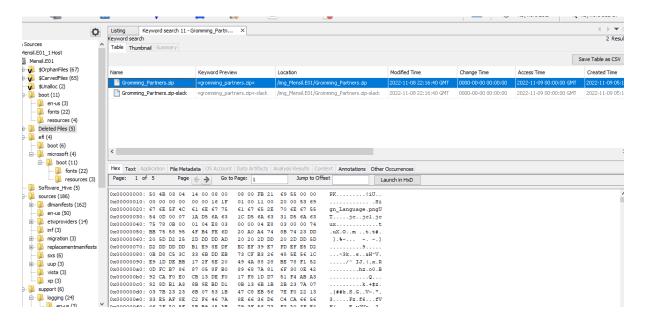


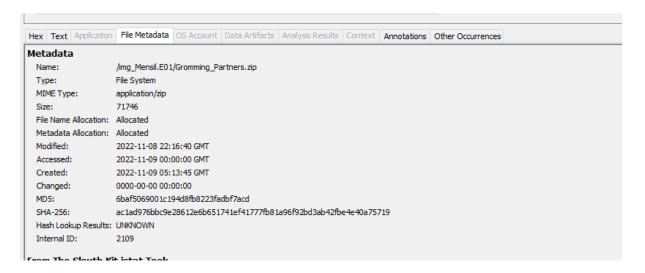


In this section we found a notes text file that is define that a child abused image have in offender. We found the image zip file that is password protected. Offender hide the image in a zip file by password protect. Notes file define us that the zip file password can be found from chats. So from the leaked social media chats section we found the pass and using this password we extracted the image files. That can prove against offender by a strong proof.

4.3.6 Category DHU_2

Screenshot of the artefact:

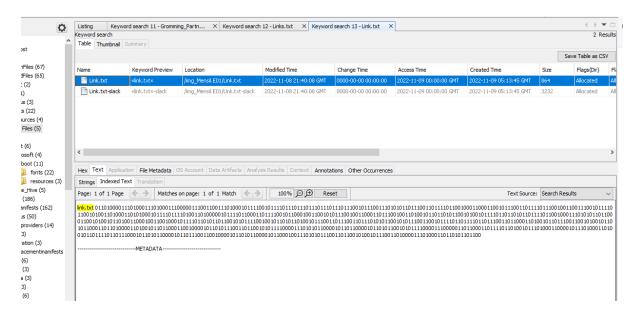


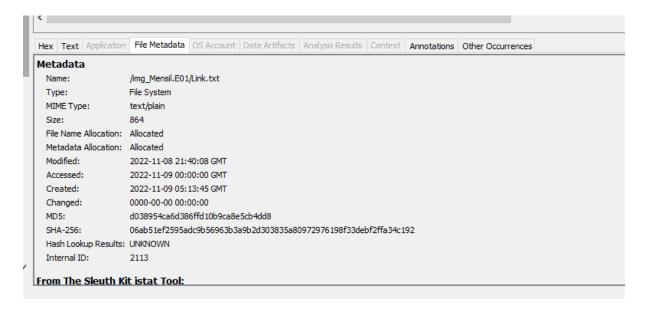


In this section, after extracted the zip file we found a image that is related to sign language. That means another some secret message encoded in sign language. Using https://www.dcode.fr/american-sign-language this site we convert the sign language to plain text.

4.3.7 Category DHU_3

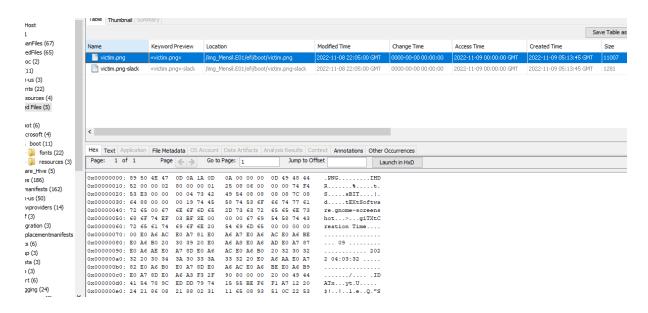
Screenshot of the artefact:

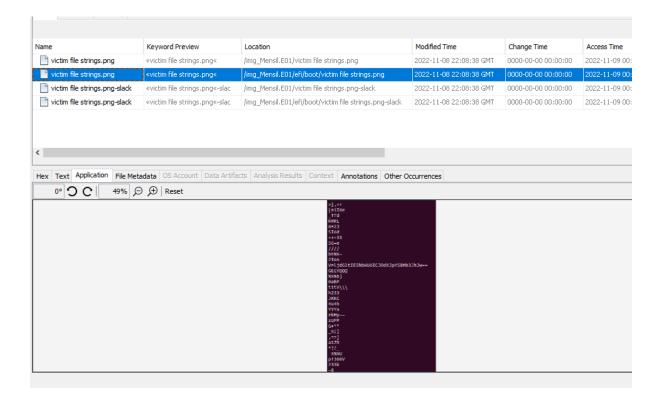




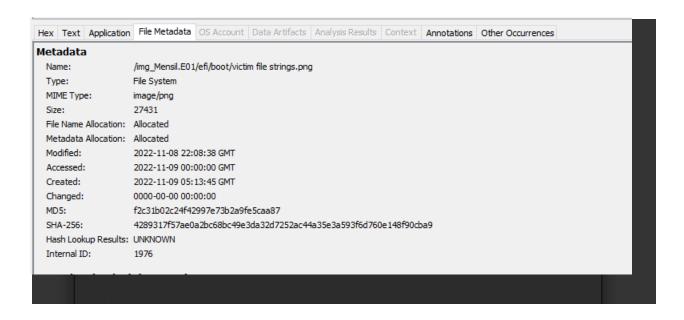
In this section we dounf a link.txt file that is binary text. We will use a online decoder for this binary then we found a link that is related with Online child sexual exploitation and abuse. The link is: https://www.unodc.org/e4j/zh/cybercrime/module-12/key-issues/online-child-sexual-exploitation-and-abuse.html

4.3.8 Category DR_1









In this section we will found victim original name. we found a image file named victim.png but its also not opened. But here we found a another image file that is related to this victim.png file. We noticed that victim.png file string compromised by this encase. So we notice that in the strings section have some hash txt like base64. We collect it and decode as same method as followed in previous. Then finally we found the victim original name. The extracted name or test is: "Victim Name: Nuria Lora"

Description of the hiding/unhiding process:

Victim.png file corrupted by ASCII conversion. That means we need to check its strings.

```
>},++
[n1I6e
 TTd
RRRL
6m23
SI6d
+++33
50=e
////
b%%%
216n
VmljdGltIE5hbWU6ICJOdXJpYSBMb3JhJw==
GEEYQQQ
%%%6j
OaBP
iiiv\\\
h233
JKKC
4W4h
 YYa
zkHv
ZUPP
*??_
%%%U
p!366V
```

We can see that here is a hash value. Collect this hash and decode it. Then we found the text.

Hash: VmljdGltIE5hbWU6lCJOdXJpYSBMb3JhJw==

Decode site link: https://www.base64decode.org/

5. Supporting Material

Tools:

- Autopsy
- Access Data FTK Imager
- HXD

Site:

- https://www.base64decode.org/
- https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/
- https://morsecode.world/international/decoder/audio-decoder-adaptive.html
- <u>Convert Text to Audio Morse Code [Downloadable Audio]</u> (meridianoutpost.com)
 - https://www.dcode.fr/american-sign-language

6. Personal Reflection

6.1 Student 1

6.1.1 Reflection

Child Protection Policy is very need in this time. Digital crime is the most common factors for this time & child can easily the target by the social media.

6.1.2 Strengths/major contributions to the group

Completed the full Project on Child Protection Digital Crime Scenario make and Investigation on this.

6.1.3 What you found enjoyable

Data Encryption for Data Hiding. Most of Steganography Techniques Like morse and the other section is sign language.

6.1.4 What was challenging

File Signeture Mismathce checking and Correction.

6.1.5 Technical challenges and outcomes

Encase Forensics Imager is not free version, is premium. I am use Access Data FTK Imager for create the crime scenario evidence .E01 file. That was techniqal challenge for me. The outcome is it can be done easily by Encase Forensics but that is not available in every section like Not Open Source. So Its need to be Open source file.