PROPOSITIONS

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Double-Extortion Ransomware: A Study of Cybercriminal profit, Effort, and Risk

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- 1. Everyone can fall victim to ransomware.
- 2. Cybercrime interventions should focus on influencing the elements of profit, effort and risks of attackers.
- 3. It is hard for script kiddies to successfully conduct ransomware attacks.
- 4. Risk perception of online offenders might be different compared to offline offenders.
- 5. Commodization of parts of the crime scripts leads to more sophisticated ransomware attacks.
- 6. Cybercrime research should focus on empirical prevalence estimation methods of cybercrimes.
- 7. The police should seek help from academia to identify cybercrime patterns.
- 8. Cybercrime research is generally focused too much on either computer science or criminology.
- 9. There should be more professors of (empirical) cybercrime in the Netherlands given the impact of cybercrime on society.
- 10. Chess should be an Olympic sport.