

**From:** Lowder, Jason P. (CYD) (FBI) <Jason.Lowder@ic.fbi.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 6, 2016 10:24 AM  
**To:** Yearwood, Ronald J. (CYD) (FBI) <Ronald.Yearwood@ic.fbi.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

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Ron,

I don't know if MCCU forwarded this to you but status on DDOS. I didn't remember to forward yesterday. Sorry.

A/UC Jason Lowder  
ECOU II  
FBI Cyber Division  
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----- Original message -----

From: "Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI)" <Rodney.Hays@ic.fbi.gov>  
Date: 08/05/2016 6:03 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Cocklin, Nathan A. (CYD) (FBI)" <Nathan.Cocklin@ic.fbi.gov>, "Cheeks II, James E. (CYD) (FBI)" <James.Cheeks@ic.fbi.gov>, "Burnham, Michael (CYD) (FBI)" <Michael.Burnham@ic.fbi.gov>, "Pierrot, Ryan J. (CYD) (FBI)" <Ryan.Pierrot@ic.fbi.gov>, "Hubiak, Joshua J. (PH) (FBI)" <Joshua.Hubiak@ic.fbi.gov>, "Hammell, Delynn B. (SF) (FBI)" <Delynn.Hammell@ic.fbi.gov>, "Mularski, J K. (PG) (FBI)" <J.Mularski@ic.fbi.gov>  
Cc: "Etienne, Hadley (WF) (FBI)" <Hadley.Etienne@ic.fbi.gov>, "Drake, Matthew W. (WF) (FBI)" <Matthew.Drake@ic.fbi.gov>, "Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI)" <Jennifer.Frasch@ic.fbi.gov>, "Brogan, Ryan G. (CYD) (FBI)" <Ryan.Brogan@ic.fbi.gov>, "Lowder, Jason P. (CYD) (FBI)" <Jason.Lowder@ic.fbi.gov>, "Brelsford, Eric T. (CG) (FBI)" <Eric.Brelsford@ic.fbi.gov>, "Hemmersmeier, Daniel J. (CG) (FBI)" <Daniel.Hemmersmeier@ic.fbi.gov>  
Subject: RE: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

Quick update.

Just received the email header from the DC attorney. At first glance, it contains the private address 10 block IPs along with other proxy/anonymous markings, attributes, etc.

I then spoke to him by phone and told him that the same type of threat was boiler plate and had been seen in other matters we had reviewed. He did not know who (FBI office) the campaign would rather talk to if there is an issue with the threat "promised" for Monday. I told him I was available by phone this weekend if something came up.

He had nothing else to offer or request from us. I don't think this is something they are going to continue to push with us unless there is an actual incident next week.

Rodney

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**From:** Cocklin, Nathan A. (CYD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 04, 2016 10:05 AM  
**To:** Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI); Cheeks II, James E. (CYD) (FBI); Burnham, Michael (CYD) (FBI); Pierrot, Ryan J. (CYD) (FBI); Hubiak, Joshua J. (PH) (FBI); Hammell, Delynn B. (SF) (FBI); Mularski, J.K. (PG) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Etienne, Hadley (WF) (FBI); Drake, Matthew W. (WF) (FBI); Frasc, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI); Brogan, Ryan G. (CYD) (FBI); Lowder, Jason P. (CYD) (FBI); Brelsford, Eric T. (CG) (FBI); Hemmersmeier, Daniel J. (CG) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

Rodney - Thanks for the update.

FBI Chicago has had an open investigation on Lizard Squad for the past year. I am looping them in for coordination and deconfliction. They will also be invited to the 2 pm call today.

Thanks,  
Nathan

Nathan A. Cocklin  
Supervisory Special Agent  
Cyber Division - Cyber Operations Section V  
Major Cyber Crimes Unit  
703-633-6079 (D)  
REDACTED-9185 (C)

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**From:** Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 3:28 PM  
**To:** Cheeks II, James E. (CYD) (FBI); Cocklin, Nathan A. (CYD) (FBI); Burnham, Michael (CYD) (FBI); Pierrot, Ryan J. (CYD) (FBI); Hubiak, Joshua J. (PH) (FBI); Hammell, Delynn B. (SF) (FBI); Mularski, J.K. (PG) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Etienne, Hadley (WF) (FBI); Drake, Matthew W. (WF) (FBI); Frasc, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI); Brogan, Ryan G. (CYD) (FBI); Lowder, Jason P. (CYD) (FBI)  
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Just got off the phone with the attorney, Michael Sussman (Perkins Coie). I asked him to send me the email header to review. He sent the request over to the HRC campaign. He does not know yet if he will be the point of contact for this or if someone over at the campaign will start contacting me directly today. He is headed to a meeting at the DNC now. I asked him for an update on a point of contact or any new information later in the day.

He is not sure who handles the campaign's IT security or who handles DDOS mitigation for the campaign. He did say the campaign is not going to pay the ransom. The bitcoin address has been checked and is set up. There are no transactions involved with it at this time so it has no lead value as of now. The 22 BTC demand equates to about \$12,386.00 based on the bitcoin exchange rate today.

WFO is available for a call during the 10:30 to 3:00 window if Cyber HQ wants to set up a conference for tomorrow.

Rodney

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**From:** Cheeks II, James E. (CYD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:43 PM  
**To:** Cocklin, Nathan A. (CYD) (FBI); Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI); Burnham, Michael (CYD) (FBI); Pierrot, Ryan J. (CYD) (FBI); Hubiak, Joshua J. (PH) (FBI); Hammell, Delynn B. (SF) (FBI); Mularski, J.K. (PG) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Etienne, Hadley (WF) (FBI); Drake, Matthew W. (WF) (FBI); Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI); Brogan, Ryan G. (CYD) (FBI); Lowder, Jason P. (CYD) (FBI)  
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Rodney,

Good afternoon. I spoke to SSA Ryan Pierrot at MCCU, we are both available tomorrow from 10:30am – 3pm for a conference call (if this works for the rest of the group). I include SA Hubiak and Hammell as well as SSA Mularski from PG. All three of these offices are working the NSB side of this.

r/  
Cheeks

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**From:** Cocklin, Nathan A. (CYD) (FBI)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 12:31 PM  
**To:** Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI); Cheeks II, James E. (CYD) (FBI); Burnham, Michael (CYD) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Etienne, Hadley (WF) (FBI); Drake, Matthew W. (WF) (FBI); Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI); Brogan, Ryan G. (CYD) (FBI)  
**Subject:** RE: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

Adding SSA Ryan Brogan Hactivist TFC PM.

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From: "Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI)" <[Rodney.Hays@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Rodney.Hays@ic.fbi.gov)>  
Date: 08/03/2016 12:25 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: "Cheeks II, James E. (CYD) (FBI)" <[James.Cheeks@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:James.Cheeks@ic.fbi.gov)>, "Burnham, Michael (CYD) (FBI)" <[Michael.Burnham@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Michael.Burnham@ic.fbi.gov)>  
Cc: "Etienne, Hadley (WF) (FBI)" <[Hadley.Etienne@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Hadley.Etienne@ic.fbi.gov)>, "Cocklin, Nathan A. (CYD) (FBI)" <[Nathan.Cocklin@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Nathan.Cocklin@ic.fbi.gov)>, "Drake, Matthew W. (WF) (FBI)" <[Matthew.Drake@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Matthew.Drake@ic.fbi.gov)>, "Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI)" <[Jennifer.Frasch@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Frasch@ic.fbi.gov)>  
Subject: FW: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

James/Michael,

See below. I was advised by SSA Frasch that she had provided you with the captioned info. She advised that you would start coordination with MCCU. Let me know if you have anything to report yet. I can give an update later after I speak to the Clinton Campaign attorney at 2:30 today. Perhaps we (WFO/CyberHQ) can conference sometime tomorrow.

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All of these matters touch on both the NSB and Criminal side so let me know who the HQ point of contact on this will be going forward.

Thanks,

Rodney

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**From:** Sussmann, Michael A. (Perkins Coie) [<mailto:MSussmann@perkinscoie.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2016 11:57 AM  
**To:** Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI); Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Garrett, Lafayette M. (WF) (FBI); Hawkins, E. A. (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** Re: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

Thank you very much.

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**From:** "Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI)" <[Jennifer.Frasch@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Frasch@ic.fbi.gov)>  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 11:50 AM  
**To:** Michael <[msussmann@perkinscoie.com](mailto:msussmann@perkinscoie.com)>, "Hays, Rodney J. (WF) (FBI)" <[Rodney.Hays@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Rodney.Hays@ic.fbi.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Garrett, Lafayette M. (WF) (FBI)" <[Lafayette.Garrett@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Lafayette.Garrett@ic.fbi.gov)>, "Hawkins, E. A. (WF) (FBI)" <[Adrian.Hawkins@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Adrian.Hawkins@ic.fbi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

Good morning Mr. Sussmann,  
Thank you for providing us the information. Given the cyber criminal nature of anticipated activity, I've included SA Rodney Hays from WFO's cyber criminal squad for visibility and appropriate coordination within FBI.

SSA Jennifer J. Frasch, CY-3  
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Computer Intrusion Program Coordinator  
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**From:** Sussmann, Michael A. (Perkins Coie) <[MSussmann@perkinscoie.com](mailto:MSussmann@perkinscoie.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 2, 2016 9:58 PM  
**To:** Hawkins, E. A. (WF) (FBI)  
**Cc:** Frasch, Jennifer J. (WF) (FBI); Garrett, Lafayette M. (WF) (FBI)  
**Subject:** FW: scheduled DDoS-attack on hillaryclinton.com

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Adrian,

The Clinton Campaign received this extortionate email yesterday, threatening a DDOS attack beginning on Monday that "WILL affect your candidate's presidential chances," unless ransom is paid before then.

The Campaign is taking steps to prepare, but if the threat is real, there is significant risk. Unfortunately, the Campaign has no further information for you on this, but if you have or develop information concerning this threat, please let me know and I can set up a call with them.

Thank you,

Michael

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Lizard Squad** <[lizardsquad@lizardsquad.org](mailto:lizardsquad@lizardsquad.org)>

Date: Mon, Aug 1, 2016 at 9:02 PM

Subject: scheduled DDoS-attack on [hillaryclinton.com](http://hillaryclinton.com)

To: [domains@hillaryclinton.com](mailto:domains@hillaryclinton.com)

**FORWARD THIS MAIL TO A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS!**

**THIS IS NOT A MASS SEND MESSAGE**

Dear Sir/Madam at Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign

We are Lizard Squad, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lizard\\_Squad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lizard_Squad)

Most importantly, we have launched one of the largest DDoS attacks in history and one of the largest DDoS attacks ever. Search for "Lizard Squad DDoS"

Hillary CLinton's official website will be DDoS-ed starting Monday (August 8th, 2016) if you don't pay protection fee - exactly 22 Bitcoins to this Bitcoin wallet

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If you don't pay by Monday, attack will start, all your online services will go down permanently, price to stop the attack will increase to 44 BTC and will go up 22 BTC for every day of attack.

This attack WILL affect your candidate's presidential chances, your website will be down for days or weeks, you will lose potential voters and you will also lose your Google rankings.

This is not a joke.

Our stresser tool is unique and our attacks are extremely powerful - 500Gbps with a peak of over 1Tbps.

You can buy bitcoins here:

<https://localbitcoins.com>

or at any large Bitcoin brokers

<https://www.buybitcoinworldwide.com/en/us/>

or simply google "how to buy bitcoin" for instructions

Contacting police or other authorities if you decide to do it or not will be a waste of time as we are completely anonymous.

Do not reply, we will not read. Pay and we will know it's you (this unique wallet was set just for you) AND YOU WILL NEVER HEAR FROM US AGAIN!

Bitcoin is anonymous, nobody will ever know you cooperated.

**ACT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**

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