

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Central District of California

In the Matter of the Search of)
Computers Infected with Qakbot Malware as) Case No. 2:23-MJ-4244
described further in Attachment A)
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WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in Multiple Federal Judicial Districts (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

See Attachment A

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property described above, and that such search will reveal (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

See Attachment B

Such affidavit(s) or testimony are incorporated herein by reference.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before 14 days from the date of its issuance.

in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at any time in the day or night because good cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to the U.S. Magistrate Judge on duty at the time of the return through a filing with the Clerk's Office.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b), I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box)

for 30 days (not to exceed 30) until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of _____.

Date and time issued: August 21, 2023 11:40 a.m.

City and state: Los Angeles, CA

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[Redacted name area]

Printed name and title

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Return		
Case No.: 2:23-MJ-4244	Date and time warrant executed:	Copy of warrant and inventory left with:
Inventory made in the presence of:		
Inventory of the property taken and name of any person(s) seized:		

Certification

I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the designated judge.

Date: _____

Executing officer's signature

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

PROPERTY TO BE SEARCHED

This warrant applies to the electronic storage media contained in victim computers located in the United States onto which malicious cyber actors have installed, without authorization, the Qakbot malware, and which computers are in communication with the Qakbot botnet infrastructure.

ATTACHMENT B

ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

This warrant authorizes the search of the electronic storage media identified in Attachment A and the seizure or copying of electronically stored information that constitutes evidence and/or instrumentalities of the Qakbot conspiracy and computer fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy), 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(5)(A) (Computer Fraud), 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Wire Fraud), and 18 U.S.C. § 2511 (Wire Tapping). Remote access techniques may be used:

1. To search the electronic storage media identified in Attachment A and to seize or copy from those media any electronically stored information, such as encryption keys and server lists, used by the administrators of the Qakbot botnet to communicate with computers that are part of the Qakbot botnet infrastructure; and

2. To search the electronic storage media identified in Attachment A and to seize or copy from those media any electronically stored information, such as IP addresses and routing information, necessary to determine whether any digital device identified in Attachment A continues to be controlled by the Qakbot administrators after the seizure or copying of the electronically stored information identified in Paragraph 1.

This warrant does not authorize the seizure of any tangible property. Except as provided in the accompanying affidavit and in Paragraphs 1 and 2, this warrant does not authorize the seizure or copying of any content from the electronic storage

media identified in Attachment A or the alteration of the functionality of the electronic storage media identified in Attachment A.