## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 8: 24 CY 521 TRB - TOW

LIRIDON MASURICA a/k/a "@blackdb" 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b)(2) (Conspiracy to Commit Access Device Fraud) 18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(3) (Fraudulent Use of 15 or More Unauthorized Access Devices)

## **INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges:

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### **COUNT ONE**

(Conspiracy to Commit Access Device Fraud)

## A. Introduction

At times material to this Indictment:

1. BlackDB.cc was a website in operation from at least 2018 until present. It illegally offered for sale compromised account and server credentials, credit card information, and other personally identifiable information of individuals primarily located in the United States, including those located within the Middle District of Florida. Once purchased, cybercriminals used these servers to facilitate a wide range of illegal activity, including tax fraud, credit card fraud, and identity theft.

- 2. Defendant LIRIDON MASURICA, a/k/a "@blackdb," was a citizen and resident of the Republic of Kosovo. MASURICA was the lead administrator of BlackDB.cc.
- 3. An "access device" was a credit card, plate, code, account number, electronic serial number, mobile identification number, personal identification number, or other means of account access that can be used alone or in conjunction with another access device, to get money, goods, services, or any other thing of value, or that can be used to initiate a transfer of funds. Credit card numbers, debit card numbers, usernames, and passwords were each considered access devices. An "unauthorized access device" was an access device that's lost, stolen, expired, canceled, revoked, or obtained with the intent to defraud.
- 4. The stolen credit card numbers, debit card numbers, usernames, and passwords offered for sale on BlackDB.cc were unauthorized access devices.

#### В. The Conspiracy

5. Beginning on an unknown date, but no later than on or about December 21, 2018, and continuing through at least on or about the date of this Indictment, in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendant,

# LIRIDON MASURICA. a/k/a "@blackdb,"

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate, and agree with others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit access device fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(3), and (c)(1)(A)(i).

#### C. **Manner and Means**

- The manner and means by which the defendant sought to accomplish 6. the object of the conspiracy included, among others, the following:
- It was part of the conspiracy that MASURICA created a. BlackDB.cc for the illicit purpose of facilitating the sale of compromised account and server credentials, credit card information, and other personally identifiable information.
- b. It was further a part of the conspiracy that MASURICA would and did list, and caused to be listed, compromised account and server credentials, credit card information, and other personally identifiable information for sale on BlackDB.cc.
- C. It was further a part of the conspiracy that unidentified conspirators would and did purchase compromised account and server credentials, credit card information, and other personally identifiable information offered for sale on BlackDB.cc.
- It was further a part of the conspiracy that MASURICA would đ. and did withdraw proceeds from BlackDB.cc derived from the illicit sale of compromised account and server credentials, credit card information, and other personally identifiable information.

e. It was further part of the conspiracy that MASURICA would and did perform acts and make statements to misrepresent, hide, and conceal, and cause to be misrepresented, hidden, and concealed, the purpose of the conspiracy and the acts committed in furtherance thereof.

### D. Overt Acts

7. The facts of the separate offenses charged in Counts Two through Six of this Indictment are alleged to be separate overt acts undertaken in furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the object of the conspiracy and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein as separate overt acts.

All in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(b)(2).

# COUNT TWO THROUGH SIX (Fraudulent Use of 15 or More Unauthorized Access Devices)

- 1. Part A of Count One of this Indictment is realleged and incorporated as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. On or about the date set forth below in each Count, in the Middle District of Florida and elsewhere, the defendant,

# LIRIDON MASURICA, a/k/a "@blackdb,"

did knowingly and with intent to defraud possess 15 or more unauthorized access devices, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1029(e), and the offense affected interstate and foreign commerce.

COUNT	DATE	ACCESS DEVICES
TWO	December 5, 2022	50 credit card numbers
THREE	December 21, 2022	20 username/password combinations to compromised servers
FOUR	January 30, 2023	30 username/password combinations to compromised servers
FIVE	March 1, 2023	38 username/password combinations to compromised servers
SIX	May 23, 2023	162 username/password combinations to compromised servers

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029(a)(3) and (c)(1)(A)(i).

# **FORFEITURE**

- The allegations contained in Count One through Six are incorporated 1. by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. §§ 982(a)(2)(B) and 1029(c)(1)(C).
- Upon conviction of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1029, the defendant shall 2. forfeit to the United States, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(2)(B), any property constituting, or derived from, proceeds the person obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of such violation, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1029(c)(1)(C), any personal property used or intended to be used to commit the offense.

- If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission 4. of the defendant:
  - cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; a.
  - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
  - has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; C.
  - has been substantially diminished in value; d.
  - has been commingled with other property which cannot be e. divided without difficulty;

the United States shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), as incorporated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 982(b)(1) and 1029(c)(2).

A TRUE BILL,

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