# CYBERSECURITY AND FRAUD IMPACTS ON UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Wednesday — October 13th, 2021



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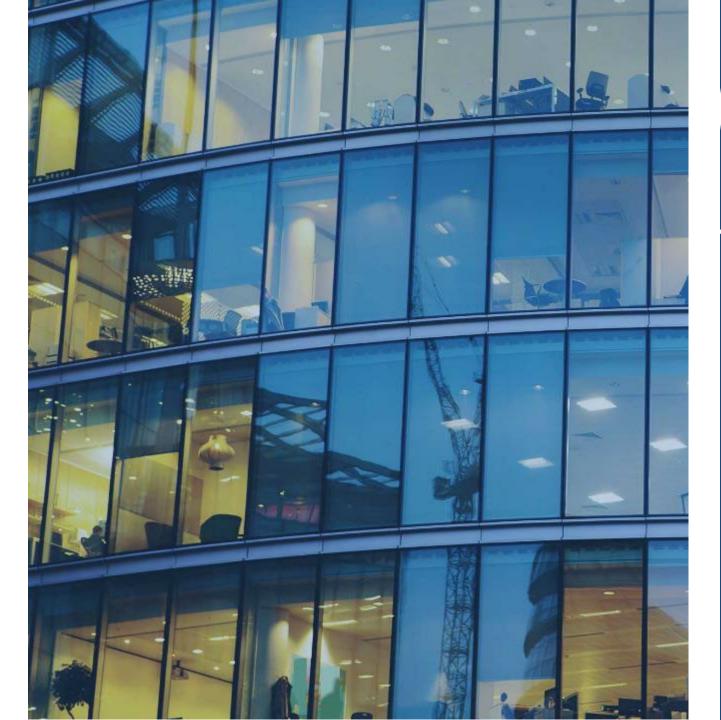
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#### **Unclaimed Property Fraud Overview**

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Key Takeaways

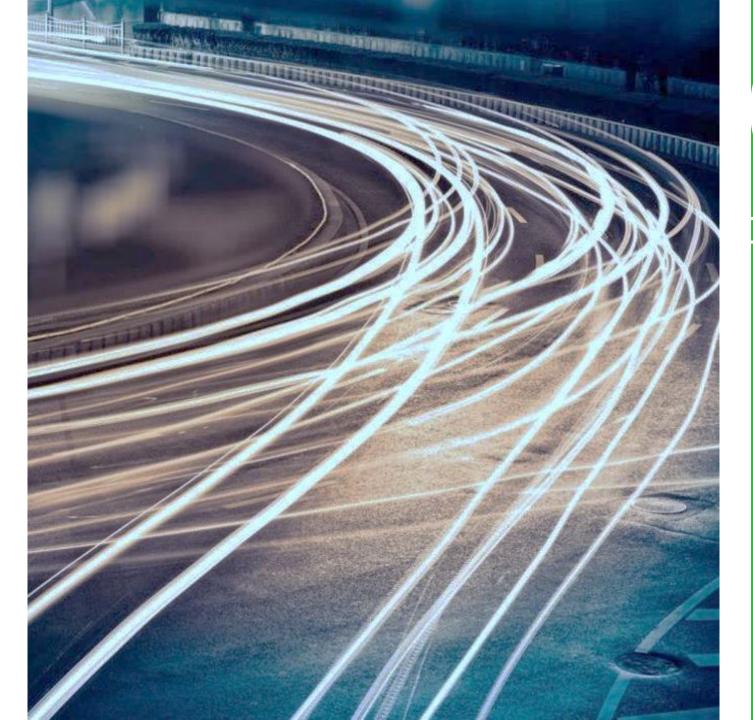
#### **Key Takeaways**

Kroll identified a variety of results referencing unclaimed property fraud on deep and dark web marketplace and in cybercrime/hacking forums.

Malicious actors upload images of States' unclaimed property on forums, including the names and mailing addresses of the legitimate property owners. They are then able to obtain fake identification mimicking the PII of the legitimate owners, allowing them to fraudulently claim the property.

Among other illicit products, dark web forums and paste sites often sell fake ID's, including driver's licenses and passports. Malicious actors are able to purchase photo identification matching the name and physical address of individuals with unclaimed property in any given State. These IDs are then able to be used to fraudulently claim said property.

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DDW FINDINGS

#### References to Unclaimed Property Fraud in Telegram Chatroom

Kroll identified a July 12, 2021
Telegram chatroom message that includes an image of a US State
Department of Treasury Unclaimed
Property form. The form is for a
\$384.00 check reportedly belonging to a US university. The "Claimant Information" portion of the form has been left blank.

The user appears to be looking for someone with driver's license editing capabilities, most likely to fraudulently fill out the form matching the legitimate owner's, whose name and mailing address is included on the form.

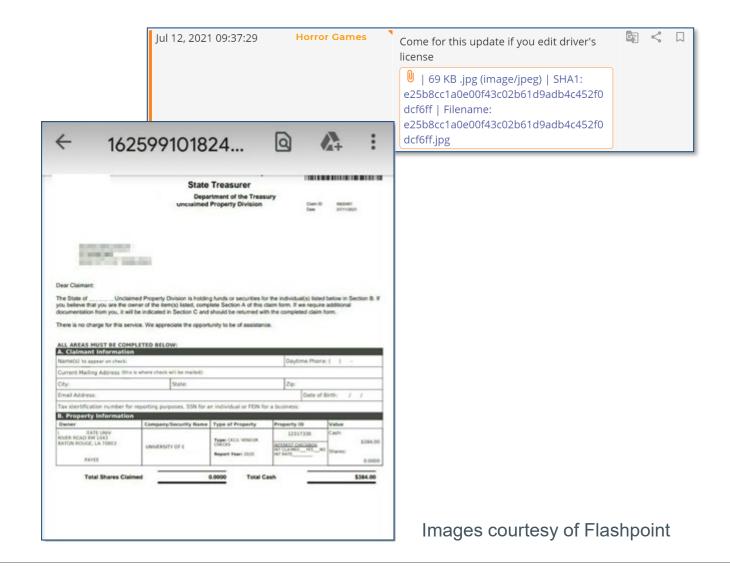
#### Chatroom Details:

Chat Type: Telegram

Channel: MAD-HACKERS
Channel Type: Supergroup

Contributors: 17,383 Messages: 704,874

Created on: April 02, 2019



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#### References to Unclaimed Property Fraud in Telegram Chatroom

Kroll identified an April 28, 2021 Telegram chatroom message that includes an image of a US State Department of Treasury Unclaimed Property Administration form.

The form is for a \$90,000 cashiers check and includes the email address, DOB, and phone number of the legitimate owner. The portion of the form requiring proof of ID has been left blank, allowing malicious actors to seek fraudulent identifications in the owner's name.

#### Chatroom Details:

Chat Type: Telegram Channel: Juicy Kingdom Channel Type: Supergroup

Contributors: 1,991 Messages: 46,329

Created on: December 15, 2020

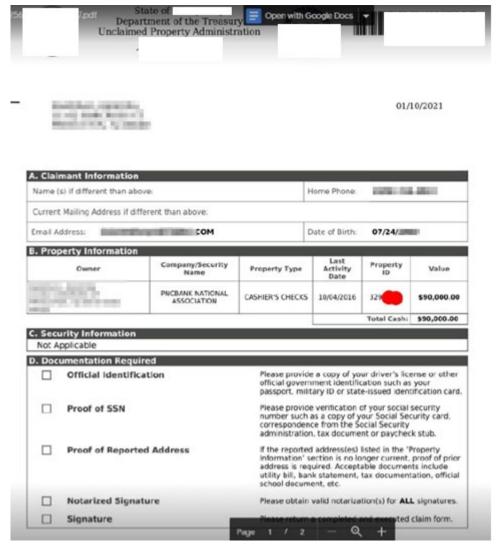


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#### References to Unclaimed Property Fraud in Telegram Chatroom

Kroll identified a December 5, 2020 Telegram chatroom message that includes an image of an unknown website selling access to a variety of compromised databases, including ones for unclaimed property.

The user who posted the image was referencing the Driver's License database also available of the site. The chatroom discussions cover a range of hacking topics, including different types of fraud.

#### Chatroom Details:

Chat Type: Telegram

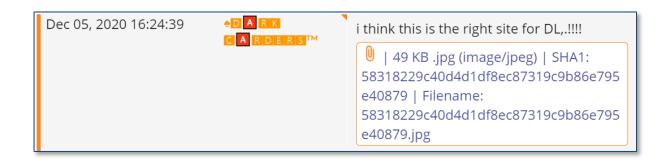
Channel: DARK CARDERS

Channel Type: Supergroup

Contributors: 66

Messages: 12,318

Created on: August 11, 2020





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#### References to Unclaimed Property Fraud on DDW Marketplace

Kroll identified an April 23, 2021
World Market listing for a
database including Unclaimed
Property data from 15 different
States. The listing also includes
data bases for civil case
searches, criminal searches,
driver's license numbers, property
tax rolls, sex offender registries,
and others.

#### Details:

Marketplace: World Market

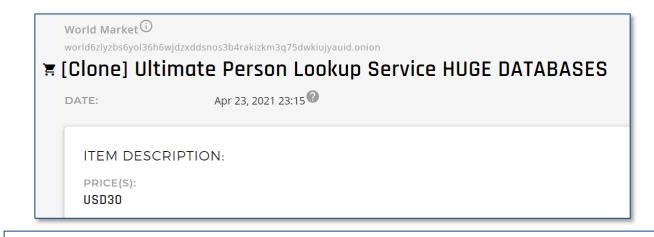
Date: April 23, 2021

Product Class: Digital Goods

Quantity Left: 999

Price: USD30

Payment: Escrow



Unclaimed Property lookup, AL, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IA, MA, NM, NY, ND, OK, TX, WV, WI.

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#### References to Unclaimed Property Fraud on Nulled Forum

Kroll identified a May 14, 2020 forum post in which a user "XXXXXXX" offers to sell a script allowing buyers to make monthly revenue via unclaimed property fraud.

The post was uploaded to **Nulled Forum**. Nulled is a forum primarily dedicated to hacking and sharing compromised/leaked data.

Nulled

## KILLER CLOSER ACADEMY - BUILD \$3,000 PER MONTH INCOM...

Created On May 14, 2020 By 1m6r0kk3n

Killer Closer Academy (Build a \$3,000 Per Month Income in 30-60 Days)

The Killer Closer Academy is a step by step blueprint for total beginners and veterans that shows how to build a \$1k-\$3k per month business in 30-60 days by using a simple & proven sales script to help recover unclaimed property for people across the united states. You will see exactly how to start and grow this business with zero investment, experience and get sales as soon as tomorrow!

Killer Closer Script (Step by Step How to Convert Strangers Into Closed Deals)

The Killer Closer Script is the virtually the same script that hundreds of successful Surplus Warriors have used to close millions in deals over the last year and a half. In fact this script is so powerful that people have offered to pay us \$1,000+ for it alone! But today you can get access to it for a super discounted price!

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#### Fraudulent Identities Available for Sale on DDW Markets

In most instances, malicious actors must purchase or create fraudulent identifications in order to claim property from a State's database. To do so, malicious actors can utilize DDW markets.

#### Example:

July 19, 2021 Paste Site post on Deep Paste, advertising the sale of fake IDs, including Driver's Licenses and Passports.

#### Deep Paste

#### ■ Get Passports/Driver'S License

Date: Jul 19, 2021 15:59 UTC



#### Author: Anon

Source:http://4m6omb3gmrmnwzxi.onion/show.php?md5=ad27851a1deb1f7ab8a80d48656da3ea Native ID:ad27851a1deb1f7ab8a80d48656da3ea

#### GET PASSPORTS/DRIVER'S LICENSE

Fake ID's for 19.95 Over 50's state drivers license cards and State ID cards available. Includes state driver's license hologram and magnetic strip or bar code on back. 2 business day shipping order (2.95 shipping and handling). The BEST authentic fake ID's on the web. Same quality, high resolution that Department of Motor Vehicles use. Send current .JPG or .GIF of current license with picture and changes in NAME, DOB, LICENSE #, RESTRICTIONS, etc. we produce the best fake ID online we sell UK/EU fake ID, Canadian fake ID,

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## Questions?



## Fraudulent Activity

Using External Data Sources to identify bad actors and fraudulent activity



#### **Data Sources**

- IP Addresses
- National Change of Address (NCOA) data
- Threat profiling services
- Embedded data, such as EXIF metadata on images

#### **IP Addresses**

- Who owns the IP address?
- Where is the IP address geographically located?
- Known TOR (The Onion Router) IP Address?
- Blacklist information

```
ip: "24.8.101.73",
  is eu: false,
  city: "Boulder",
  region: "Colorado",
  region code: "CO",
 country_name: "United States",
  country_code: "US",
  continent name: "North America",
  continent code: "NA",
  latitude: 40.0373,
  longitude: -105.279,
  postal: "80304",
  calling code: "1",
  asn: {
    asn: "AS7922",
    name: "Comcast Cable Communications, LLC",
    domain: "comcast.com",
    route: "24.0.0.0/12",
    type: "isp"
  languages:
   { name: "English",
      native: "English"
  currency: {
    name: "US Dollar".
    code: "USD".
    symbol: "$",
    native: "$",
    plural: "US dollars"
  time zone: {
    name: "America/Denver",
    abbr: "MDT",
    offset: "-0600",
    is dst: true,
    current time: "2021-09-13T14:47:14.358798-06:00"
  threat: {
    is_tor: false,
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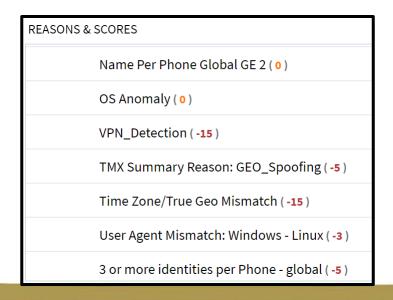
#### **NCOA** data

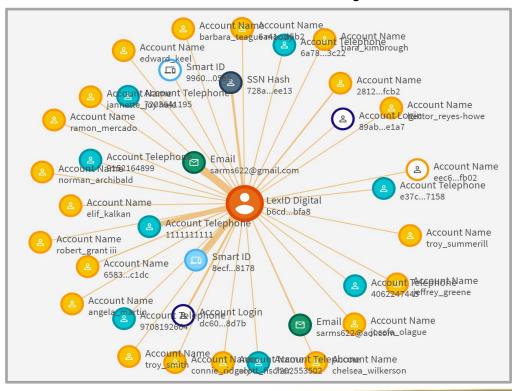
- Determine deliverable address
- Identify address risk codes
- Find recent moves / address changes

Code	Short Description	Long Description
AS01	Valid Address	The address is valid and deliverable according to official postal agencies.
AS03		US Only. This US address is not serviced by the USPS but does exist and may receive mail through third party carriers like UPS.
AS10	CMRA Address	US Only. The address is a Commercial Mail Receiving Agency (CMRA) like a Mailboxes Etc. These addresses include a Private Mail Box (PMB or #) number.
AS12	Moved to New Address	The record moved to a new address.
AS16	Vacant Address	US Only. The address has been unoccupied for more than 90 days.

## **Threat Profiling**

- Aggregated data from other internet transactions and activity
- Track behavior over time and across
- Leverage other internet history





## **Threat Profiling**

Description	Count
ThreatMetrix High Risk Level	31,054
True IP Geo not in US	25,750
More than one name per SSN	18,562
Business claim with generic email domain	11,699
True IP in Global Reject List	9,800
10 or more identities per Smart ID - global	5,233
True/Input/Proxy IP Org Type Server Farm	3,605
Email Seen Less Than 1 Week GBL	3,442
US address, Foreign Claim Creation	3,103
True IP in Global Blacklist	2,076
Suspect Email Domain	1,457
Likely Finder Claim	1,113
Phone in Global Blacklist	730
High Risk Country	73
IP Address listed as potentially fraudulent	66
High Risk Country DNS IP	45
Name tagged confirmed fraud	37
Name listed as potentially fraudulent	36
TOR_Detection	24

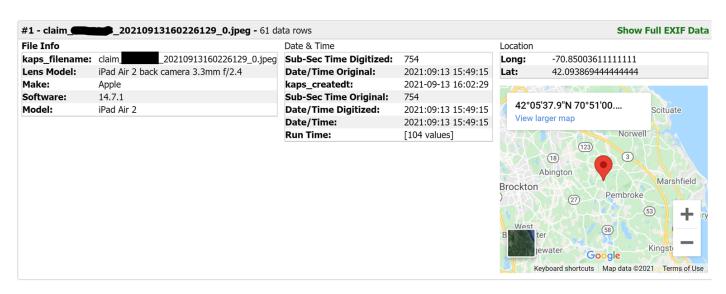
## **Threat Profiling**

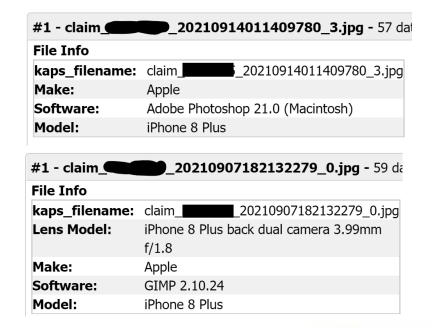
#### Selected results

	Count	Percentage
Profiled Claims	1,140,219	100.00%
Foreign Claim, US Address	3,195	0.28%
High Risk Country	74	0.01%
TOR IP Address	28	0.00%
Medium Risk Country	2,144	0.19%
Fraud Or Blocklist	4,336	0.38%
High Score	29,981	2.63%

#### **Embedded Data**

- Exchangeable image file format (EXIF)
- Often contains image device, system location, software





## Questions?



## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LAW

Why have a specific law...???

To manage the unique needs & requirements of protecting the Unclaimed Properties We're responsible for.



## What needs protection

The ultimately INFINITE number of Claims & Systems utilized to protect them.

The ability to ensure properties are legally maintained & properly preserved until the Owner or Heir may make a legal claim.



## HOW DO WE PROTECT UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Utilization of technology to ensure integrity of the Claim.

Human brain power & technology yet imagined to understand & identify efforts of Those who would exploit technology in an effort to circumvent safeguards protecting Property/Owners/Heirs.

Enacting Legislation to support Treasuries in the protection, detection, & prevention of loss.



## Questions?



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### Thank You

