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up and host jihadi websites.¹¹⁷ Significantly, the investigation revealed that these individuals were members of one or more carding organizations, including the now-defunct Shadowcrew criminal organization.¹¹⁸

IV. Federal Prosecutions of Carders and Carding Organizations

In the past several years, federal law enforcement has targeted the top-tier organizers, administrators, and vendors of various carding organizations. These investigations have resulted in several prosecutions, outlined below, shedding light on the global nature of carding organizations. In particular, criminals worldwide belong to, and actively participate in, these carding organizations. In addition, specific criminal carding activity, such as PIN cashing discussed above, often involves, and in some cases requires, the active participation of carders from more than one country. Finally, these investigations have also revealed that stolen information can be immediately and widely distributed across the globe.¹¹⁹ In the TJX breach, for example, stolen account information was used to make purchases in the States of Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana, and Hong Kong, and Sweden.¹²⁰

A. Prosecution of Shadowcrew Criminal Organization

The Shadowcrew criminal organization, comprised of thousands of members worldwide, operated and maintained the Internet web site www.shadowcrew.com from 2002 until October 2004, when it was taken down by the USSS as the result of a year-long undercover investigation known as Operation Firewall.¹²¹

In particular, on October 25, 2004, the USSS and the U.S. Department of Justice coordinated the search and arrest of more than 28 members of the Shadowcrew criminal organization, located in eight States in the United States and six foreign countries.¹²² As

¹¹⁷ *A World Wide Web of Terror*, ECONOMIST, July 14, 2007, at 28. “According to data gathered by U.S. officials, Tsouli and his two associates used at least 72 stolen credit card accounts to register more than 180 domains at 95 different Web hosting companies in the United States and Europe.” Brian Krebs, *Three Worked the Web to Help Terrorists*, WASH. POST, July 6, 2007, D1.

¹¹⁸ According to a New Scotland Yard investigator, evidence at trial revealed that the defendant Al-Daour was a member of the Shadowcrew criminal organization. Email from Shaun McLeary, Counter Terrorism Command, National Terrorist Financial Investigative Unit, United Kingdom New Scotland Yard, to Kimberly Peretti, U.S. Dep’t of Justice (Sept. 24, 2007, 5:28 EDT) (on file with author). In addition, Al-Daour was also purportedly a member of the Carderplanet criminal organization. See Bob Sullivan, *Cyberterrorism and ID Theft Converge in London*, THE RED TAPE CHRONICLES, July 5, 2007, <http://redtape.msnbc.com/2007/07/cyber-terror-an.html>.

¹¹⁹ According to one U.S. Dep’t of Justice official discussing the Shadowcrew investigation, there is now a “black market for stolen information on a global level where information can be very quickly resold ... Cards stolen in one country can, at the snap of your fingers, be used all over the world.” *Smashing the Criminals' e-Bazaar*, BBC NEWS, Dec. 20, 2007, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7084592.stm>.

¹²⁰ *45.7m Card Details Stolen in TJX Security Breach*, COMPUTERWEEKLY.COM, Mar. 30, 2007, <http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2007/03/30/222778/45.7m-card-details-stolen-in-tjx-security-breach.htm>.

¹²¹ Shadowcrew Indictment, *supra* note 34, at 2 and 6; Shadowcrew Press Release, *supra* note 35.

¹²² Press Release, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Secret Service’s Operation Firewall Nets 28 Arrests (Oct. 28, 2004), <http://www.secretservice.gov/press/pub2304.pdf> [hereinafter Secret Service Firewall Press Release].

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A British carder called JiLsi ran the site, and he'd made the mistake of ... As the morning dawned in San Francisco, he watched CardersMarket's new members gather, ... by Keith Mularski, an FBI agent, as part of an undercover operation. ... led to the arrest of 28 suspected cybercriminals in October 2004.. Carding is a term describing the trafficking of credit card, bank account and other personal information online. Activities also encompass procurement of details, and money laundering techniques. Modern carding sites have been described as full-service commercial entities ... In October 2004 dozens of ShadowCrew members were busted across the undercover sting operation, known as "Operation Firewall," ended in October 2004 with coordinated raids that resulted in the arrest of 28 members of the site, have since followed California's lead and passed security breach notification laws.⁷ ... Carders are often members of one or more websites known as. "carding ... (Oct. 28, 2004), <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/mantovaniIndict.htm> [hereinafter ... organization as the result of Operation Firewall is discussed in more.. Accused TJX hacker kingpin Albert Gonzalez called his credit card theft ring ... with while working with the Secret Service as an informant was with "Operation Firewall." This was back in October of 2004 where 28 members of ... led them to register in a federal-operated private VPN service sting operation.. He hooked up with a group of hackers that ran a site called ... Days after his arrest at the ATM, "cumbajohny" was back at work at ... Four months later, on October 26, 2004, Albert organized an online meeting of top users. By the end of the day, "Operation Firewall" had ensnared 28 ShadowCrew members.. One prominent example of the effectiveness of undercover operations against the Mafia is Joseph Pistone, ... his skills to the Mafia, Pistone earned the trust of leading members of the ... The Vice Lords also has a biker gang affiliate known as the ... U.S. Secret Service's Operation Firewall Nets 28 Arrests (28 October 2004).. Major Torah scholar arrested in sex sting operation NYTimes A rabbi has ... in a botched drug sting that got a driver killed and caused \$100,000 worth of ... The undercover sting operation, known as "Operation Firewall," ended in October 2004 with ... in the arrest of 28 members of the site, which agents subsequently closed.. A 2004 audit of the company's network had also found "high-level deficiencies" in its security practices. ... The undercover sting operation, known as "Operation Firewall," ended in October 2004 with coordinated raids that resulted in the arrest of 28 members of the site, which agents subsequently closed.. That undercover operation, known as "Operation Firewall," led to the arrest of 28 members of the site in October 2004. After the site went down, Gonzalez changed his nickname to "Segvec" and moved to Miami where he resumed his life of crime under the noses of the agents who were paying him.. Mantovani is among 28 people arrested in October 2004 following a year-long undercover investigation, codenamed Operation Firewall, mounted by the US Secret Service against Shadowcrew.com, a members-only underground ... 1.7m stolen credit card numbers and caused total losses in excess of \$4m.. One account led Jacobsen to Peter Cavicchia, a US Secret Service ... The site had 4000 members selling and swapping stolen credit-card ... Operation Firewall resulted in 28 arrests in 2004 of Shadowcrew ... In October 2004, the Justice Department handed down indictments for 19 Shadowcrew leaders.. In what it called an "Information Age undercover investigation," the U.S. Secret Service announced the arrest of 28 people from eight states and six ... The investigation, code-named Operation Firewall and announced ... "Led by the Secret Service Newark Field Office, investigators from ... IDG Network Sites.. As part of his plea, Hatten admitted to being a member of the Shadowcrew criminal ... effort to prosecute individuals targeted during Operation Firewall, a year-long investigation ... The undercover investigation led to the arrests of 21 individuals in the United States on criminal complaints in October 2004.. Called Operation Firewall, it was run out of a makeshift office in an Army ... lingo, own Shadowcrew, as undercover buyers infiltrated the network and ... On Oct. 26, 2004, Gonzalez was taken to Washington and installed in the ... By midnight, 28 people across eight states and six countries had been arrested, A Briton is among 28 people arrested after a global operation against a ... Operation Firewall, led by the US Secret Service, involved seven ... American investigators went undercover on the Shadowcrew website and discovered some of the site's 4,000 members were using it for organised crime purposes.. That undercover operation, known as ?Operation Firewall,? led to the arrest of 28 members of the site in October 2004. After the site went down The Department also helped to lead the Identity Theft Task Force, which also addressed ... on October 16, 2008, the FBI announced the results of a 2-year undercover ... At its peak, the Dark Market Web site had over 2,500 registered members ... in 2004, as part of an undercover investigation known as Operation Firewall, That undercover operation, known as "Operation Firewall," led to the arrest of 28 members of the site in October 2004. After the site went down, Gonzalez changed his nick to "Segvec" and moved to Miami where he resumed his life of crime under the noses of the agents who were paying him.. Federal agents and international allies arrest 28 suspects thought to ... October 29, 2004 9:34 AM PDT ... Dubbing the enforcement action Operation Firewall, the Secret ... 19 members of an online site, Shadowcrew.com, of trading tutorials and ... The investigation led to two other Web sites--Cardplanet and ... 87b4100051

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