

Promoting Intellectual Property Rights in the ASEAN Region

## **Session 8:**

Challenges and Best Practices in Prosecuting Online Intellectual Property Infringement Cases

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- 480.000 decryption cards replaced, cost 20 mio EUR
- ☐ 'Froggy' distributed codes via .comwebsite
- □ Right holder identified a Danish IP address
- □ Production order against ISP
- Data inteception
- ☐ Search and seizure at 'Froggy's house

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- □ IT-equipment examined by external expert
- ☐ 'Froggy's computer contained computer software for decryption of TV codes but no direct link to .comwebsite
- During police interrogation suspect admitted to being 'Froggy'
- Latest Underworld for Diablo Cam Re: Latest Underworld for Diablo Cam New Underworld 156 > 19/01/2009 What's New?? Ird\*eto2 EURO1080 Join Date: Mar 2006 enjoy User ID: 10 Attached Files From: Commisat Underworld156\_rar (1.58 MB, 40 views) Age: 64 English Messages: 4,600 Rep Power: 1045 NOTE!!!!: Please consider: That watching Pay TV without a valid subscription is illegal!! All files serve only research purposes! I won't take responsibility !!!!!! \\ NOTE!!!: De-energising of coded transmitters is illegal // To view links or images in signatures your post count must be 5 or greater. You currently have 0 posts. To view links or images in signatures your post count must be 5 or greater. You currently have 0 posts. **Donation for Commisst** Regards Froggy M 0 off Q Reuly Thanks The Following 14 Users Andy 2 (19-01-09), antsuke (19-01-09), ckn (19-01-09), evans20 (19-01-09), Faas (19-01-09), genna (19-01-09), i2nesh (19-01-09), julimeha (19-01-09), Sav Thank You to Kobenan (19-01-09), paftseck (19-01-09), Rimbalzi (19-01-09), TRAN MINH (19-

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Froggy For This Useful

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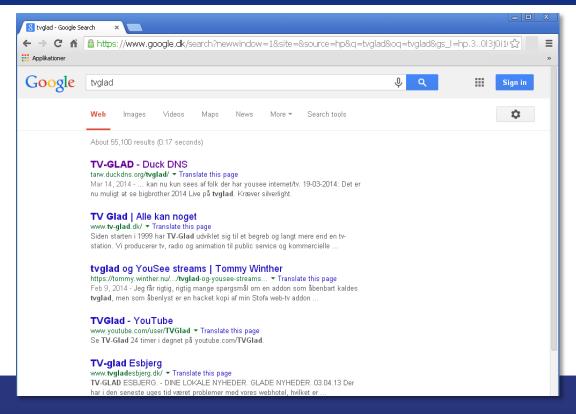
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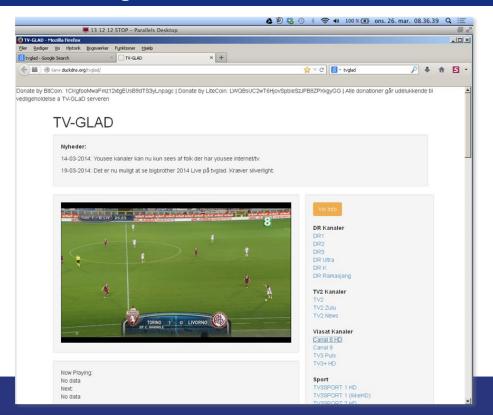
- ☐ 'Froggy' was charged with copyright violation not conditional access violation (Directive 98/84)
- □ In a technical police report it was mistakenly indicated that no incriminating evidence was found on 'Froggy's computer
- □ Prosecutor followed the indication in the technical report and dismissed the case due to 'lack of evidence'
- □ Right holder did not complaint due to the impression given that there was no incriminating evidence
- ☐ Lessons learned: When lawyers don't understand tech, technicians don't understand law and they don't communicate, disaster happens





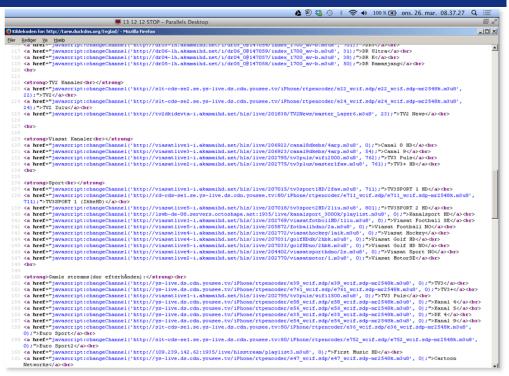








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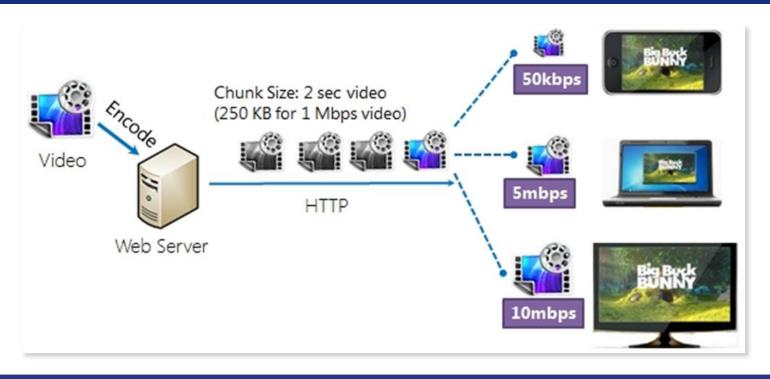
















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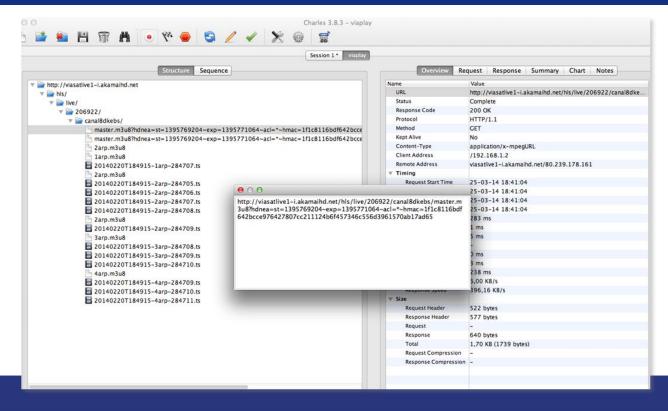




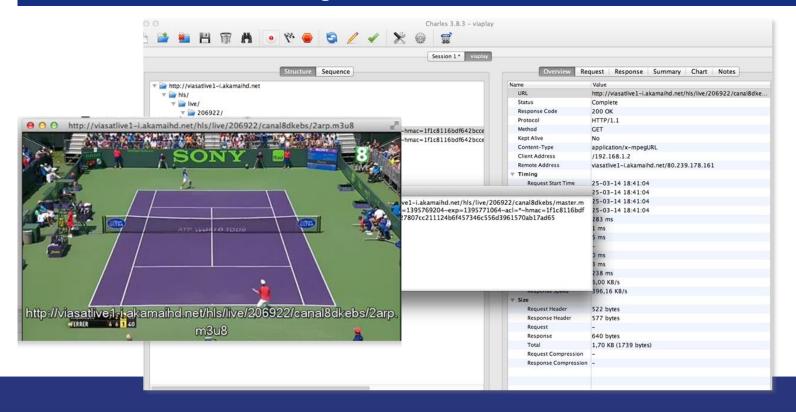














- ☐ 1 April 19 Nov 2014
- ☐ 1/2 mill. unique users
- ☐ 2 mill. sessions

Antal besøgende jævnfør Google analytics:

Tidsrum	Antal unikke brugere
17-11-2014 - 18-11-2014	12456
01-11-2014 - 02-11-2014	39856
17-10-2014 - 18-10-2014	21379
03-10-2014 - 04-10-2014	11880
19-09-2014 - 20-09-2014	11736
05-09-2014 - 06-09-2014	9495
15-08-2014 - 16-08-2014	9177
01-08-2014 - 02-08-2014	6296
13-06-2014 - 14-06-2014	16026
18-07-2014 - 19-07-2014	5858
04-07-2014 - 05-07-2014	11137
30-05-2014 - 31-05-2014	6816
16-05-2014 - 17-05-2014	0
03-05-2014 - 04-05-2014	0

I perioden 01-04-2014 – 19-11-2014 har der været **484.446** unikke brugere fordelt på **1.734.624** sessioner (antal tilgange til siden).



RETTEN I AALBORG



Udskrift af dombogen

DOM

afsagt den 22. april 2015

Rettens nr. 12-1319/2015 Politiets nr. SØK-77658-00002-14

Anklagemyndigheden mod

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Denne sag er behandlet som tilståelsessag.

Retsmødebegæring er modtaget den 26. februar 2015.

ı er tiltalt for overtrædelse af straffelovens § 299 b, nr. 1, jf. ophavsretslovens § 76, stk. 2, jf. stk. 1, nr. 1 og 2, jf. § 2, stk. 1 og stk. 3, nr. 3, § 65, § 66, § 67 og § 69, stk. 1 - ved forsætligt og under særligt skærpende omstændigheder i perioden fra den 27. november 2013 til den 28. januar 2014 fra bopælen Lindholm Nærbanevej 3, 2. sal, dør 5, Nørresundby, at ha-

#### Rettens begrundelse og afgørelse

Tiltalte har uden forbehold erkendt sig skyldig. Tilståelsen støttes af de oplysninger, der i øvrigt foreligger. Det er derfor bevist, at tiltalte er skyldig.

Straffen fastsættes til fængsel i 60 dage, jf. straffelovens § 299 b, nr. 1, jf. ophavsretslovens § 76, stk. 2, jf. stk. 1, nr. 1, og nr. 2, jf. § 2, stk. 1, og stk. 3, nr. 3, § 65, § 66, § 67 og § 69, stk. 1.

Retten har ved straffens fastsættelse på ene side lagt vægt på forholdets karakter og omfang og på den anden side lagt vægt på, at forholdet er begået over en kortere periode, og på at tiltalte ikke herved har haft økonomisk vinding.

Efter oplysningerne om tiltaltes personlige forhold, og da han ikke tidligere er straffet, findes det forsvarligt at gøre straffen betinget på vilkår som anført nedenfor, jf. straffelovens § 56, stk. 2.

#### Thi kendes for ret:

Tiltalte en skal straffes med fængsel i 60 dage.

Straffen skal ikke fuldbyrdes, hvis tiltalte overholder følgende betingelser:

- Indictment: Violation of copyright and broadcasters right
- ☐ Penalty: 60 days suspended imprisonment





#### Thi kendes for ret:

Tiltalte skal straffes med fængsel i 10 dage.

Straffen skal ikke fuldbyrdes, hvis tiltalte overholder følgende betingelser:

 Tiltalte må ikke begå noget strafbart i en prøvetid på 1 år fra endelig dom.

Tiltalte ( skal straffen med en fællesstraf af fængsel i 8 måneder.

Straffen skal ikke fuldbyrdes, hvis tiltalte overholder følgende betingelser:

- Tiltalte må ikke begå noget strafbart i en prøvetid på 2 år fra endelig dom.
- Tiltalte skal inden for en længstetid på 1 år fra endelig dom udføre ulønnet samfundstjeneste i 150 timer.
- ☐ Indictment: Violation of copyright and broadcasters right
- □ Penalty: 10 days suspended imprisonment, and 8 months (including previous sentence of 5 months) suspended imprisonment and 150 hours community service



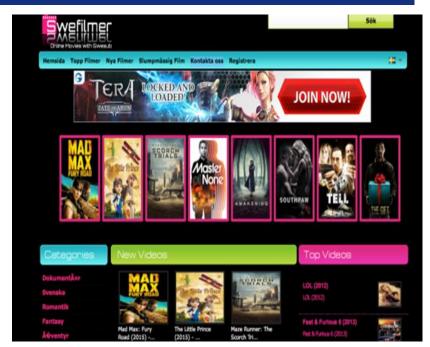


- □ Distribution of clickable inline links to protected content (on Russian video platforms) and the laundering of illicit proceeds through bank transfers
- □ A Turkish and a Swedish national were the administrators of website
- Users were not required to create an account at the source websites to stream the movies, but fee-based VIP subscriptions were available in exchange for the access to a larger catalogue of files





- Launched in 2011, two years later Swefilmer had approximately 500 000 registered members and represented 25% of illegal streaming in Sweden
- □ During the search of one of the defendant's computer, a screenshot was found with a time-stamp from 31 August 2015, indicating over 1 000 000 visitors to the website
- □ From March 2013 to June 2015, WGM, a Stockholm-based advertising agency, paid a total of EUR 1.5 mill.





 □ Identification of Defendant 2 through cooperation with Facebook and Google







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GOOGLE SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION

#### Name: Olizz Boyka

e-Mail: olizzz242@gmail.com

Status: Enabled

Services: Blogger, Gmail, Google AdSense, Google Docs, Google Drive, Google Talk, Google+, Has Google Profile, Has Plusone, Ficasa Web Album

Web History, YouTube

#### Recovery e-Mail: olizzz1994@hotmail.com

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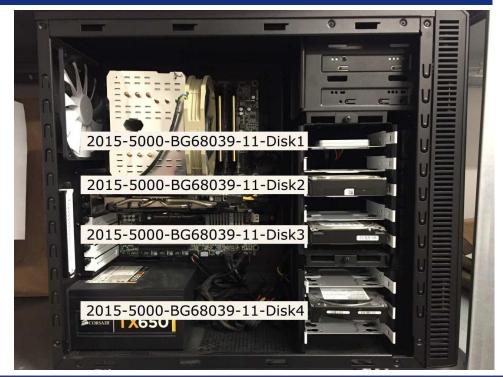
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- ☐ Search and seizure of Defendant 2's residence
- ☐ Computer equipment
- ☐ Skype chat history with e.g. Defendant 1 about money transfers





- ☐ Identification of Defendant 1 by infor from PayPal account receiving donations (test pay by right holder) and info from advertising agency
- ☐ Defendant 1 was extradited from Germany to prosecution in Sweden
- ☐ Defendant 1 transferred money to Turkish (and Swedish) bank accounts





# First Instance Ruling, 2016

- □ Defendants had infringed copyright in 1.417 movies, 03/2013-05/2015
- □ Defendant 1: Three-year prison term for copyright infringement and gross money laundering
- ☐ Defendant 2 (under 21): Four-month suspended prison sentence, in addition to 120 hours of community service

# Appeal Ruling, 2017

- Upheld the first instance ruling
- ☐ The principle of double criminality cannot be invoked to prevent the extradition of a foreign national charged of self-money laundering to Sweden, when the crime can be deemed to be committed in Sweden























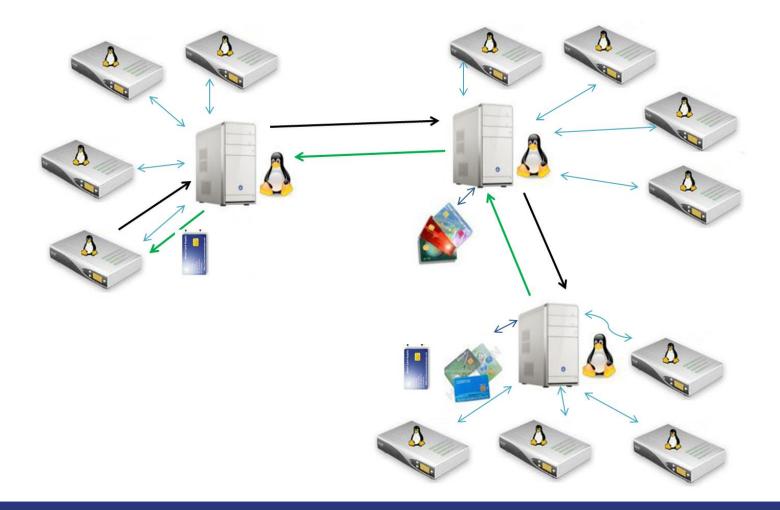






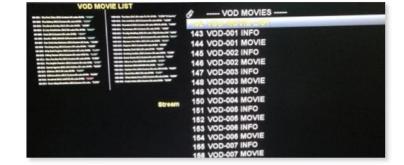


















#### **Indictment:**

- 13 September 2012 to 15 October 2014
- □ On request from Defendant 1, Defendant 2 made this internet connection and rooms available for the server, that shared decryption keys to 102 tvkanaler and streamed 39 IPTV kanaler and a number of movies
- □ Defendant 1 administered the server (http://cardpro.ath.cx) together with the main offender that lives in Thailand
- 187 users, each paying 200 Euro's per year



#### RETTEN I NÆSTVED



#### Udskrift af dombogen

#### D O M

afsagt den 30. marts 2017

Rettens nr. 3303/2016

Politiets nr. SØK-77658-00007-13

## **District Court, 30 March 2017:**

- □ Defendant 2: 30 days suspended prison and 40 hours community work
- Defendant 1: 5 month suspended prison and 100 hours of community work

**Appeal Court, 3 December 2018** 

Upheld the ruling



# But the case raised an interesting supplementary issue!





The Complaint Resolution Service ("CRS") provides a single framework in which cyber-crime, accessibly of prohibited Internet content and abuse of intellectual property rights are addressed in a transparent, efficient and cost effective way for the public, law enforcement, regulatory bodies, and intellectual property owners.

CoCCA, TLD Policy for .cx: <a href="https://cxda.org.cx">https://cxda.org.cx</a>, accessed 26 September 2017

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.cx TLD Policy



#### COMPLIANCE WITH cxDA AUP

- 1.1 The cxDA Network and .CX Domain names must be used for lawful purposes and comply with this AUP. The creation, transmission, distribution, storage of, or linking to any material in violation of applicable law or regulation or this AUP is prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - (1) Communication, publication or distribution of material (including through links or framing) that infringes upon the intellectual and/or industrial property rights of another person. Intellectual and/or industrial property rights include, but are not limited to: copyrights (including future copyright), design rights, patents, patent applications, trade marks, rights of personality, and trade secret information.



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