- Zentralstelle zur Bekämpfung der Internetkriminalität -



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# NEW INVESTIGATIVE APPROACHES TO TACKLE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS USING THE INTERNET

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# Cybercrime – phenomena, prosecution and challenges

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# **Agenda**

#### Part 1

#### **Introduction of the Cybercrime-Center**

Tasks, responsibility, features ...

#### Part 2

#### Cases being dealt with

- Cybercrime and "Underground Economy"
- Darknet and illicit goods being trafficked
- Child pornography and "crime as a service"



#### Part 3

#### **Investigation methods and challenges**

- Investigations our tools, methods and experiences
- Encryption, Anonymization, Internationalization

Part 1: The idea of fighting cybercrime in the Fed.

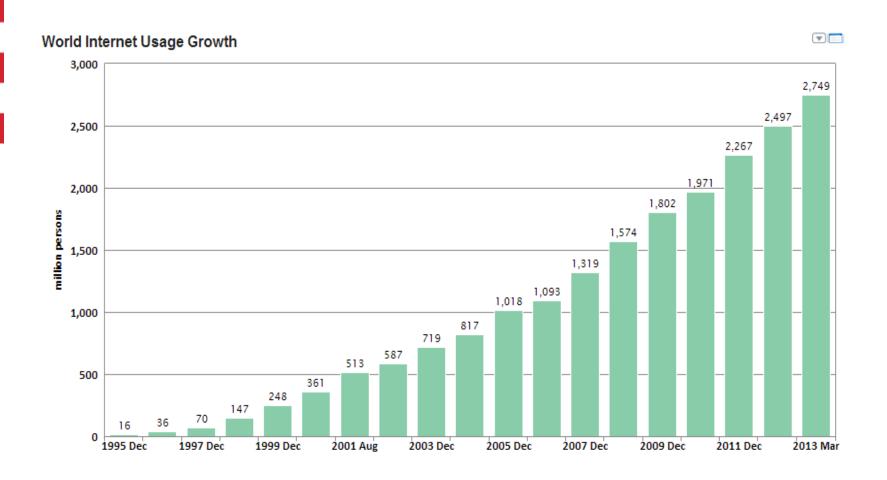
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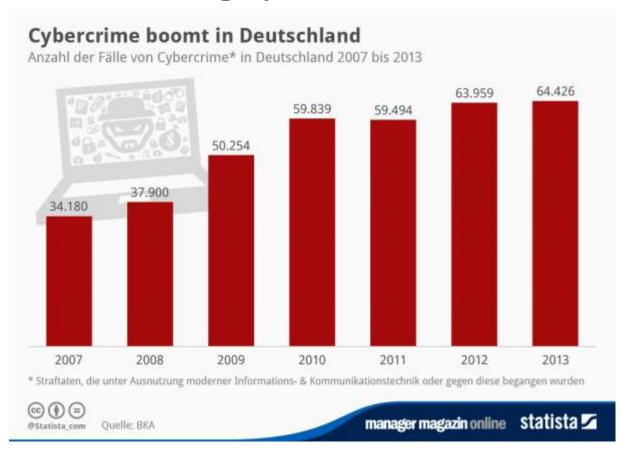


# The ages of the digital revolution





# The actual relevance of cybercrime ist only insufficiently displayed in official statistics, real numbers remain largely unclear





# **Estimations by the internet-industry**







# The "Hessian" concept on combatting cybercrime-Establishing specialized units

- Specialized units (prosecutors) on fighting cybercrime have been established inside of the District Attorney's offices (first one at the DA's office in Frankfurt 1999, followed by Marburg in 2001 and Giessen in 2002).
- Jan. 2010: Foundation of the Cybercrime-Center at the level of the Attorney General's office as a centralized and supervising unit.



#### Why establishing the Cybercrime-Center -

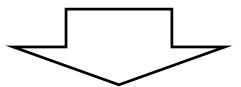
#### **Basic considerations:**

- Cybercrime will be one of the most important and most demanding types of crimes in the nearer future. Globalization enhances this development.
- Since Cybercrime is subject to fast development, progress and adjustment, a specialized central unit can only match its expectations regarding coordination, training and support if it runs its own cases in order to enhance expertise and to stay up to date.



# Results of those considerations: 2 strings of tasks the cybercrime-center is charged with

#### **Supervising authority**



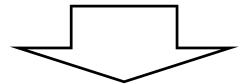
Coordination

**Training** 

**Contact point** 

Support/ crime-prevention

**Prosecuting authority** 



Running cases and conducting investigations of particular importance and difficulty

International Coordination (in transnational cases)

**Expedited measures / procedures** 



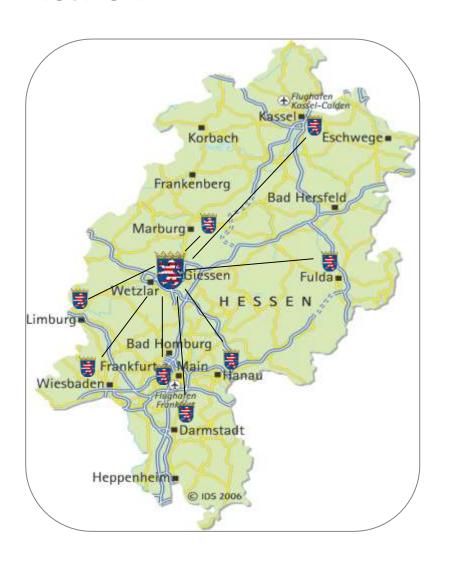
## **Organisation of the Cybercrime-center**



- 5 highly experienced and specialized prosecutors, 1 senior prosecutor as head of office
  - 24/7 stand-by-service
    - modern technical equipment.



#### **Network**



- Contact point for inquiries of the DA's offices
  - Access to the entire databases of the DA's offices
  - Regular meetings for experience-sharing
- Inhouse-training-sessions for the DA's offices.



# Use of modern technologies





- Comprehensive electronic file management
  - VPN-Access to the network from everywhere
- High-performance file-servers and encryption.



# Permanent aquisation and sharing of experiences and expertise

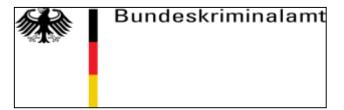




- Participation in national and international conferences and meetings,
- Permanent membership in various task-forces,
- Regular consultations with industry, banks and academics.



# **National cooperation**













# International cooperation







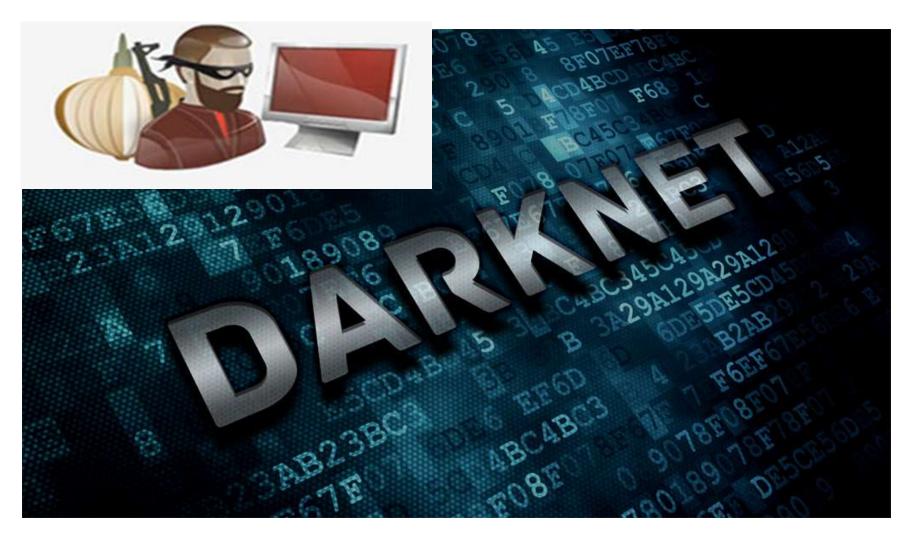


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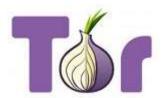




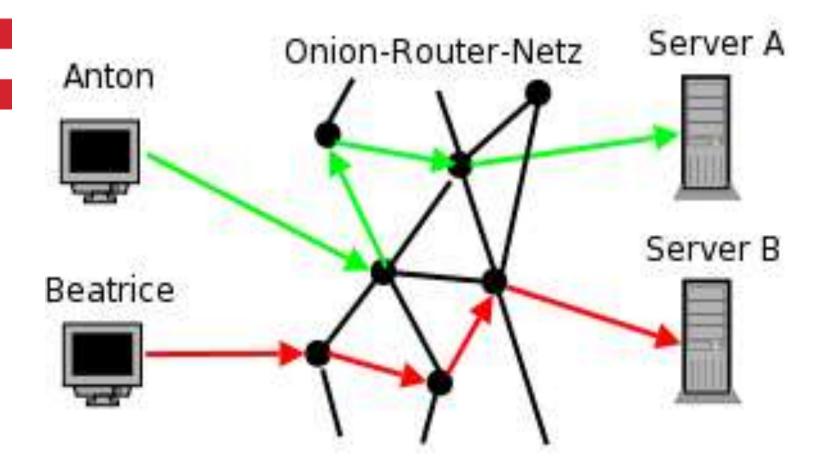
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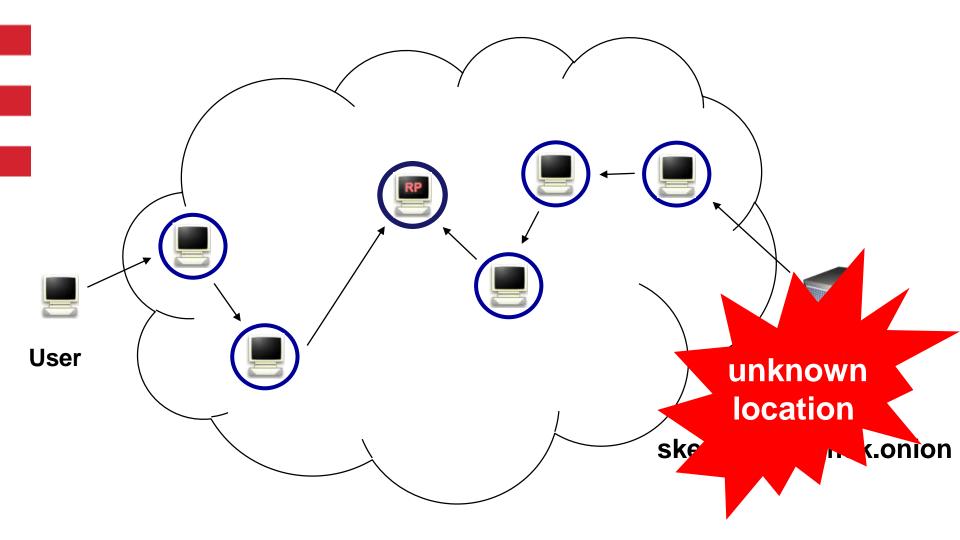


# The Onion Router (TOR)



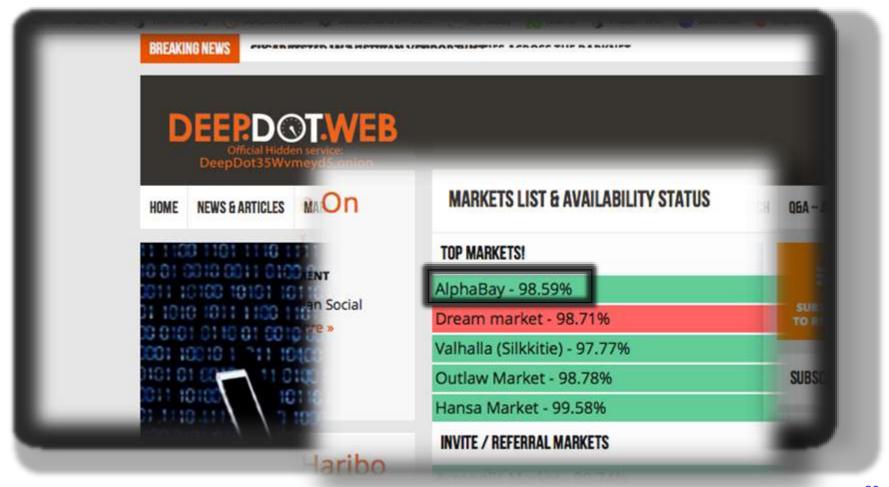
#### **Darknet: TOR Hidden Services**







# LE playgrounds – the big five





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USD 0.00 (0.0000 BTC)

Buy price USD 2,200.00

(1.8496 BTC)

Buy price USD 5.00

(0.0042 BTC)

Buy price USD 3,700.00

(3.1106 BTC)

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Quantity left: Unlimited



One Glock 26 with Extra Clip

Item # 255875 - Pistols / Pistols - redface33 (68)

Views: 50643 / Bids: Fixed price

Quantity left: Unlimited



[MS] DefCad and FossCad 3D printable handguns

Item # 196765 - Pistols / Pistols - User531 (72)

Views: 8194 / Bids: Fixed price Quantity left: Unlimited



[MS] Glock 17 w Silencer

Item # 44149 - Pistols / Pistols - Alexandrea (95)

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Long-Range Guns 361

Explosives 248

Hand Weapons 430

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E47



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[MS] Professional Tazer II 5000 K

Volts

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#### Requirements





#### **Tor-Browser**





#### **Tor-Browser**





#### Grams...



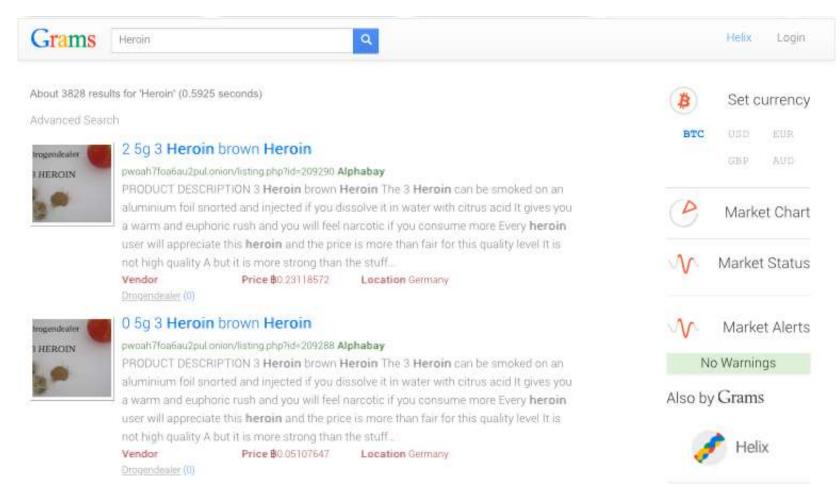
#### Search the darknet





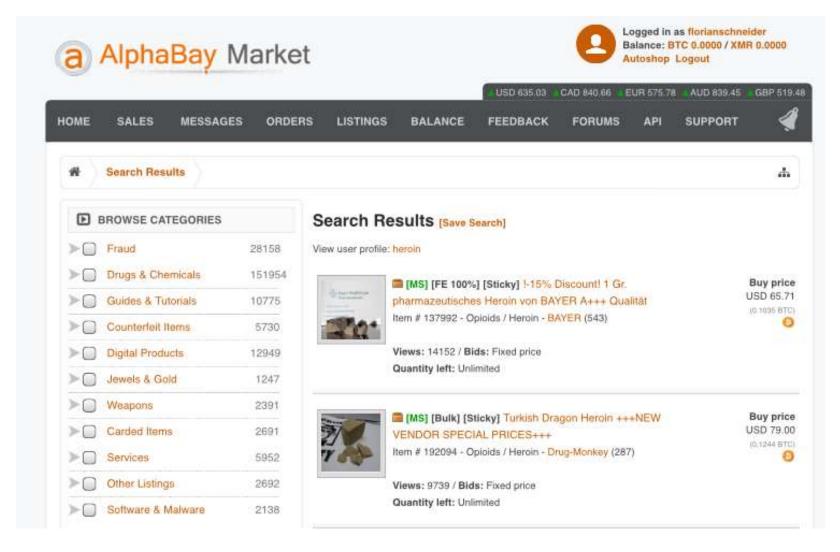


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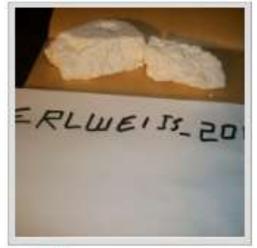


#### Drugs, drugs, drugs...





#### ...and even more drugs





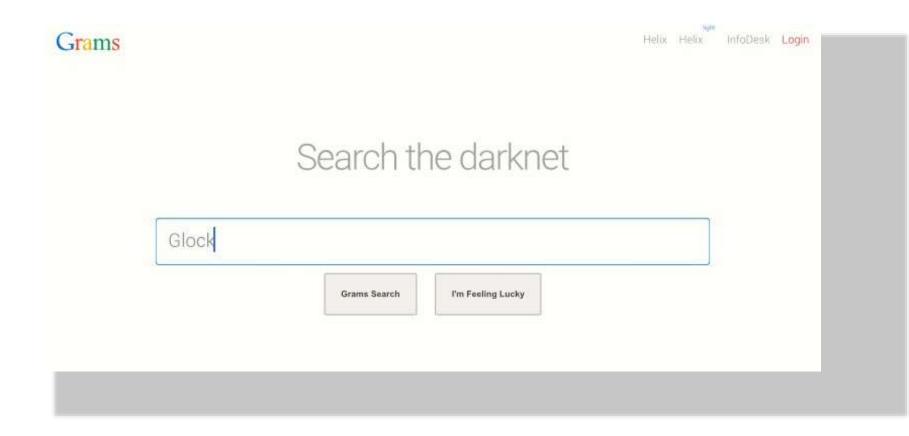
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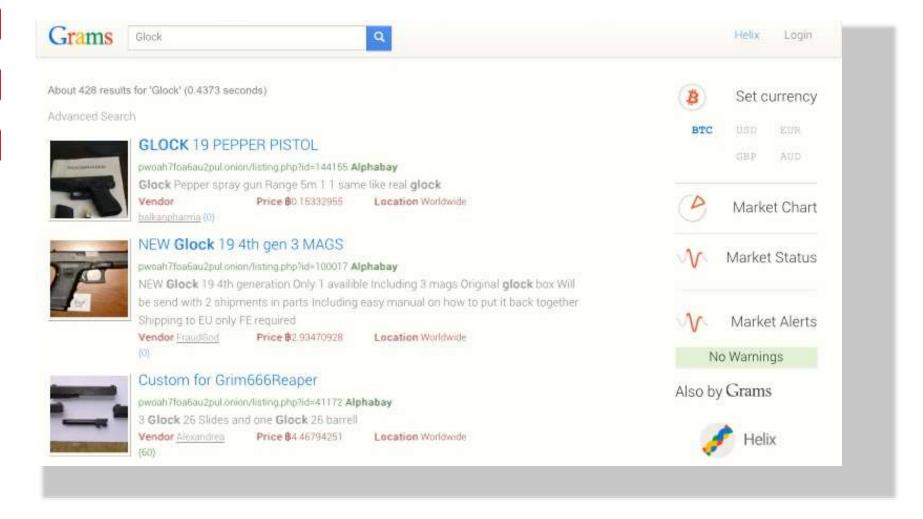


#### **Firearms**



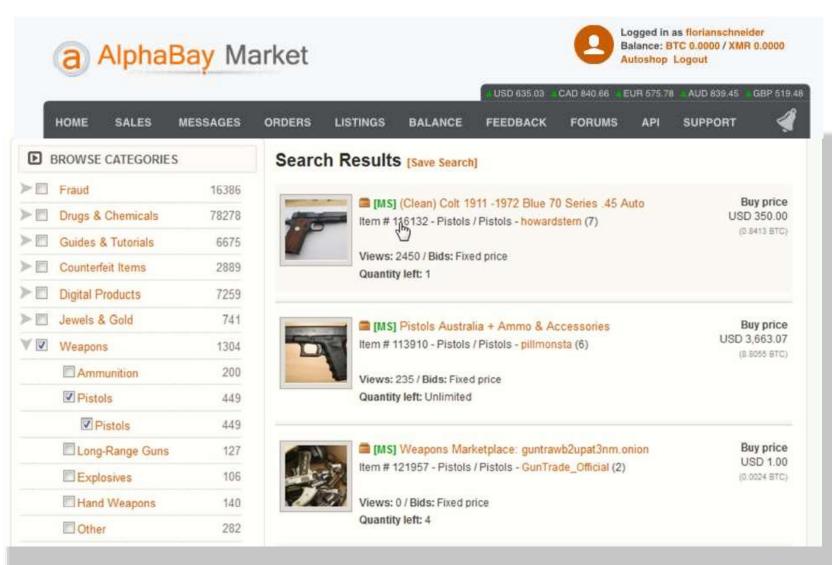


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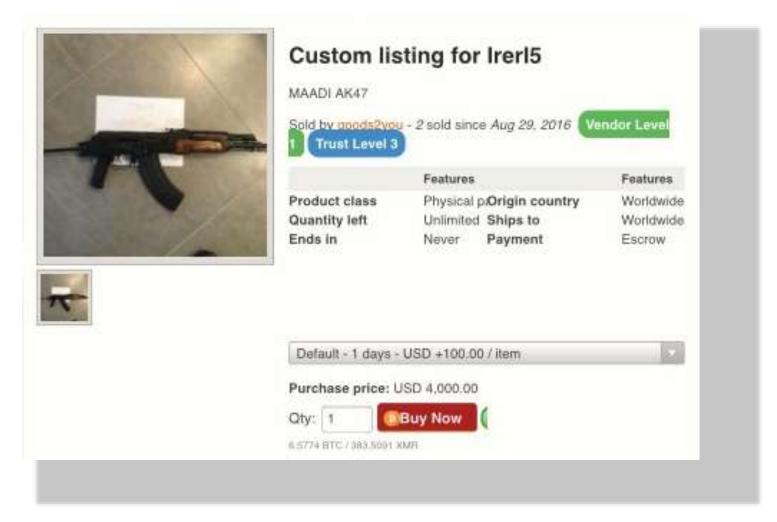


#### ...all roads lead to AlphaBay





### Thus, the place to be for Organized Arms-traffickers





#### Trade in counterfeit





## Trade in forged official documents

#### 'German Passports'



119.23066 BTC
s 1,279.50
Germany
worldwide
100
2012-11-01 15:58 UTC
2012-11-03 11:19 UTC

Your balance isn't enough to buy this item! Please deposit the needed funds before.

#### Description

German Passport - after you bought the passport you have to send me your information which should come on the passport incl. Photo.

identical passport - like an original!

Passport is produced within 5-8 days and will be sent with DHL (+trackingnumber), shipping for free.



#### **Trade in official documents**



#### Main Pictures Prices FAQ Contact

#### Want to ...

... drive or rent a car anonymously?

... open bank accounts anonymously?

... open a P.O.Box anonymously?

... rent an appartment/house anonymously?

... send/recieve Westernunion payments anonymously?

Then get your 2nd identity from us!

#### NEWS:

Here are some more, better tagged pictures to show that we are the original and that other guy on hidden wiki is just copying us.





#### Crime-as-a-Service

#### **Crime Areas**

#### CRIME AS A SERVICE

- Infrastructure-as-a-Service
- Data-as-a-Service
- Pay-per-install Services
- Hacking-as-a-Service
- Translation Services
- Money-Laundering-as-a-Service

#### MALWARE

- Trojans
- Criminal Botnets





#### **DDoS-attacks**

Posted 23 August 2015 - 08:54 PN



504 posts Member since: 21-August 15



#### Webserver

Keine Bekanntheit, sowie kein Schutz: 10€ BTC / 1std Keine Bekanntheit aber Schutz: 15€ BTC / 30min \*Bekanntheit sowie Schutz: 25€ BTC / 30min \*Massenbekanntheit sowie Schutz: 35€ BTC / 30min

#### Teamspeak3

Keine Bekanntheit, sowie kein Schutz: 11€ BTC / 1std Keine Bekanntheit aber Schutz: 16€ BTC / 30min \*Bekanntheit sowie Schutz: 26€ BTC / 30min \*Massenbekanntheit sowie Schutz: 36€ BTC / 30min

#### Gameserver/VPS

Keine Bekanntheit, sowie kein Schutz: 12€ BTC / 1std Keine Bekanntheit aber Schutz: 17€ BTC / 30min \*Bekanntheit sowie Schutz: 27€ BTC / 30min \*Massenbekanntheit sowie Schutz: 37€ BTC / 30min

#### Privatpersonen

Normale externe IP: 5€ BTC/1std VPN: 10€ BTC/1std VPN (DDoS Protected): 15€ BTC/1std



#### **DDoS-attacks**

#### FAQ:

#### §1: Was für Equipment benutzt du für die ganzen Angriffe?

Hauptsächlich Bots, bei kleineren Seiten/Gameserver benutze ich meine Server.

#### §1.1: Was soll ich machen wenn sich die IP-Adresse bei der Privat Person geändert hat?

Wenn ihr beispielsweise einen 2 Stunden DDoS Service für eine Privatperson beantragt habt, dieser jedoch nach 1 Stunde eine neue IP hat (wg. dynamisch) müsst ihr mir die neue IP schicken.

#### §2: Sind die Preise oben festgelegt?

Ja. Jedoch gibt es eine Ausnahme bei den Preisen wenn einer den Service auf dauer in Anspruch nimmt oder mehrere IP's gleichzeitig gehittet haben will.

#### §2.1: Kann ein Webserver suspendiert werden wenn er die ganze zeit Angegriffen wird?

Ja. Er kann in der tat suspendiert werden wenn ein dauerangriff durchgeführt wird.

#### §3: Wie lange darf ein Angriff pro tag ausgeführt werden?

Ich habe es so festgelegt, dass ein User pro Tag maximal 12 Stunden beantragen kann. Es hat nämlich den Grund, dass ich diesen Service nicht nur für eine Person anbiete, sondern es jeden recht machen will. Ausnahme: Siehe FAQ §2

#### §3.1: Wann bist du immer online?

Montag: 13:00 - 16:00 | 23:30 - 3:00 Dienstag bis Freitag: 16:00 - 3:00 Samstag bis Sonntag: 15:30 - 5:00

#### §4: Wie kann man dich kontaktieren?

CNW eine Private Nachricht schreiben.

Jabber:

ICQ:

Skype:

#### §4.1: Was hat die Whitelist zu bedeuten?

Auf der Whitelist sind die Leute, die dafür bezahlen um nicht Angegriffen zu werden. Der Bezahlvorgang ist nur einmalig.



#### **Hitman services**

## Quick Kill

#### **Quick Kill**

\$20,000, 50% before job and 50% after. This is necessary.

We target regular citizens. We do not target political figures or anyone under the age of 18.



We accept Bitcoin and Liberty Reserve.

We are here to do business.

We send you proof when the job is done.

Contact contact form. Remember to include your e-mail address when using the contact form.

Remove the problem from your life.



#### Trade in stolen identities and data





# Mechanisms of darknet-markets: The rating-systems

Profile



view listings		
About the user		
This user hasn't write nothing about himself ye	4	

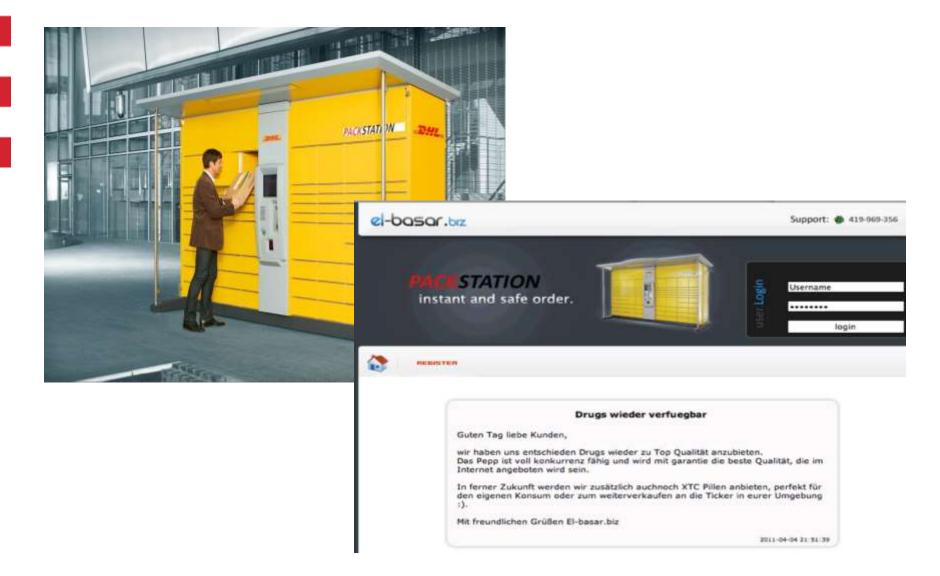
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Feedback

From	Rate	User As	Message	Title
theduke71		seller	Goods as advertised and a nice guy	( ' 5x Party Flock (purple)
<u>cizia</u>	•	seller	Ok all good. 5/5 thanks bro	( 1x Party Flock (purpl
experience2080		seller	Excellent, fast shipping. Thanks.	(* 1,0gr Very Pure Cocaine
<u>justjohn</u>		seller	good seller, good delivery	( 'Very Pure Cocaine 80%
pindulinka		seller	Arrived and I am happy, satisfied, thanks A+	( 'Very Pure Cocaine 80%
13White Widow37	•	seller	He Sent at Friday and I reseived it Wednesday. Really good Product! Recommended for MDMA and Pill Lovers:)	( '1 x Party Flock (purp
freedom88	•	seller	thnx :)	(10x 20 euro notes COUN
<u>cardplastk</u>	•	seller	good bro , honest seller!	( 'SpyEye Botnet v.1.3.48
maarten0		seller	nice stuff :)- thank you;)	(* 0,5gr Very Pure Cocaine
gaumeland		seller	Very nice sample of real cocaine	( 'Very Pure Cocaine 80%



#### Mechanisms: The delivery of purchased goods





#### Mechanisms of the darknet-markets: The payment





#### **Mechanisms of the darknet-markets: The payment**





#### **CryptoLocker**





#### **Cybercrime and "Underground Economy"**

# **OP Onymous**



#### **OP Onymous**







#### THIS HIDDEN SITE HAS BEEN SEIZED

as part of a joint law enforcement operation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, ICE Homeland Security Investigations, and European law enforcement agencies acting through Europol and Eurojust

in accordance with the law of European Union member states
and a protective order obtained by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York
in coordination with the U.S. Department of Justice's Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section
issued pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 983(j) by the

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York







#### **OP Onymous: Action Day 6. November 2014**

- Cooperation of 16 EU-countries and several U.S LE-authorities, coordinated through EUROPOL and EUROJUST
- Seizure of 600+ onion-domains for hidden services,
- Splash-pages uploaded onto 414 onion-domains,
- 17 admins and vendors being arrested,
- 13 house searches
- Confiscation of \$ 1 Mio. in bitcoin etc.



#### Investigations against German vendors on darknetmarketplaces

- Transfer of relevant data on different marketplaces from the U.S. to European LE through EUROPOL EC3
- Analysis of the data provided done by the domestic LE-authorities.
- Several cases initiated against German vendors and powersellers.
- After conducting the initial investigations, single cases being submitted to the relevant local prosecution offices.



#### **Cybercrime and "Underground Economy"**

# **Operation Blackshades**

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Malware Blackshades- Trojan for everybody

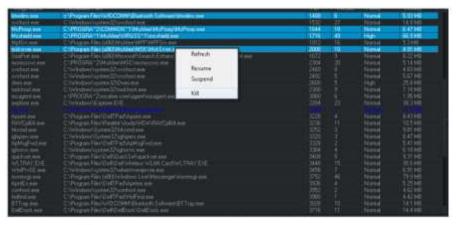








#### **Blackshades**



#### Webcam

The Webcam feature is really easy to use, simply right click on the bot you want and select Webcam Manager. You can vary the quality of the webcam depending on how fast your connection is, lower quality = less data used = less jerky but also less clear. Select Save if you want to save the feed, it is however saved in pictures rather than as a video.

#### Quality at 100



Quality at 50

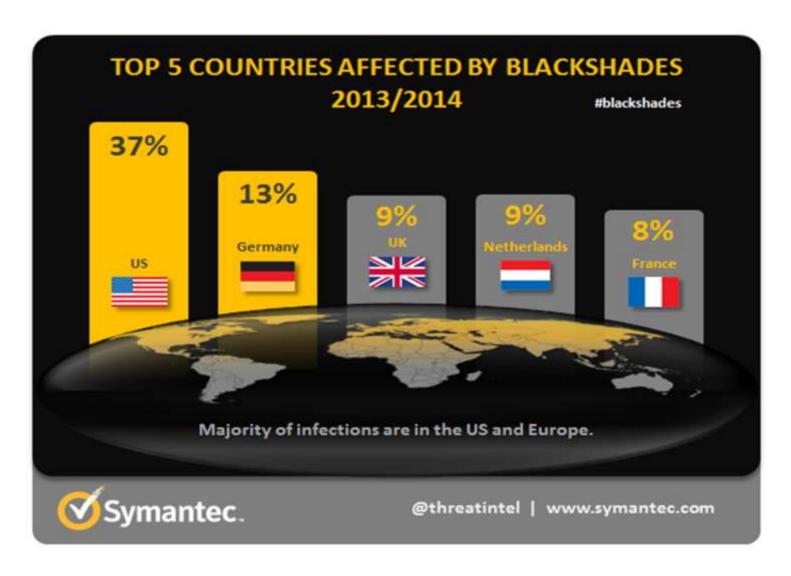


#### Passwords





#### **BS** – distribution





#### **Operation "Dirty R.A.T."**

- Internationally coordinated approach
- Worldwide "Action Day" on 13.05.2014
- 19 countries involved
- Operations center in The Hague
- 157 search-and-seizure warrants secured and executed in Germany.











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#### **Cybercrime and "Underground Economy"**

# **Bitcoin-Mining**



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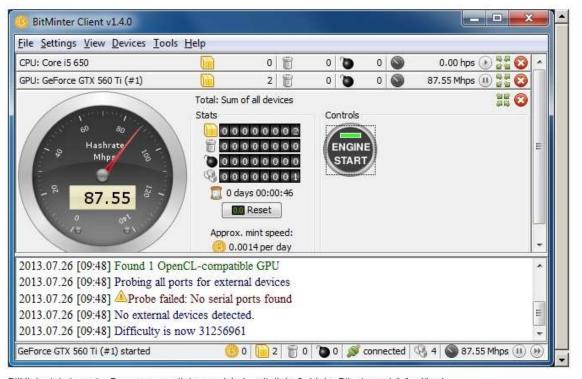
#### "Bitcoin-Mining"

- Bitcoin is a digital currency, independent from banks and official regulation
- Bitcoins are assigned to digital wallets through cryptographic keys.
- Bicoins are regularly used for purchasing goods on online-platforms
- Bitcoin allows for international transactions
- Bitcoins can be exchanged into "real" money.

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#### "Bitcoin-Mining"

- Bitcoins are being produced by processing and resolving highly complex mathematical equations ("mining")
- Installation of a special mining-client required ("bitcoin-client")

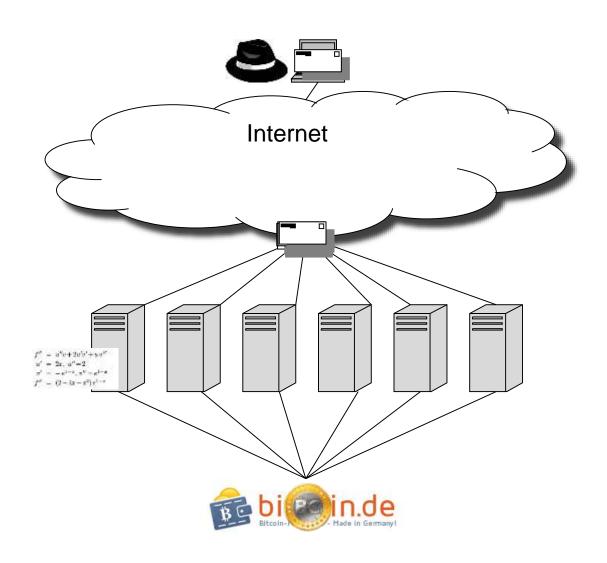


BitMinter ist eines der Programme mit denen sich das digitale Gold der Bitcoins schürfen lässt.



- But: Mining on a standard computer takes years
- Costs for electric power used by the computer exeeds the profit to be gained by mining
- Thus: special high-performance computers are required for efficiently mining bitcoins.
- Solution for criminals: Mining through botnets







#### **Results of the investigations:**

- Perpetrator ("Manager") disclosed his ICQ-number to Undercover Agents.
- Subscriber data request successful, since "Manager" used same IP over several weeks
- Wiretapping disclosed additional complices

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#### results:

- 2012: Distribution of nearly 50 Mio. infected datasets
- Malware is being adjusted daily
- Ca. 1000 new infections each day
- Computing power of relevant botnet amounted to 2 petaflop
- Produced bitcoins being exchanged into "real" money
- Net profit: 15.000 Euros per month



#### **Problems:**

- Mere production of bitcoins is not punishable!
- Infection of computers constitutes a crime under German criminal code
- But this is only cinsidered a minor crime
- Thus: German procedural code does not provide for wiretapping in those cases!









## Das Protokoll der Münchner Amok-Nacht

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## Die Glock aus dem Darknet

Kriminalität Wie konnte sich ein 18-jähriger Junge eine scharfe Pistole für ein geplantes Attentat im Internet besorgen? Der Verfolgungsdruck auf Waffenhändler nimmt zu.





#### **Course of investigations**

Account "E." previously taken over by LE

04.07.2016 - first contact from user "S." on DDW

22.07.2016 – first contact from user "T." on DDW

**27.07.2016** – Take-over of account "S."

**02.08.2016** – Take-over of account "T."

05.08.2016 - first contact to "rico" through "S."

**05.08.2016** – link from "rico" to the spree shooter established

**16.08.2016** – apprehension of "rico"







Obersicht Jabber/Cryptocat Webchat (15) Bitcoin (522 ELIR) Multisig Escrow Spenden Sudve Profit Abmelden

Angemeldet als elsen. Neue Beiträge Aktive Themen Unbeantwortete Themen Abonnements Nachnichten

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# **Operation Hardes**

#### **Operation HARDES**



Nationwide operation from 04.09. –
 12.09.2012

 2 undercover agents pretending to be 13y old girls

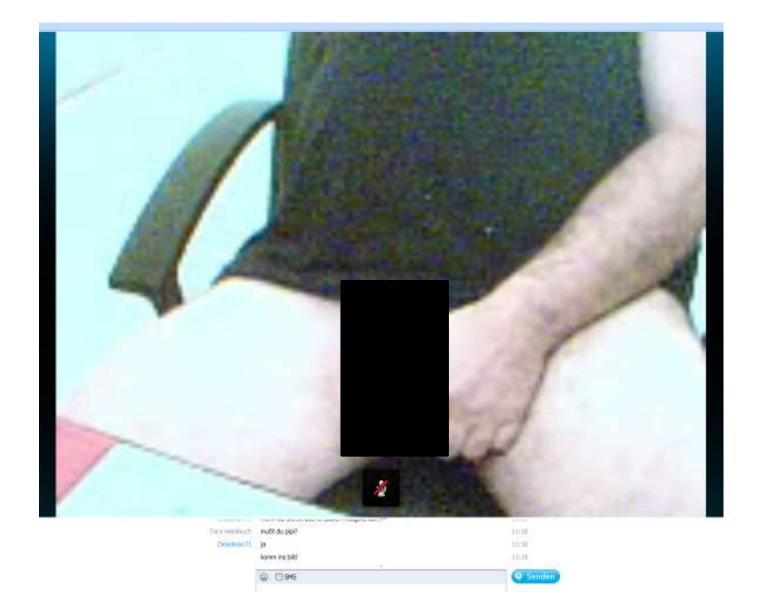


#### **Operation Hardes**





#### **Operation HARDES - Example**





#### **Results**

Jana Schneide	r zeig dich	16:13
	Anruf von Jana Schneider	16:13
Jana Schneide	r seh dich nicht	16:14
Tara Heimbud	ich seh dih auch net	16:14
Jana Schneide	r nur, ich kill dein pc wenn ich dich nicht gleich sehe	16:14
	also mach an	16:14
	letzte chance	16:15
	zeig dich	16:15
	ok, du willst es nicht anders. mach was ich will, oder dein pc ist schrott, und alle pc 's von deine skype freunden werden infiziert	16:16
	ok, du willst es nicht anders. mach was ich will, oder dein pc ist schrott, und alle pc 's von deine skype freunden werden infiziert	16:16
	habe sämtliche daten von deinem pc kopiert	16:16
	machst du alles was ich will?	16:16
Tara Heimbuch	du machst mir angst. wer bistb du	16:16



#### **Results**

Jana Schneider	bist du irgendwie dumm, ich habe keine webcam	16:20
Tara Heimbuch	du lügst	16:20
Jana Schneider	wenn du dich nicht in 10 sekunden zeigst, ist dein pc kaputt	16:20
	10	16:20
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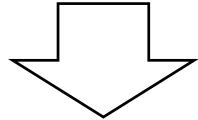
#### Results

- Time-frame: 7 days
- 395 advances by pedophiles
- Sexual activity (e.g. masturbation) in front of webcam in
   39 cases
- Transmission of child pornography in 5 cases
- Coordinated execution of search warrants in Feb. 2013

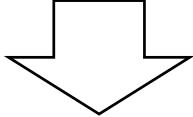


#### (Undercover) investigation-methods in Germany

#### Technical Approach



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Standard investigations

Wiretapping, Data-trafficinterception, information requests (content data, metadata, subscriber data), GPS-trackers, use of IP-trackers (tools to track the real ip-address)

"Traditional" undercover work, surveillance, observations, undercover agents, informants, mock purchases (pseudo buys)



### What we still may not do under German procedural laws

Unfortunately it is still <u>not</u> allowed to

- covertly search external IT-devices by online remote access (e.g. by a RAT)
- covertly seize data stored on external IT-systems (the general prcedural provisions for seizures still apply, but by resorting to them the affected person must be notified after the measure is carried out)



#### **IP-tracking**

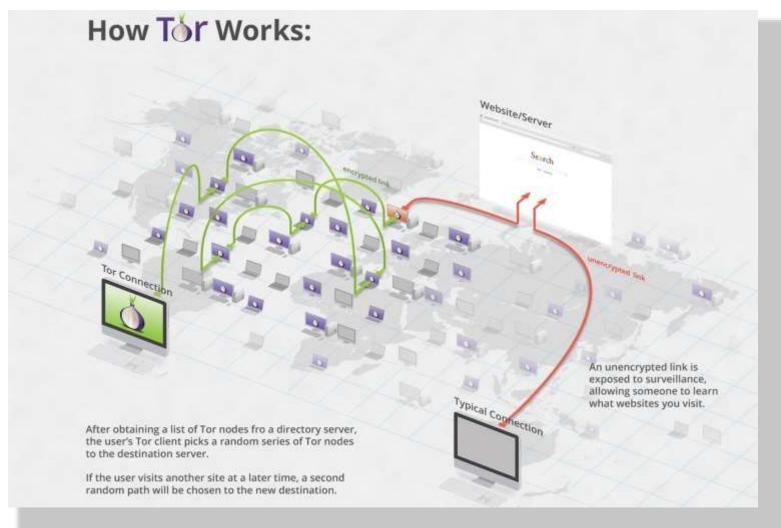
"IP-tracking"...

What does that mean?

Why is that neccessary?

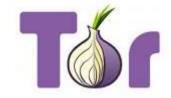


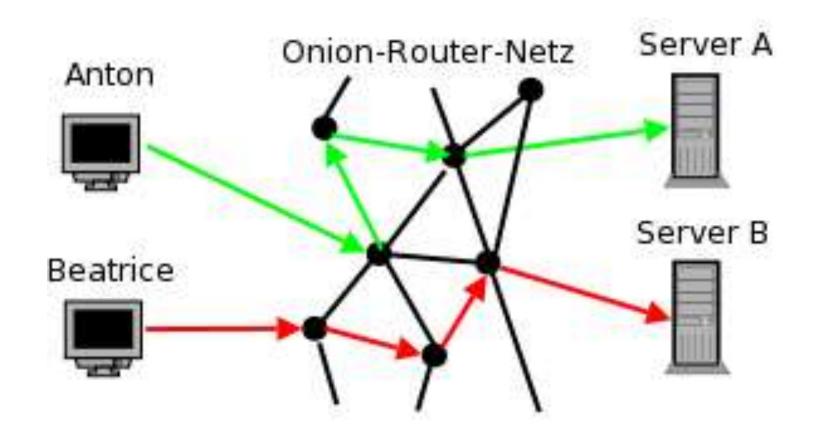
#### **Darknet**





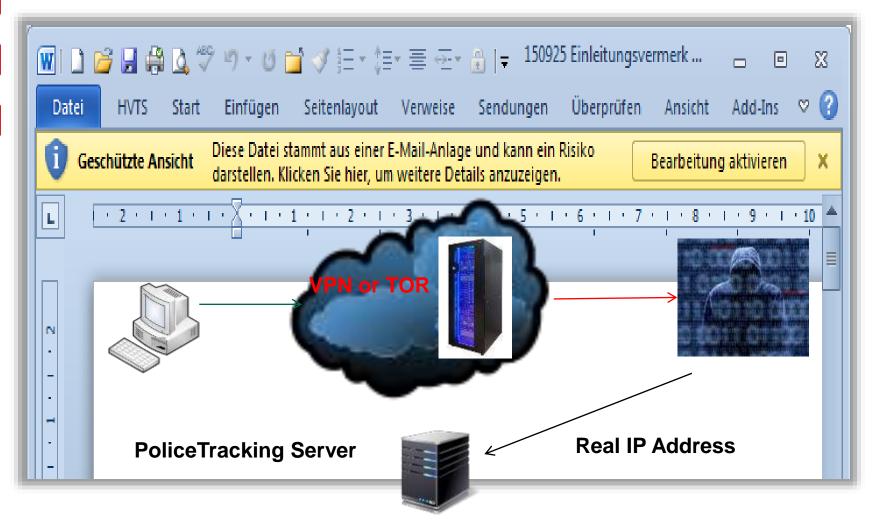
# The Onion Router (TOR) software as a tool for anonymization and encryption of TC







#### **IP-tracking-tools**





#### **Practical Experiences – what's not feasible?**

#### **Subscriber-data requests to providers?**

(§§ 100j StPO / §§ 14, 15 TMG i.V.m. 161 StPO)

- Platform-operators usually are non-cooperative
- Production orders and data requests can't be legally enforced

#### Financial-investigations in the Darknet?

(§§ 161, 161a, 163 StPO)

- Since there are no banks involved, no requests for account-data
- Bitcoins are "anonymous"



#### Practical Experiences – what's <u>not</u> feasible?

#### **Seizure of servers?**

(§§ 94, 95, 98 StPO)

Host-provider aren't traceble within the Darknet

#### Wiretapping/ Server-traffic-interception?

(§§ 100a, 100b StPO)

- ISPs of customers/owners/operators of platforms are unknown
- When using TOR, wiretapping only reveals encrypted traffic-data



#### **Practical Experiences – what's feasible?**

#### **Faked communication with vendor**

(§§ 161, 163 StPO)

- Set up account by using fake-ID
- What does the vendor tell about him?

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- PGP-encrypted communication (email identificable?)
- "Negotiations" supported through pics sent (IP-tracking, metadata)?
- Pics to be shared with counterpart uploaded to cloud (requests for user-data filed with providers)?

#### Mock-purchases of guns, drugs, counterfeit etc.

(§§ 161, 163 StPO)

- Tracing of package by tracking-numbers, parcel-stamp, dropstations
- Cooperation with carriers (DHL)
- Parcel-seizure; obserservation at drop-stations





### Any questions?

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