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Synopsis of the presentation

Victims Suffer When Big Data & International Cooperation Cause Delays

With the increase in internet crimes over the past decade creating world-wide criminals and the ability for individual users to have terabytes of data at their fingertips, law enforcement must get better at working faster and more effectively. In this presentation we examine the case of United States v. Elad Gaber, an international sextortionist and producer of child pornography who victimized hundreds of girls and young women across the United States and the globe from his basement apartment in his mother's home in Israel. While Gaber was caught and ultimately sentenced to 30 years in prison, the delays in processing the voluminous data and added complexity of international cooperation harmed the victims. Through this presentation, I will discuss best practices in formal and information international cooperation, and better methods for examining big data in victim-based cases to limit the harm caused by delay.