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Name of Defendant: <b>Daniel Placek</b>		Address: City, State and Zip Code: <b>Glendale, WI</b>		
Date of Birth: <b>XX-XX- 1988</b>		Occupation:		
Name of Defendant's Attorney: <b>Daniel Vaccaro</b>		Address of Defendant's Attorney: <b>Michael Best &amp; Friedrich, Milwaukee WI</b>		
Name of U.S. Attorney: <b>Erica O'Neil</b>				
Has warrant been issued? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		When? <b>none</b>	By Whom?	
Has warrant been executed? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		When? <b>none</b>	Where?	
Has defendant appeared before a Magistrate? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		When? <b>none</b>	Who?	
Is the defendant in custody? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		Where? <b>not in custody</b>		
Pretrial Scheduling Conference Necessary? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
Issue: WARRANT	SUMMONS	NOTICE	MISDEMEANOR	FELONY
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Milwaukee Case <input type="checkbox"/> Green Bay Case <input type="checkbox"/> County: Milwaukee				
Minor Offense				
Petty Offense				
Arrestment & plea before:		Judge:	Magistrate:	

(The above information to be furnished in duplicate (1 copy for file and 1 copy for Marshal with 2 conformed copies of indictment and/or information of defendant))

**THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED IF KNOWN**

Count	Date	Charge	Penalty
1	2003-2010	<i>Conspiracy to access a computer without authorization, 18 U.S.C. § 371 and 1030(a)(2)</i>	1 year in prison

**Agency/Agent: FBI SA Michael Wagner**  
 OCDEF:  YES     NO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. **15 - CR - 142**

DANIEL PLACEK, a/k/a Nocen,  
a/k/a Loki, a/k/a Juggernaut, a/k/a M1rr0r

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1030(a)(2) & 371]

Defendant.

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**INFORMATION**

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**COUNT ONE**

**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:**

From on or about June 2003 and continuing thereafter until on or about May 26, 2010, in the State and Eastern District of Wisconsin and elsewhere, the defendant,

**DANIEL PLACEK, a/k/a Nocen, a/k/a Loki, a/k/a Juggernaut, a/k/a M1rr0r,** knowingly and willfully conspired and agreed together with Martjaz Skorjanc, a/k/a Iserdo, and others both known and unknown, to intentionally access a computer without authorization and thereby obtain information from a protected computer, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(a)(2) and (c)(2)(A).

**Acts in Furtherance of the Conspiracy**

In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects of the conspiracy, the following overt acts, among others, were committed in the Eastern District of Wisconsin and elsewhere:

- a. In or about June 2008, DANIEL PLACEK and Martjaz Skorjanc, within the Eastern District of Wisconsin and elsewhere, created the Internet forum with the

domain darkode.com with the intention of bringing together computer hackers and other criminals to facilitate the production and sharing of malicious software, and later led to forum discussion about the creation and dissemination of botnets, and the sending of spam. As an administrator of the forum, PLACEK was responsible for determining who was allowed access to the forum, overseeing daily activity, resolving disputes and if necessary, banning members.

- b. On or about January 5, 2010, in the State and Eastern District of Wisconsin, in an online chat, PLACEK agreed to sell malware that he designed to monitor and harvest network traffic for email addresses and passwords to an individual known to PLACEK as Dethan.78.
- c. Later on January 5, 2010, PLACEK sold the malware that he himself had developed to Dethan.78 for \$500.
- d. On the same day, PLACEK delivered the malware to Dethan.78 over the Internet.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

## **FORFEITURE NOTICE**

1. The allegations contained in Count One of this Information are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B) and 1030(i). Upon conviction of the conspiracy offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, set forth in Count One of this Information, defendant,

### **DANIEL PLACEK**


shall forfeit to the United States of America pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B) and 1030(i), any property, real or personal, constituting, or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of such offense; and pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(i), any personal property that was used or intended to be used to commit or to facilitate the commission of such offense. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to:

- a. \$1000 in cash; and
- b. a sum of money equal to the proceeds derived from or obtained as a result of such offense.

2. If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant: cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; has been substantially diminished in value; or has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty, the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(b) and 1030(i).

All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Sections 982(a)(2)(B), 982(b) and 1030(i),  
and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

July 14, 2015  
Date

  
for JAMES L. SANTELLE  
United States Attorney