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Research into computer hacking cases was conducted in support of captioned matter. As a result, the following news stories were located through open source material. [redacted] This summary excludes better known computer hacking cases previously reported by author under this caption.

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On 6/20/94, Forbes Magazine presented an article entitled, "Fallen Hacker - [redacted] is arrested in Germany for using and selling stolen telephone credit card numbers". [redacted]

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The May - June 1994 issue of New York Academy of Sciences contains an article entitled, "Outlaws In Cyberspace". In it, [redacted]

On 7/27/93, the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported on the sentencing of computer hackers [redacted] and [redacted]

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On 7/3/93, the Washington Post (WP) detailed how [redacted] plead guilty to conspiracy and unlawful access charges for breaking into computer systems. [redacted] b6 b7C

On 6/11/93, the New York Times (NYT) chronicled the events surrounding the convictions of [redacted] and [redacted] who were each given five years probation for hacking into computers at Boeing Co. and the United States Federal Court.

On 6/7/93, the WSJ reported that [redacted] of the "Masters of Deception" (MOD) was found guilty of computer hacking and sentenced in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, NY. b6 b7C

On 3/27/93, New Scientist Magazine published an article entitled, "Hacker's acquittal casts doubt on law", the story of [redacted] and the Computer Misuse Act of 1990. [redacted] had been charged with hacking into the Financial Times system, a cancer research institute, and European Community offices.

On 2/8/93, Time Magazine detailed computer hacker [redacted] in its story, "Surfing Off The Edge". [redacted] b6 b7C

On 12/4/92, the NYT reported that "Two Hackers Plead Guilty to Computer Crime". [redacted] and [redacted] were charged. Both were involved with the MOD. (for more information regarding the MOD please see entry 7/13/92) b6 b7C

On 9/14/92, Mac Week did a story on former Cornell University students [redacted] and [redacted] who plead guilty to spreading a Macintosh virus. The three were convicted of computer tampering misdemeanors for authoring and sending the "MBDF A" virus. The virus was spread through a "Trojan Horse" program. A Trojan Horse is an attractive trap which entices the user to access it, and then releases the virus into the user's system.

on 7/13/92, Computerworld described how an FBI wiretap snared five hackers out of New York. [redacted] b6 b7C and [redacted] were indicted after a two year investigation trapped the hackers who ranged in ages between 18 and 22. The five, using the group name "The Masters of Deception" (MOD), were charged with breaking into the computer systems of several regional telephone companies, Fortune 500 firms, universities, and credit-reporting agencies.

The matter was investigated by the FBI's New York division as [redacted] Computerworld states that frustrated hackers may have helped the FBI with the MOD sting because of their annoyance with the MOD's destructive and vindictive nature.

On 8/15/91, the WP reported "Australia to Try Computer Hacker Accused of Damaging NASA Network". [redacted] b3 b6 b7C b7E

On 6/14/91, the WSJ described the case of [redacted] who sold illegal computer chips used to defraud cellular phone networks. [redacted] modified a program written by fellow hacker [redacted] and sold it to drug traffickers and other individuals involved in criminal activities.

On 5/3/91, the WSJ reported that Steve Jackson Games Inc. of Austin, TX, sued the Federal Government claiming that U.S. Secret Service (USSS) agents violated its 1st Amendment rights when USSS raided the game-maker's offices in 1990. USSS seized Jackson's electronic bulletin-board called, "Illuminati", which was used by hackers, in that raid. Los Angeles contains a reference to Steve Jackson Games' system administrator [redacted] b6 b7C

On 3/25/91, the WSJ detailed how [redacted] stole passwords from AT&T in their article, "Computer Hacker Admits Guilt Ending Three State Probe."

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