

HUNTER BIDEN SUES GARRETT ZIEGLER FOR HACKING HIS IPHONE

Back in July, as part of an effort to understand whence the IRS obtained WhatsApp texts that weren't on the "Hunter Biden" "laptop" made available by Rudy Giuliani, I noted that those WhatsApp texts appear to have come from an iPhone backed up to a different iCloud account than the one the laptop was synched to.

On the laptop itself, the iPhone content was encrypted.

That meant anyone without a warrant accessing that content was likely violating the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

In part four of Dimitrelos' report, he describes that there were, indeed, WhatsApp messages on the iPhone, registered to that entirely different iCloud account, seemingly backed up to iTunes on the rhbdc@icloud.com account.

I can't be sure about this, because I'm not a forensics expert, both Shapley and Dimitrelos are deliberately unreliable narrators, and even they don't have all the data to understand what went on here. But it appears that the reason why there were no WhatsApp texts on the laptop itself, which had all the content in the rhbdc@icloud.com iCloud account, is that they weren't used by a device registered to the rhbdc@icloud.com iCloud account. They were used by a device registered to the rhb@rspdc.com account, which was (as Shapley's notes reflect) stored in encrypted fashion on the laptop.

There's one more very important point about this.

The government had a warrant. If they really did find a business card (one not described anywhere I've seen in Dimitrelos' report) with a password, they were able to get the encrypted content (though oftentimes prosecutors will recommend you go back and get a second warrant for that). From there, it seems, the IRS got another warrant for the other iCloud account, the rhb@rspdc.com one. That's how they got a legally sound copy of the WhatsApp texts in August 2020.

But for people like Rudy Giuliani or Garrett Ziegler or John Paul Mac Isaac, taking a laptop they purport to have been abandoned, and then using a password found on that laptop to access an encrypted container – especially one of a different iCloud account – is legally another level of conduct.

Hunter Biden's newly aggressive legal team appears to agree. They've just sued Garrett Ziegler. One of the key claims is that he hacked the "laptop" to access encrypted data.

28. Plaintiff further is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at least some of the data that Defendants have accessed, tampered with, manipulated, damaged and copied without Plaintiff's authorization or consent originally was stored on Plaintiff's iPhone and backed-up to Plaintiff's iCloud storage. On information and belief, Defendants gained their unlawful access to Plaintiff's iPhone data by circumventing technical or code-based barriers that were specifically designed and intended to prevent such access.

29. In an interview that occurred in or around December 2022, Defendant Ziegler bragged that Defendants had hacked their way into data purportedly stored on or

originating from Plaintiff's iPhone:
"And we actually got into [Plaintiff's] iPhone backup, we were the first group to do it in June of 2022, we cracked the encrypted code that was stored on his laptop." After "cracking the encrypted code that was stored on [Plaintiff's] laptop," Defendants illegally accessed the data from the iPhone backup, and then uploaded Plaintiff's encrypted iPhone data to their website, where it remains accessible to this day. It appears that data that Defendants have uploaded to their website from Plaintiff's encrypted "iPhone backup," like data that Defendants have uploaded from their copy of the hard drive of the "Biden laptop," has been manipulated, tampered with, altered and/or damaged by Defendants. The precise nature and extent of Defendants' manipulation, tampering, alteration, damage and copying of Plaintiff's data, either from their copy of the hard drive of the claimed "Biden laptop" or from Plaintiff's encrypted "iPhone backup" (or from some other source), is unknown to Plaintiff due to Defendants' continuing refusal to return the data to Plaintiff so that it can be analyzed or inspected.

Of course, this means that DOJ should have been investigating Ziegler for hacking the President's son rather than spending five years pursuing misdemeanor tax charges.

Perhaps that will become more clear going forward.

Update: These kinds of videos will be of interest to Hunter's team.