# Scottish man extradited to US over cyber fraud linked to Scattered Spider group



A 23-year-old Scotsman, Tyler Buchanan, has been extradited from Spain to the United States on charges linked to a cyber fraud operation. Buchanan was apprehended in June last year at Palma de Mallorca airport in Spain as he tried to board a flight to Naples. He is accused of involvement with the cybercrime group known as Scattered Spider, which is alleged to have engaged in a wide-ranging cyber fraud scheme.

The charges against Buchanan include conspiracy to commit wire fraud, conspiracy, wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft. Following his extradition on Wednesday, he is currently being held in detention in California, as confirmed by a Department of Justice official to Bloomberg. Efforts to obtain comments from Buchanan’s legal representation and the US Attorney’s Office in the Central District of California have so far been unsuccessful.

Buchanan and four co-defendants face allegations of deceiving employees at numerous companies, including four major US telecommunications providers and a US cryptocurrency firm, to obtain their login information. This enabled the group allegedly to infiltrate corporate systems to ultimately facilitate the theft of cryptocurrency from customers.

The other indicted individuals include Noah Urban from Florida; Joel Evans from North Carolina; and Ahmed Elbadawy and Evans Osiebo, both from Texas. According to prosecutors, all are members of the Scattered Spider hacking collective. The indictment states the perpetrators stole customer data and accessed telecom providers’ tools that allowed them to intercept texts and calls. Subsequently, they used phishing tactics against targeted customers in an attempt to infiltrate cryptocurrency or financial accounts.

Scattered Spider has been associated with attacks on companies such as MGM Resorts International, Caesars Entertainment Inc., and Coinbase Global Inc. The group gained notoriety in September 2023 following cyberattacks that targeted the networks of casino operators Caesars Entertainment and MGM Resorts International, leading to network lockouts and ransom demands. Caesars reportedly paid approximately $15 million to restore its systems, although it remains unclear if Buchanan and the other defendants were directly involved in those specific casino hacks.

The Daily Record is reporting this development as part of ongoing coverage of cybercrime and its impacts on international companies and customers.

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