

United States Secret Service

Hawaii-Pacific Cyber Fraud Task Force

Who You Gonna Call?

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One Integrated Mission



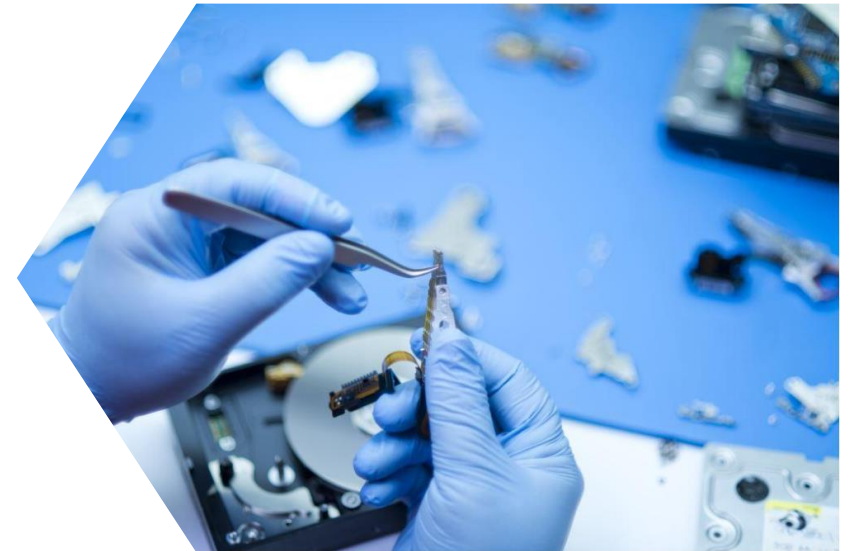
We protect our nation's highest elected leaders, visiting foreign heads of state, and national special security events; and safeguard the U.S. financial infrastructure and payment systems.



Investigations



Protection



Cyber Fraud Investigations

Access Device Fraud

An illicit transferring of funds that involves credit and debit cards, or other types of account access devices.

Point-of-Sale System Compromise

Unauthorized access to checkout or cashier systems that process the electronic transfer of payments for goods and services.

ATM Attacks

Involves access device manipulation and network intrusion.

Ransomware

Type of malicious software designed to block access to computers or networks until a sum of money is paid.

Network Intrusions

Unauthorized access to computers or networks, using a variety of methods, including malware and bots.

Illicit Financing Operations and Money Laundering

Investing illicit proceeds into the financial system, while attempting to disguise them as legitimate transactions.

Identity Theft and Use

Theft of Personally Identifiable Information to illicit financial gain.

Business Email Compromise

Type of payment fraud that involves the compromise of legitimate business email accounts for the purpose of conducting unauthorized wire transfers.

Financial Crimes

- Romance/Social Media Scams
 - Pig Butchering
- Bank/Loan Fraud
- Real Estate Fraud
- Online Sextortion
- Check Fraud

Financial Crimes

Priorities

- Educate
- Disrupt
- Freeze/Seize

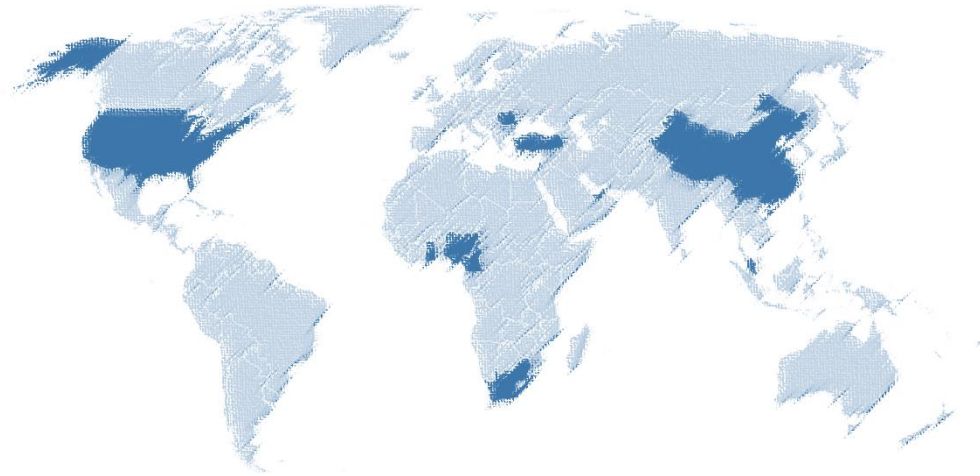
FinCEN Financial Fraud Kill Chain

- At least \$50,000
- International wire transfer
- SWIFT recall initiated
- Within 72 hours

Follow the Money

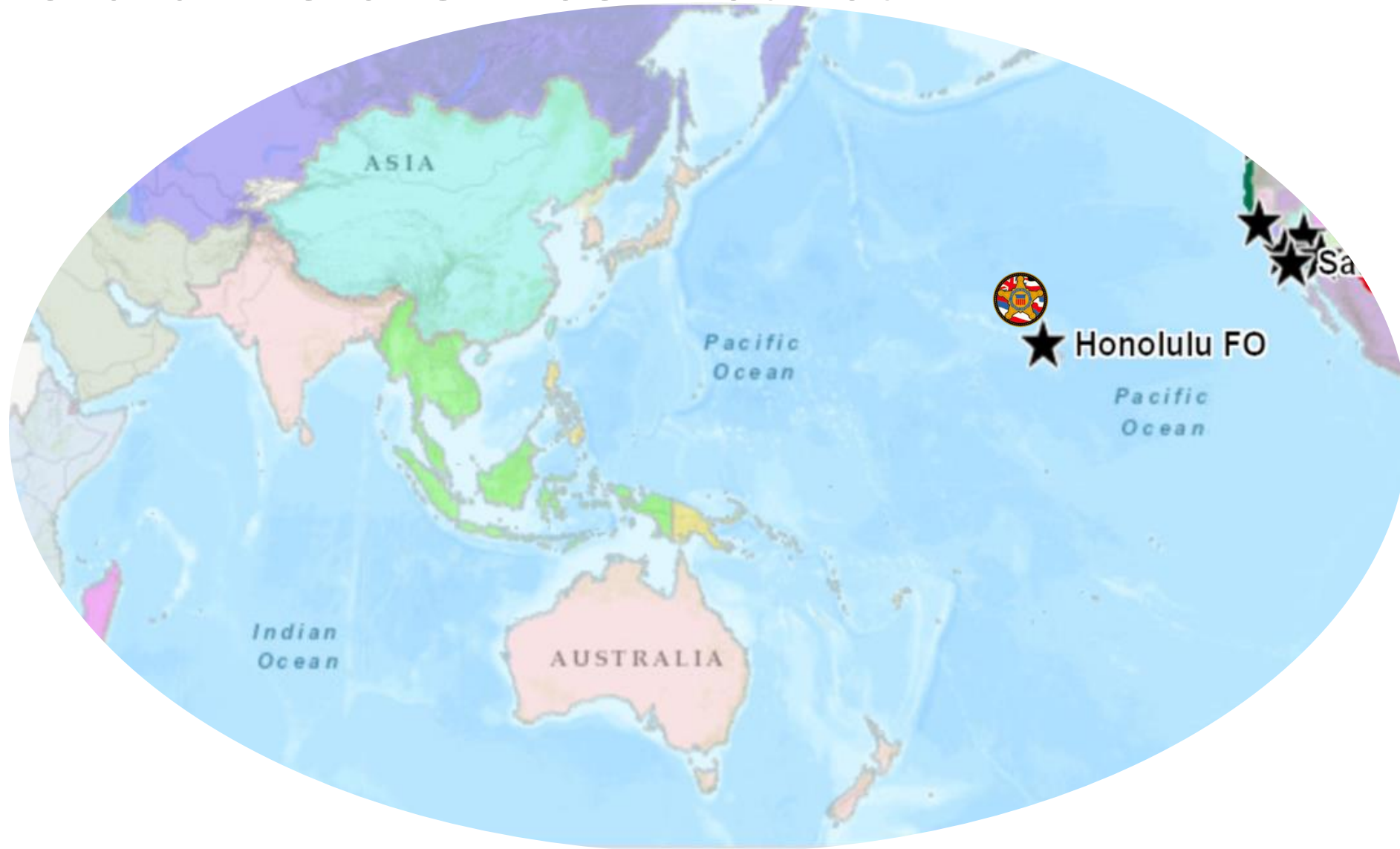
Identify | mules, mixers, illegal exchangers, launderers

Investigate | money laundering, mule accounts, exchanges, forums



Impact | \$2.6B prevented in potential loss to the U.S. economy (FY22)

Honolulu Field Office District



Cyber Fraud Task Force

Prevent, detect, and mitigate complex cyber-enabled
financial crimes

Collective Expertise through a partnership of
Law Enforcement, Private Industry, and Academia

CFTF Network



Hawaii-Pacific Cyber Fraud Task Force



Hawaii Department of Law Enforcement

Hawaii Department of the Attorney General

Hawaii Police Department

Honolulu Police Department

Kauai Police Department

Maui Police Department

Hawaii County Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

American Samoa Department of Homeland Security

CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

CNMI Office of the Public Auditor

Guam Office of the Attorney General

Guam Police Department

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Federal Partners

DHS-CISA

FBI

HSI

NCIS

AFOSI

NOAA

USINDOPACOM

International Partners

Australia Federal Police 

Royal Thai Police 

National Police Agency (Japan)

Recent Trends

- Online Sextortion
- Credit Card Skimmers
- Impersonation Scams

Online Sextortion

- Most originate on social media
- Extortion over sexually explicit photos & videos
- Typically financially motivated
- Victims from nearly all demographics

- In 2022 – over 7000 reported cases
 - ***at least 13 known juvenile suicides***


Overlay Skimmer



Impersonation Scams

- Call from “Hawaii County Police Department”
- Caller ID displays (808) 529-3111
- Victim told to search number to verify
- “Warrant” sent via text message
- Instructed to use Zelle, Venmo, Coinstar to pay fine

Impersonation Scams

 WARRANT NO:
FTA-221-CV-1749
COC-221-CV-1800

UNITED STATES FEDERAL COURT

****CRIMINAL WARRANT FOR ARREST****

ACCUSED *Victim Name*

UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. THIS COURT HEREBY ORDERS THE ARREST OF THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES.

COUNT 1

**** FAILURE TO APPEAR **** Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3146, you, *Sonya Jones*, are hereby charged with Failure to Appear for a federal court-mandated jury selection subpoena as required by Law.

COUNT 2

**** CONTEMPT OF COURT **** Additionally pursuant to Rule 42 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, you are charged with Contempt of Court for disobeying or resisting its lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command.

****NOTICE****

After being positively ID on the monitored and recorded line by the designated contacting officer, by confirming your identity to said officer initial contact has been established. You are now legally placed under and bounded by 2 court-mandated orders as detailed below:



****ORDER OF NON-DISCLOSURE:**** *In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 401(3), you are hereby placed under a gag order. This prohibits you from disclosing any information, steps, or procedures pertaining to this subpoena to any individual other than yourself, unless otherwise permitted by the court. Failure to comply with this order may result in additional charges.*

****MAINTAIN CONTACT ORDER (M.C.O.):**** *You are required to maintain constant telephonic contact with our officers of the court until physical contact with law enforcement is established. This phone line must not be disconnected for any reason until said contact is made. Non-compliance will result in additional charges being applied against your person. If the contact is broken due to network connectivity an automatic call back system is in place to call 3 times in intervals. If still contact is not re-established you will be marked as non-compliant and this process will not be made available to you again.*

Your knowledge of these warrants and failure to comply will result in your immediate detention. You will undergo the due process as dictated by the federal laws of the United States.

****CIVIL SURETY AND BONDING****

If said defendant does choose to proceed with the civil process being made available to said individual on the date of initial contact being established and proceeds to place these citations at a frozen status to be able to be put in for an appearance rescheduling. Bond is set at \$15,000.00 USD for each active warrant of which a minimum of 10% must be posted in order to be placed on a frozen status. In the event of the defendant being financially incapable of posting that surety bond to its entirety a reduction can be arraigned if the defendant can produce adequate documentation from said individual's financial institution confirming the sum of available currency or the lack thereof.

Contact Law Enforcement

Internet Crime Complaint Center – [ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov)

US Secret Service – cryptofraud@secretsservice.gov

Honolulu Field Office – (808) 541-1912

Questions?