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Good afternoon.

Today, we are announcing the latest in a string of separate indictments of overseas cyber criminals who have brazenly used technology to steal money and property from individuals and companies in the United States and around the world.

As I said two weeks ago on this *same stage* when we announced the unprecedented indictment of five Chinese military hackers: “This is the new normal.”

That day the FBI and DOJ *also* announced charges against a Swedish citizen and others, for allegedly distributing the Blackshades Remote Access Tool.

Today's charges, which are not related to either of those I previously mentioned, are against a *Russian* citizen, Evgeniy Bogachev, for his alleged role as the administrator of both the GameOver Zeus botnet and Cryptolocker malware.

The infection rate, attributes, and losses incurred by the victims of the malware and botnet make Bogachev one of the most prolific cyber actors in the world.

Because of the egregious nature of his crimes, the FBI has added him to our list of Cyber's Most Wanted.

To prevent the GameOver Zeus botnet from being reconstituted by other hackers, we obtained court orders authorizing us to disrupt it. We redirected the communications coming from the malicious server to a court-authorized substitute server.

GameOver Zeus is the most sophisticated botnet the FBI and our allies have ever attempted to disrupt.

We could not have done it without our partners in the private sector, international law enforcement, and the U.S. government.

In fact, this is the largest fusion of law enforcement and industry partner cooperation ever undertaken in support of an FBI [cyber] operation.

The court order also authorizes the Internet Protocol addresses of victims to be provided to Computer Emergency Readiness Teams around the world as well as to Internet Service Providers to help victims remove the malware from their computers.

No personally identifiable information or content of victim communications is captured during the court-authorized disruption process.

Today's actions are part of Operation Clean Slate, the FBI's campaign with our partners to disrupt and dismantle botnets that pose the most significant threats to U.S. national security.

The FBI's Pittsburgh, Omaha, and Washington Field offices have led the GameOver Zeus investigation, with the assistance of our Legal Attaché offices in Canada and Germany.

In addition to those here on the stage, participants in the GameOver Zeus operation

include law enforcement from the Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Japan, France, the Netherlands, and Canada, as well as the European Cyber Crime Center.

Among the many private sector partners who assisted by helping victims remediate the damage to their computers inflicted by GameOver Zeus are:

- Microsoft Corporation
- Dell SecureWorks
- CrowdStrike
- Neustar
- Symantec

- McAfee
- F-Secure
- Abuse.ch
- Afilias
- Level 3 Communication, and
- Shadowserver.

The Department of Homeland Security is playing a key role in notifying and assisting victims, including establishing a Web site with information about how to clean infected computers.

To prevent Cryptolocker from victimizing more computers, we and our international law enforcement and private sector partners have blocked all traffic to the domains that infect computers.

Canada, Ukraine, Germany and Luxembourg assisted the FBI in identifying and seizing computer servers acting as command and control hubs for the Cryptolocker malware.

Companies, including Dell SecureWorks, Microsoft, and Deloitte Cyber Risk Services also assisted in the operation against Cryptolocker, as did Carnegie Mellon University and Georgia Tech.

Let the message be clear to would-be botnet operators and other cyber criminals that the FBI and our partners will seek out and take action against those who attack Americans or our interests.

Now I'll turn the podium over to Dr. Phyllis Schneck of DHS.

Thank you.

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