

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon.
	:	
v.	:	Crim. No. 19-
	:	
TUCKER PRESTON	:	18 U.S.C. § 1030
	:	18 U.S.C. § 2

I N F O R M A T I O N

The defendant having waived in open court prosecution by indictment, the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey charges:

1. At all times relevant to this Information:

- a. Defendant Tucker Preston resided in Georgia.
- b. Victim 1 was a company engaged in business in multiple states and kept and maintained servers in the District of New Jersey.
- c. Distributed Denial of Service (“DDoS”) is a type of cyber attack that purposefully directs such a large volume of superfluous traffic to a victim’s web server or other computer system that it can slow or shut down service.
- d. Service 1 was an entity that engaged in DDoS attacks. In exchange for a fee, Service 1 would carry out DDoS attacks targeting victims selected by its customers.

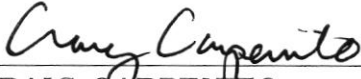
2. In or around December 2015, defendant Tucker Preston paid Service 1 to engage in DDoS attacks against Victim 1. Thereafter, Service 1 directed DDOS attacks against Victim 1, causing damage to Victim 1’s servers and disrupting the business of Victim 1 and its customers.

3. From in or around December 2015, through in or around February 2016, in the District of New Jersey and elsewhere, the defendant,

TUCKER PRESTON,

knowingly caused the transmission of a program, information, code, and command, and as a result of such conduct, intentionally caused damage without authorization to protected computers of Victim 1, and caused loss to 1 or more persons during a 1-year period affecting protected computers aggregating at least \$5,000 in value.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1030(a)(5)(A), (c)(4)(B)(i) and 2.



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