



FBI Anchorage Tips, Tricks, & Best Practices

Items to retain/obtain:

- Logs – NetFlow, PCAP, Email, Windows, Firewall, etc...
- Forensic Images – see below
- Emails
- Relationships with vendors – Some vendors retain additional data for customers that then could be accessed through vendor relation channels. Have those channels ready to participate in the investigation and/or ready to assist with law enforcement request

Forensic Images:

- Get familiar with open source tools such as FTK Imager
- Be able to execute tool to create memory image and disk image of identified devices
- Talk to FBI Anchorage for instructional videos on how to make a forensically sound image if necessary.
- Useful for non-law enforcement investigations and documentation

Tips:

- Engage with vendors early to be able to leverage data they might have
- If this is business email compromise involving fraudulent wire transfer initiate cyber kill chain via banking institution or law enforcement agency immediately (72 hour window)
- With infected devices, best practice for evidence collection is to leave device running. Disconnect from network via methods such as (disable ports on switch, disable NIC, if virtual machine – suspend and capture memory, if all else fails – disconnect network cable). If device is running memory forensic analysis can be done, once shut down some items may be lost.



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