

# **The FBI: Security and Privacy**



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# Presentation Goals

- How the FBI balances privacy with security in investigating cyber crime:
  - Privacy: US legal requirements when conducting investigations
  - Security: The use of technology to keep the Internet secure

# USA Legal Requirements



- Based on 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment of U.S. Constitution “right to privacy”
- Electronic Communications Privacy Act: 18 United States Code (U.S.C.) 2701 – 2712



# **Investigative Legal Tools**

- **2703 (f) Preservation Request**
- **Federal Grand Jury Subpoena**
- **2703(d) court orders**
- **Search Warrants**
- **Trap and Trace/Pen Register**
- **Consensual Monitoring**
- **Title III – Wiretap**



# **FBI Cyber Division**

- **Primary goal - to enhance the FBI's capability to protect the US against cyber based attacks and high tech crime**
- **Cyber Squads active in all 56 FBI field offices**





# Cyber – Traditional Crimes

- **Cyber Crime Investigations**
  - Child pornography
  - Phishing, spam
  - Terrorism
  - Fraud
  - Slave trade
  - Theft of Intellectual Property (IPR)
  - Stalking
  - Sale of drugs or other contraband







# Cyber – Internet Crimes

- Computer Intrusion Investigations
  - Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks
  - Malicious code (viruses, worms, trojans)
  - Botnets and Pharming
  - Malicious intrusions into computers/networks
  - National Security Threats
    - Cyber Terrorism



# Use of Technology

- The FBI uses many of the same publicly available technologies to identify, capture, and prosecute the criminals the criminals use, such as:
  - Domain & IP WHOIS queries
  - DNS
  - VOIP
  - Web sites, forums
  - Encryption
  - Google
  - And many others



# Technology Use Example



WHOIS



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- IP and domain name WHOIS information is an integral tool for all cyber investigations
- These tools provide gap analysis, target profiling, and sometimes even - identification
- **Speed and accuracy in getting the data is key**



# **WHOIS - Investigative Use**

- **9/11 and Anthrax Investigations**
- **International criminal investigations: mytob, norway/spain murder case**
- **Multiple kidnappings**
- **Child pornography**
- **Many other including phishing, botnets, pharming, IPR, Internet gambling, and Internet fraud related investigations**



# **ICANN Luxembourg 2005**

- **International Law Enforcement session**
- **Reps from Australia, Spain, Malawi, UK, Japan, Interpol**
- **Importance of accessible and accurate WHOIS**

A nighttime photograph of the New York City skyline from across the water. The Freedom Tower's beam of light is a prominent vertical feature on the left. The Statue of Liberty is visible in the center, and various skyscrapers are lit up with different colors. The water in the foreground shows reflections of the city lights.

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