

WANTED BY THE FBI

Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Conspiracy to Commit Computer-Related Fraud (Computer Intrusion); Wire Fraud; Computer Intrusion

ANDREY NABILEVICH TAAME



Aliases: Andrei Taame, Andri Taame, Andrey Taame

DESCRIPTION

Date(s) of Birth Used: March 19, 1980
Place of Birth: Damascus, Syria
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 165 pounds
NCIC: W213929230

Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Sex: Male
Race: White

Remarks: Taame speaks both English and Russian. He holds a Russian passport and Russian citizenship. He may have travelled to Cyprus or Russia.

CAUTION

Andrey Nabilevich Taame is wanted for his alleged involvement in the unauthorized infection of malware on over 4 million computers located in more than 100 countries, which includes at least 500,000 victims in the United States, from approximately 2007 to October of 2011. This malware changed the infected computers' Domain Name System (DNS) settings so that the infected computers did not connect to the user's Internet Service Provider's (ISP) server, but instead connected to fraudulent servers that Taame's co-conspirators controlled. These fraudulent servers then converted the domain names to the wrong IP addresses and redirected the infected computer to websites the user of the infected computer did not intend to visit. This allowed Taame to hijack Internet traffic for the purpose of online advertising fraud. Using the malware, the Internet traffic was re-routed from websites with which they had no commercial relationship to websites that paid them for online visitors, thus depriving legitimate advertisers of revenue. The malware also prevented the infected computers from obtaining antivirus software updates, leaving them vulnerable to other cyber attacks.

A federal arrest warrant was issued for Taame in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on October 13, 2011, after he was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Conspiracy to Commit Computer-Related Fraud (Computer Intrusion); Wire Fraud; and Computer Intrusion.

REWARD

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of Andrey Nabilevich Taame.

If you have any information concerning this person, please contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.