

Hollywood hacker honed his skills for years

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In this Nov. 1, 2011 file photo, Christopher Chaney, 35, of Jacksonville, Fla., leaves federal court in Los Angeles. Chaney has agreed to plead guilty to hacking into the email accounts of celebrities such as Christina Aguilera, Mila Kunis and Scarlett Johansson, whose nude photos eventually landed on the Internet, according to court documents filed Thursday, March 22, 2012. Long before Christopher Chaney made headlines by hacking into the email accounts of such stars as Scarlett Johansson and Christina Aguilera, he honed his craft at the expense of two women who say he harassed them and stalked them online. (AP Photo/Reed Saxon, File)



A Florida man is scheduled to be sentenced Monday for hacking into email accounts belonging to Christina Aguilera, Mila Kunis and Scarlett Johansson.

Christopher Chaney pleaded guilty in March to nine counts, including charges of unauthorized access to a computer and wiretapping. He was arrested last year as part of a yearlong investigation dubbed "Operation Hackerazzi."

Prosecutors said Chaney illegally accessed the email accounts of more than 50 people in the entertainment industry.

Nude photos Johansson had taken of herself were later posted on the Internet. "The Avengers" star said the photos were meant for Ryan Reynolds, now her ex-husband.

<u>Federal prosecutors</u> are recommending a nearly six-year <u>prison sentence</u>.

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