

Indiana man pleads guilty in cybercriminal marketplace case

August 20 2015

An Indianapolis man is the latest to plead guilty to participating in a cybercriminal marketplace where hackers schemed to cripple or steal information from computers and cellphones.

Thirty-one-year-old Phillip Fleitz entered his plea Wednesday in <u>federal</u> <u>court</u> in Pittsburgh. He faces up to three years in prison when he's sentenced Nov. 24 for conspiring to violate a law that makes it illegal to send out spam.

Authorities say Fleitz was part of a three-person team who used software to bombard people's cellphones with <u>spam</u> and break into routers in developing nations. Prosecutors say the team made \$2,000 to \$3,000 a week for their work.

Fleitz was one of 12 people who used Darkcode.com to market their hacking activity to be charged in the U.S. and the third to plead guilty.

© 2015 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: Indiana man pleads guilty in cybercriminal marketplace case (2015, August 20) retrieved 24 April 2024 from

https://phys.org/news/2015-08-indiana-guilty-cybercriminal-marketplace-case.html

This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.