

## British cybersecurity expert heads to court in malware case

May 16 2018, by Ivan Moreno

A British cybersecurity expert accused of creating and distributing malware designed to steal banking passwords is headed to court for a hearing on what evidence may be used in the case.

Marcus Hutchins was credited with stopping the worldwide WannaCry computer virus before he wound up being charged in the <u>malware</u> case.

Federal prosecutors in Milwaukee say Hutchins acknowledged in recorded jailhouse phone calls that code he wrote wound up in malware, and they want to introduce that evidence. Attorneys will argue the matter Wednesday.

Robert Graham, a computer security expert not connected to the case, warned against concluding that Hutchins did something wrong simply because his code wound up in malware.

© 2018 The Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Citation: British cybersecurity expert heads to court in malware case (2018, May 16) retrieved 9 April 2024 from <a href="https://phys.org/news/2018-05-british-cybersecurity-expert-court-malware.html">https://phys.org/news/2018-05-british-cybersecurity-expert-court-malware.html</a>

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.