



Search Warrant Served on Google for WikiLeaks Journalist Kristinn Hrafnsson's Personal Data in US Government "Espionage" Probe

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Restraint: Originally: Contempt of court; Now: Still under seal but target can distribute

Title: Notification from Google / Search and Seize Warrant

Date: December 23, 2014

Group: United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Author: The Honorable John F. Anderson – United States Magistrate Judge

Link: <http://wikileaks.org/google-warrant>

Pages: 4

Description

On 23 December, 2014, Kristinn Hrafnsson, spokesperson at the publishing organisation WikiLeaks since 2010, received notice from Google Inc. that her Google account(s) had been subject to a search and seize warrant for a matter pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, which is conducting an ongoing "espionage" probe with the US Department of Justice into WikiLeaks and its publisher, Julian Assange. The warrant demands that all information pertaining to the account(s) be handed to the US government, including email contents, metadata, contact addresses, draft emails, deleted emails, and log-in IP addresses. The warrant was issued to seize "evidence" related to the alleged violation of US federal laws, including violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (18 U.S.C. §1030) and 18 U.S. Code §793, also known as the United States Espionage Act.

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From: usernotice@google.com
Date: 23/12/2014
Subject: [0-5929000005525] Notification from Google
To: kXXXXXXhrafnsnsonXX@gmail.com

Dear kXXXXXXhrafnsnsonXX@gmail.com ,

Google has received the attached legal process for information related to your account in a matter pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The legal process was initially subject to a nondisclosure or “gag” order that prohibited Google from disclosing the existence of the legal process to you. The Court has since issued a second order permitting Google to disclose to you a redacted version of the legal process. Under the terms of the order, you are permitted to disclose these materials to whomever you choose.

To comply with the law, Google has provided responsive documents pursuant to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. See 18 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq.

If you have questions regarding this matter, we encourage you to contact your attorney as Google is not in a position to provide you with legal advice or discuss the substance of the process in our possession.

Regards
Google Inc.
Legal Investigations Support

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UNDER SEAL

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Eastern District of Virginia

In the Matter of the Search of
(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)
information associated with

Case No. 1:12SW 229

that is stored at premises controlled by Google, Inc.

Under Seal**SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT**

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in the Northern District of California
(Identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location);
information associated with the e-mail address [REDACTED] that is stored at premises owned, maintained, controlled, or operated by Google, Inc., as further described in Attachment A.

The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal (identify the person or describe the property to be seized);
fruits, evidence and instrumentalities of violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 371, 641, 793(d), 793(g), and 1030.

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property.

YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before

April 5, 2012
(not to exceed 14 days)☒ in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.☐ at any time in the day or night as I find reasonable cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to United States Magistrate Judge

John F. Anderson
(name)

☐ I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box): ☐ for _____ days (not to exceed 30).

☐ until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of _____

Date and time issued:

MARCH 27, 2012
11:50 AM

Judge's signature

City and state: Alexandria, Virginia

The Honorable John F. Anderson - United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

Property to Be Searched

This warrant applies to information associated with [REDACTED] that is stored at premises owned, maintained, controlled, or operated by Google, Inc., a company headquartered at 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA.

For the above-listed account, Google, Inc. is required to disclose the following information to the government:

- a. The contents of all e-mails associated with the account, including stored or preserved copies of e-mails sent to and from the account, draft e-mails, deleted e-mails, emails preserved pursuant to a request made under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(f), the source and destination addresses associated with each e-mail, the date and time at which each e-mail was sent, and the size and length of each e-mail;
- b. All records or other information regarding the identification of the account, to include full name, physical address, telephone numbers and other identifiers, records of session times and durations, the date on which the account was created, the length of service, the types of service utilized, the IP address used to register the account, log-in IP addresses associated with session times and dates, account status, alternative e-mail addresses provided during registration, methods of connecting, log files, and means and source of payment (including any credit or bank account number);
- c. All records or other information stored at any time by an individual using the account, including address books, contact and buddy lists, calendar data, pictures, and files, and

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including any deleted information and any information preserved pursuant to a request made under 18 U.S.C. § 2703(f);

d. All records pertaining to communications between Google, Inc. and any person regarding the account, including contacts with support services and records of actions taken.