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GALVESTON MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR COMPUTER HACKING

Today in Austin, 31-year-old Higinio O. Ochoa, III, of Galveston, TX, was sentenced to 27 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$14,062.17 restitution for accessing protected computers without authorization announced United States Attorney Robert Pitman, Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Armando Fernandez and Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven C. McCraw.

On June 25, 2012, the self-proclaimed associate of computer hacker groups known as “Anonymous” and “CabinCr3w” pleaded guilty to the charge. By pleading guilty, Ochoa admitted that in February 2012, he hacked into computers belonging to the Texas Department of Public Safety; Alabama Department of Public Safety; Houston County, Alabama; and, the West Virginia Chiefs of Police Association. Ochoa further admitted that he unlawfully downloaded personal and confidential information, deleted data, engaged in website defacement, made stolen information available to others and boasted about his criminal activities online.

This investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Alabama Department of Public Safety. Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Devlin prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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