

Russian-speaking hackers arrested in Poland over ATM jackpotting attacks



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With the support of Europol, the Polish authorities have arrested two individuals committing so-called 'Black Box' attacks against ATMs, in which criminals connect electronic devices to a cash machine and remotely force it to spew out all its cash.

The two suspects - both Belarusian nationals, were arrested in Warsaw on 17 July.

The investigation uncovered that these criminals committed dozens of ATM attacks in at least seven European countries, stealing an estimated €230 000 in cash. The criminals were always targeting the same brand and model of ATM.

The criminals would gain access to the ATM wires by drilling holes or melting parts of it in order to physically connect the machine to a laptop which was then used to send relay commands that caused the machine to dispense all its cash.

This operation was carried out in the framework of the European Multidisciplinary Platform Against Criminal Threats (EMPACT).

The following law enforcement authorities took part in the investigation:

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