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Forensic Tools (MDFTs)



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Cellebrite & Magnet Forensics

- What is an Extraction?
- The type of Extraction that can be performed depends on the device, its operating system, and the status of the device
- Extractions vs. Reports
- Cellebrite UFED Touch2, UFED 4PC, Physical Analyzer, and more
 - UFED = Universal Forensic Extraction Device
- Magnet AXIOM, Outrider, Review, and more
 - Partnered with Grayshift to provide GrayKey to its law enforcement customers





Cellebrite Advanced Services & Premium

- Cellebrite Advanced Services (CAS)
- Cellebrite Premium
- Unlocks phones that the commercially available software and hardware cannot
- On-site or remote mobile device access services
- Premium = law enforcement only
- Advanced Services = law enforcement only for the most part



- GrayKey is made by Grayshift
- Grayshift has now partnered with Magnet Forensics
- Unlocks previously unlockable iPhones like CAS and recently expanded into Android devices
- Law enforcement only

Frye & Daubert Challenges

Frye v. United States, 293 F. 1013 (D.C. Cir. 1923)

 "Somewhere in this twilight zone the evidential force of the principle must be recognized, and while courts will go a long way in admitting expert testimony deduced from a well-recognized scientific principle or discovery, the thing from which the deduction is made must be sufficiently established to have gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs." *Frye* at 1013-14.

Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, 509 U.S. 579 (1993)

- Federal Rules of Evidence Rule 702
 - A witness who is qualified as an expert by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education may testify in the form of an opinion or otherwise if: (a) the expert's scientific, technical, or other specialized knowledge will help the trier of fact to understand the evidence or to determine a fact in issue; (b) the testimony is based on sufficient facts or data; (c) the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods; and (d) the expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of the case.

Signal App Takes on Cellebrite

"Exploiting vulnerabilities in Cellebrite UFED and Physical Analyzer from an app's perspective"

- https://signal.org/blog/cellebritevulnerabilities/
- What actually happened?
- How can we use this?
- How significant is the exploit Signal revealed?



Challenging "Experts" and Law Enforcement Only Tools

Actual experts vs. button pushers	 Certifications Trainings Degrees Not just which buttons to push but why 	easy
Law enforcement only tools	 Cellebrite Premium Grayshift GrayKey How do they work? How can it be verified? 	STAPLES

Miscellaneous Issues

- How long can law enforcement hold on to a mobile device before getting a warrant?
 - United States v. Smith, 967 F.3d 198 (2d Cir. 2020)
 - (1.) the length of the delay, (2.) the importance of the seized property to the defendant, (3.) whether the defendant has a reduced property interest in the seized item, and (4.) the strength of the state's justification for the delay
 - Strategic considerations
- "Do-over" search warrants
 - People v. Dominguez-Castor, 2020 COA 1, 469 P.3d 514, cert. denied, No. 20SC130, 2020 WL 4915827 (Colo. Aug. 17, 2020)
 - How many times can the prosecution get a search warrant for a mobile device?
- Seize and search every device
 - United States v. Griffith, 867 F.3d 1265, 1276 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (citations omitted)
 - "The warrant's overbreadth is particularly notable because police sought to seize otherwise lawful objects: electronic devices. Courts have allowed more latitude in connection with searches for contraband items like 'weapons [or] narcotics.' But the understanding is different when police seize 'innocuous' objects. Those circumstances call for special 'care to assure [the search is] conducted in a manner that minimizes unwarranted intrusions upon privacy.'"