

Bragging Instagram Hacker's \$600K-a-Month Violent Extortion Scam Scheme



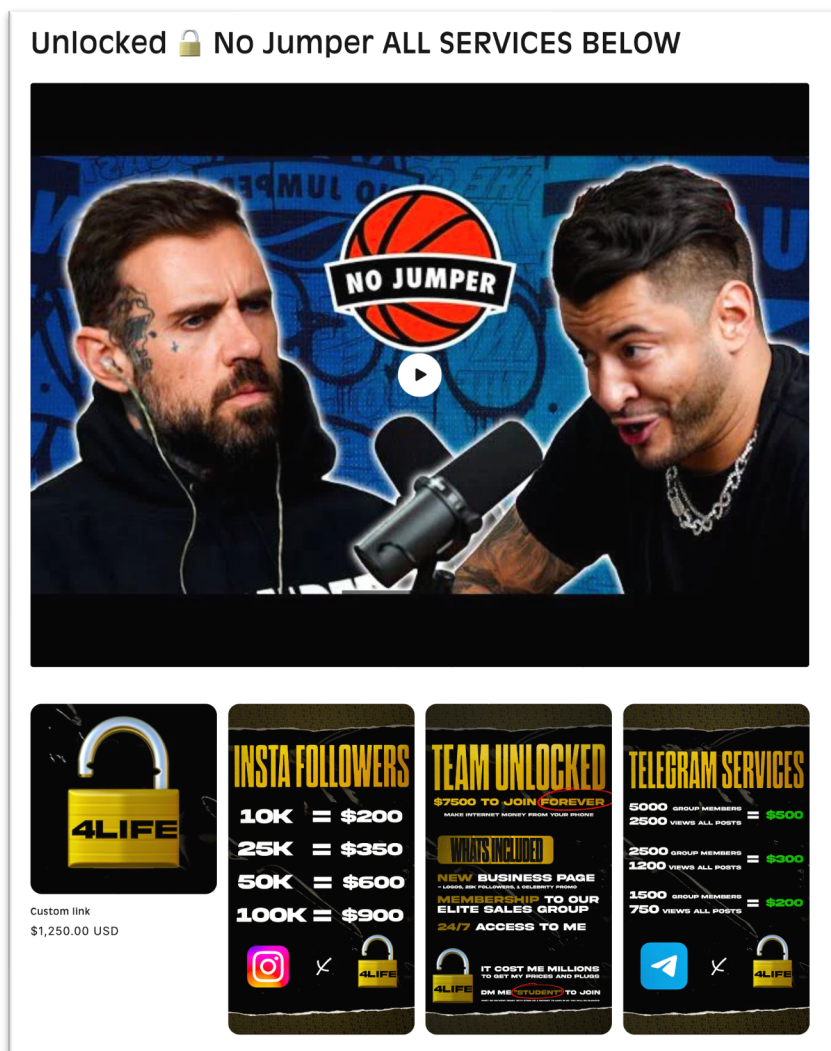
Have you ever had your Instagram account mysteriously locked? Well, buckle up, because this story is wild. The FBI just nabbed a guy in Las Vegas who's been running a massive extortion scheme on social media users. And get this – he got caught because he couldn't keep his mouth shut on a popular podcast.

He Ran A Website Called Unlocked

The suspect, Idriss Qibaa, known online as "Dani" and "Unlocked," is accused of locking victims out of their social media accounts and demanding payment for their return. The arrest comes after Qibaa reportedly boasted about his illegal activities on the popular "No Jumper" podcast, claiming to make over \$600,000 per month from his schemes.

A Digital Hostage-Taking

Qibaa operated a website called Unlocked4Life.com, which purported to offer services for banning or unbanning social media accounts on platforms including Instagram, Snapchat, Telegram, and TikTok. However, according to the FBI, Qibaa was often the one responsible for locking people out of their accounts in the first place.



"You're making \$2 million a month off your Instagram and Telegraph," Qibaa said on the podcast. "I come and I take it away and make you pay for it back and I make it public and I post it and I expose you."

He Appeared on No Jumper Podcast And That Lead To His Downfall

Ironically, it was Qibaa's own bragging that led to his downfall. His appearance on the "No Jumper" podcast in January 2024 caught the attention of law enforcement. During the interview, Qibaa outlined his extortion scheme in detail, even laughing about his methods.



"I've talked to stars who have told me that they've paid to get it back 20 times over and over and over they just have to keep paying to get it back," Qibaa said on the podcast. "And I'm like, you realize what's happening to you, right? Like the same person that's getting you it back is... you're getting extorted."

On the podcast, Qibaa talked about locking people out of their Instagram accounts, and how he charges his victims to unlock the account. According to the complaint, "Qibaa stated he has over 200 people who pay him monthly to maintain access to their accounts claiming he makes more than \$600,000 a month." Adam talked about hearing from stars who have been victims to such schemes, to which Qibaa responds they're "getting extorted."

By Any Means Necessary Including Violence and Extortion

Qibaa wasn't just content with messing with people's online lives. His methods escalated and according to court documents things got pretty bad.

Some examples of what he did:

#1 The Dentist Drama:

According to an article in 404 Media, Qibaa's alleged victims extend to his own dentist. Qibaa proposed a business relationship with the dentist, but the dentist turned him down. In July, the dentist received approximately 700 messages from Qibaa including threats against his life and his children, saying "you're dead dog fucking dead," "I will come and shoot you myself," and "I'm going to bury you for this shit."

#2 - Car Smash Extravaganza:

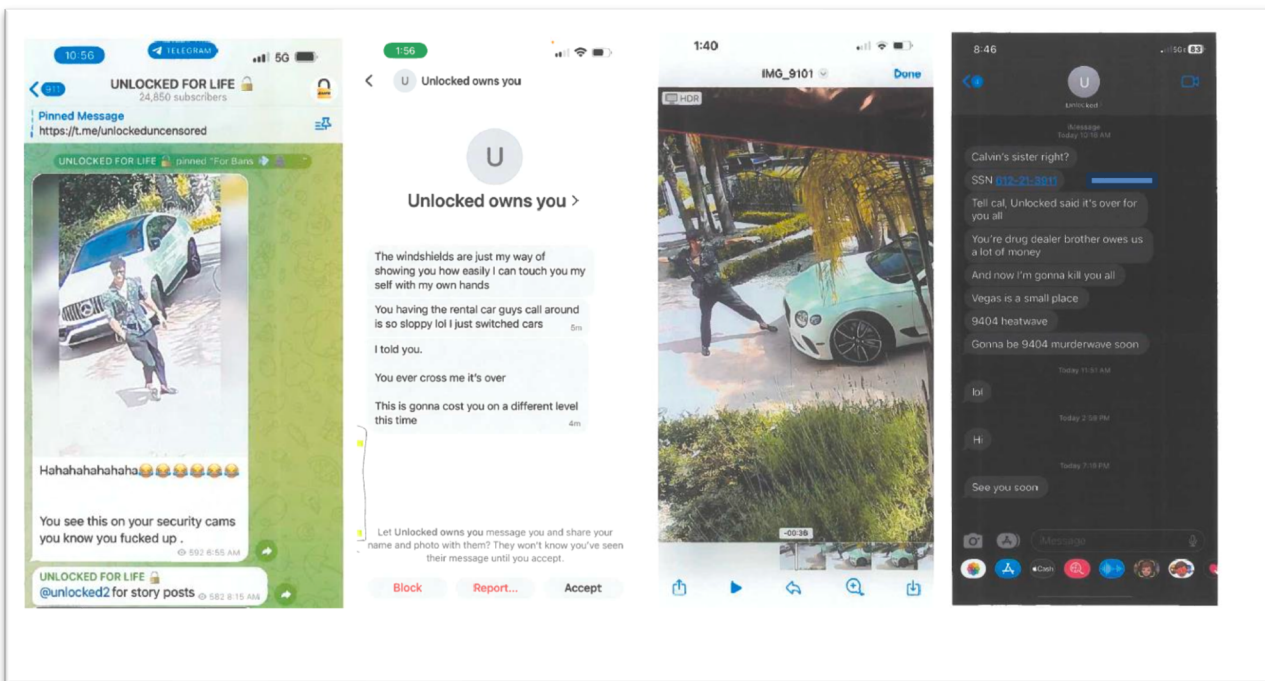
One of his victims turned out to be related to a politician so Qibaa found out where they lived, went to their house, and smashes up a Bentley and a Mercedes in the driveway.

#3 - The Restraining Order Laugh:

When one victim got a restraining order against him, Qibaa texted back, "Cute restraining order... last I checked you're still gonna die." Charming.

#6 - The \$50K Bounty:

Qibaa allegedly posted a \$50,000 reward on Telegram for anyone who would "sleep" (read: kill) one of his victims. Because apparently, he thought he was in a bad mob movie.



#7 - The Influencer Shake Down:

He targeted this cannabis influencer with accounts called "theblacklistxyz" and "caliplug." First, he quoted the guy \$4,000-\$5,000 for a username. When the influencer said no, Qibaa locked him out and demanded \$10,000 to get back in. The victim ended up paying \$8,500.

#8 - TLO Lookups:

The court records allege that Qibaa performed "TLO" lookups to access his target's personal information, including names, addresses, Social Security account numbers, and

dates of birth of individuals. Then he'd threaten to DOX the person all over the internet if they didn't pay him what he wanted.

Legal Ramifications and Potential Consequences for the Hacker

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has charged Qibba with multiple counts of violating interstate communications laws, a serious federal offense that carries substantial penalties.

Each count of violating these laws can result in a sentence of up to five years in federal prison. Given the multiple victims across several states implicated in the complaint, Mr. Qibaa could be facing a considerable cumulative sentence if convicted on all counts.

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9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
 10 Plaintiff,
 11 vs.
 12 IDRIS QIBAA,
 13 Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-mj-00629-BNW

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

COUNT ONE
 18 U.S.C. § 875(c) – Interstate
 Communications

14 BEFORE the United States Magistrate Judge, Las Vegas, Nevada, the undersigned
 15 Complainant, being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

16 **COUNT ONE**
 17 *Interstate Communications*

18 On or about July 19, 2024, in the State and Federal District of Nevada and
 19 elsewhere,

IDRISS QIBAA,

20 defendant herein, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce from the State of Nevada
 21 to the State of California, text message communications containing threats to injure and
 22 kill T.C. and members of T.C.’s family, all in violation of Title 18, United States Code,
 23 Section 875(c).

COUNT TWO

Interstate Communications

On or about July 24, 2024, in the State and Federal District of Nevada and elsewhere,

IDRISS QIBAA,

defendant herein, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce from the State of Nevada to the State of California, text message communications containing threats to injure and kill M.B., all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Your Complainant, as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, states the following as and for probable cause:

1. Your Complainant is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has been so employed since September 2021. As an FBI Special Agent, your Complainant is assigned to the FBI's Las Vegas Violent Crimes Task Force and is responsible for investigating a variety of violent crimes, to include: bank robbery, kidnapping, extortion, Hobbs Act robbery, carjacking, assaults and murders of federal officers, racketeering related violent offenses, as well as long-term investigations into the activities and operations of career criminals, criminal enterprises, drug trafficking organizations, and violent street gangs. Your Complainant has experience in conducting criminal investigations, including the investigation of criminal groups and conspiracies, as well as the collection of evidence and the identification and use of witnesses.

FACTS ESTABLISHING PROBABLE CAUSE

1 2. On April 1, 2024, The Federal Bureau of Investigation was made aware of an
2 extortion/threatening communications scheme being perpetrated by IDRIS QIBAA¹
3 (QIBAA) against victims located in Nevada, California, Washington, New York, and
4 Florida. QIBAA is known by pseudonyms to include “Dani” and “Unlocked.” QIBAA
5 maintains a presence on social media and his website, Unlocked4life.com, where he
6 advertises his services of being able to ban/unban social media accounts on Instagram,
7 SnapChat, Telegram, and TikTok. Unlocked4life.com is a website QIBAA operates that
8 has several posts of accounts QIBAA has been able to lock out in the past to include
9 @EmoneyEmpire, “Cali Plug,” “Skunk LA,” and “HARD_BODY_KID.”
10 Unlocked4life.com also offers a service where customers can purchase “TLO”² which
11 includes the personal identifying information of someone that can be posted online
12 (doxing). Unlocked4life.com had posted two examples of what was referred to as “TLO”
13 information that include names, addresses, Social Security account numbers, and dates of
14 birth of individuals. Accuracy of this information was validated using law enforcement
15 database Accurint/LexusNexus. Another service offered by Unlocked4life.com is the
16 ability to apply “scam” tags to any Telegram accounts. One example posted shows a
17 “scam”³ tag on the account “FREE SIGNALS.”

18 3. On January 18, 2024, QIBAA appeared on a podcast called “No Jumper”
19 hosted by “Adam22.” During this podcast, QIBAA outlined an extortion scheme he has
20 perpetrated against multiple victims. QIBAA stated he profits by locking victims out of

21 ¹ QIBAA is a Moroccan national who is in the United States legally but is not a citizen. On multiple occasions through
22 different means, QIBAA has stated if he feels any law enforcement pressure or is arrested and makes bail, he will flee
back to Morocco and “live like a king.”

23 ² TLO is an acronym for TransUnion Locator Services which is a skiptrace database. A skiptrace database collects
and stores information about individuals to help find their current location. TLO, now known as TransUnion TLOxp,
is widely used by law enforcement agencies, private investigators, and skiptracers.

³ A scam tag is a notation attached to an account indicating it may be being used to scam other people.

1 their social media accounts on Instagram and charges the victims to unlock the account.
2 QIBAA stated he has over 200 people who pay him monthly to maintain access to their
3 accounts claiming he makes more than \$600,000 a month. During the podcast, “Adam
4 22” stated, “Well it strikes me that the smart people no offense caliplug, but I feel like the
5 smart people would not admit that they’ve spent money on it because I- like I’ve talked to
6 stars who have told me that they’ve paid to get it back 20 times over and over and over
7 they just have to keep paying to get it back – and I’m like you realize what’s happening to
8 you right like the same person that’s getting you it back is” to which QIBAA responds,
9 “You’re getting extorted.”

10 VICTIM 1

11 4. J.T. is a self-employed social media influencer who utilizes platforms such as
12 Instagram. J.T.’s Instagram accounts “theblacklistxyz” and “Caliplug” reported primarily
13 on the cannabis industry and had approximately 500,000 followers. J.T. was highly
14 dependent on these Instagram accounts for income and success in his businesses.

15 5. J.T. was introduced to “Dani” who he later learned to be QIBAA. QIBAA
16 had an Instagram account called “Unlocked4life,” which advertised services to include
17 blocking/unlocking social media accounts as well as being able to procure social media
18 handles that had been restricted. J.T. asked QIBAA for a quote to obtain a username.
19 QIBAA quoted J.T. a price of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. J.T. declined QIBAA’s
20 services.

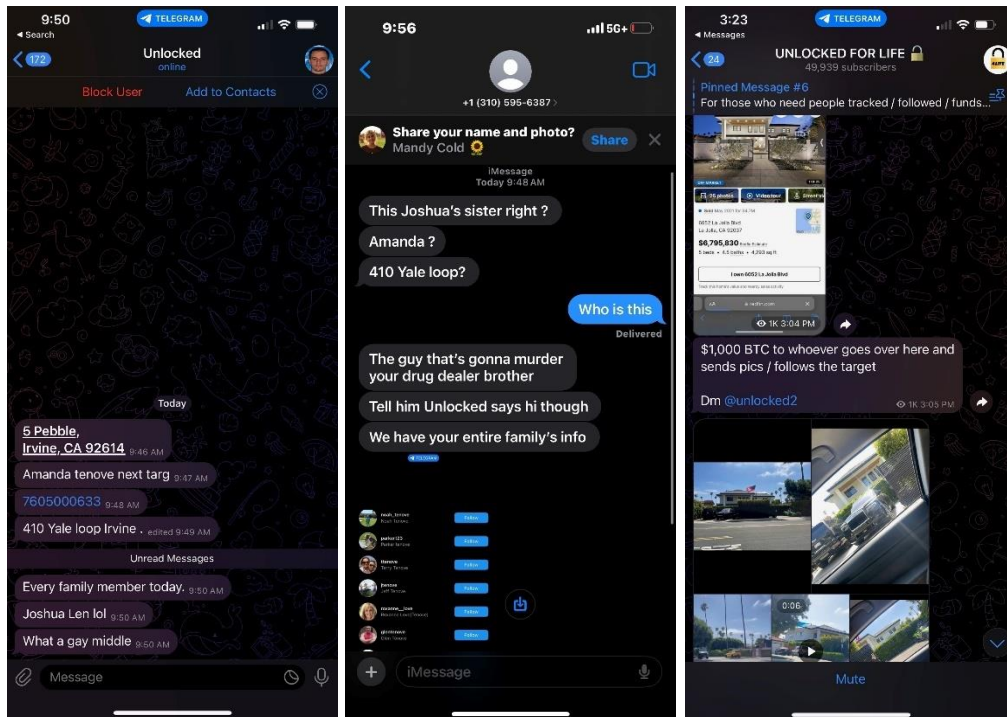
21 6. When J.T. did not purchase the username, QIBAA took offense and began
22 to threaten J.T. QIBAA told J.T. that J.T. had wasted QIBAA’s time, blocked J.T.’s
23 Instagram pages, and demanded \$10,000 to reinstate it. J.T. offered QIBAA \$8,500 to
reinststate the account. An offer QIBAA accepted. J.T. paid the \$8500 in cash and J.T.’s

1 Instagram account was reinstated. J.T. attempted to maintain a civil relationship with
 2 QIBAA.

3 7. On or about August 2023, QIBAA asked J.T. if J.T. would promote
 4 QIBAA's Instagram page. J.T. agreed without realizing QIBAA was extorting and
 5 threatening customers QIBAA came in contact with. J.T. confronted QIBAA once
 6 customers made J.T. aware of QIBAA's activities. QIBAA was irate with J.T.

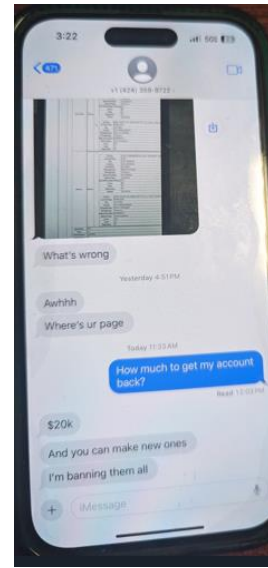
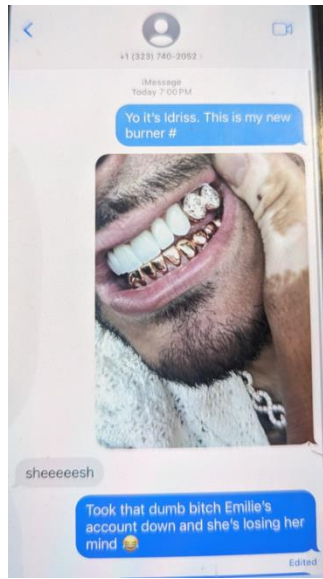
7 8. In December 2023, QIBAA called J.T. and threatened to destroy him and his
 8 family. QIBAA threatened to call J.T.'s ex-wife's lawyer and CPS on his children. QIBAA
 9 told J.T. he was extorting him for \$10,000. J.T. then cut off all communication with
 10 QIBAA.

11 Messages J.T. and family received from QIBAA



1 her Social Security account number and would “blast it out.” “Unlocked” also told E.H.
2 she needed to pay \$20,000 to get her Instagram account back and stop being attacked.

3 Messages E.H. and E.C. and family received from QIBAA



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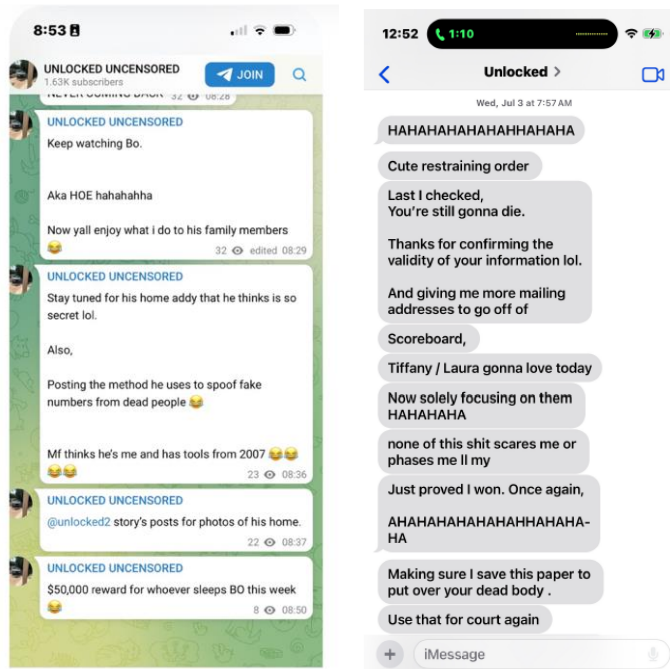
14 13. R.B. operated an Instagram account “@OutlawArchive” which was disabled
15 for unknown reasons. An unknown user on Telegram messaged R.B. and instructed him
16 to contact “IDRISS QIBAA” to inquire about recovering his account. R.B. contacted
17 QIBAA and QIBAA advised R.B. it would cost approximately \$12,000 to recover the
18 account.

19 14. On May 30, 2023, R.B. and QIBAA were scheduled to have dinner to
20 discuss recovering his R.B.’s account. R.B. cancelled the dinner which upset QIBAA.
21 QIBAA sent several threatening communications to R.B. to include “you’ll learn..and not
22 done w u just been busy.” On June 1, 2024, QIBAA sent R.B. a .pdf file which contained
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1 R.B.'s personal identifying information to include his Social Security account number,
2 current address, past addresses, and stated, "posting now."

3 15. Special Agent Ian Wendelboth searched Unlocked4life.com and identified a
4 document (TLO) that included the personal identifying information that was reported by
5 R.B. This document included R.B.'s Social Security account number, date of birth, phone
6 numbers and several known addresses.

7 16. R.B. filed and was granted a restraining order against QIBAA in Los Angeles
8 County Superior Court. In July 2024, QIBAA was made aware of the order and contacted
9 R.B. QIBAA sent threatening texts from 424-359-9722 to include "Cute restraining order..
10 last I checked you're still gonna die." On the Telegram account "UNLOCKED
11 UNCENSORED" a post stated, "\$50,000 reward for whoever sleeps BO this week."⁷



7 BO is a nickname for R.B. and "sleeps" is slang for kill.

VICTIM'S 5 and 6

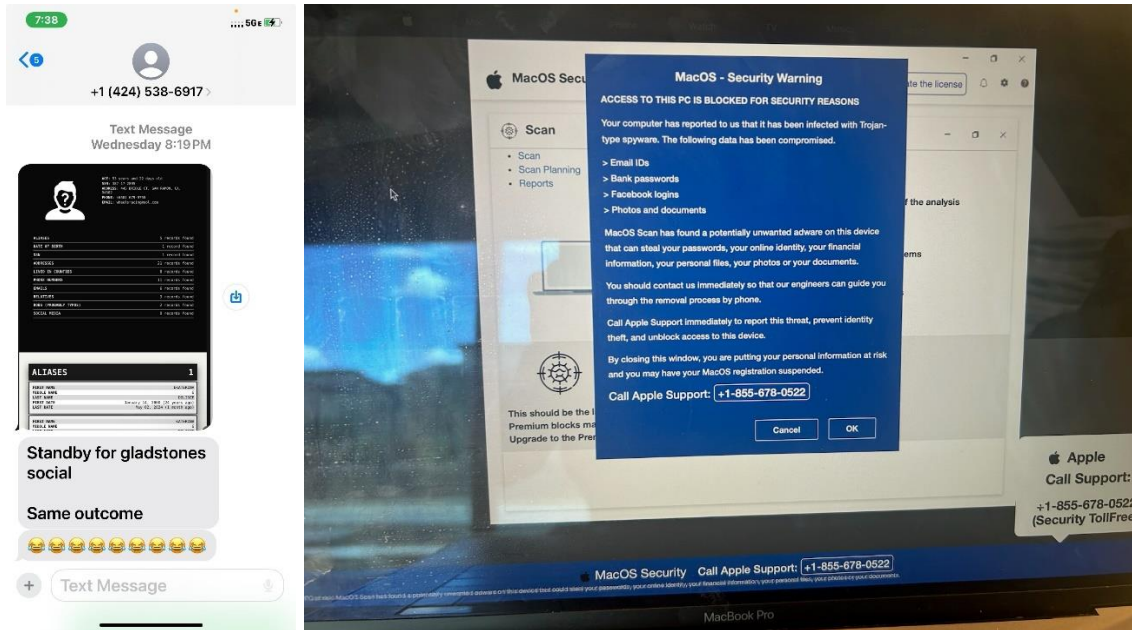
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2 17. K.D. owned a residence located at 11072 Pentland Downs Street, Las Vegas,
3 Nevada that she made available for rent. K.D. contacted M.B., a realtor in Las Vegas, to
4 facilitate a showing of that residence to someone who identified themselves as “Dani.” In
5 February 2024, M.B. met “Dani” and his personal bodyguard at the guard gate for the
6 community. “Dani” provided photo identification for “IDRISS QIBAA.” K.D. rented the
7 property to QIBAA and QIBAA paid rent to K.D. through a wire transfer from a Chase
8 Bank account under the name “UNLOCKED4LIFE LLC” with registered address 1887
9 Whitney Mesa Drive, Unit 1115, Henderson, Nevada in the amount of \$9,750 monthly.

10 18. In May 2024, QIBAA sent text messages to K.D. and M.B. to complain
11 about his treatment by the community security guards. QIBAA had not picked up
12 transponders needed to access community’s gates. QIBAA was therefore required to enter
13 through a guard entrance and show identification. QIBAA did not agree with the process
14 and sent racial slurs to K.D. and M.B. The community HOA received constant complaints
15 due to QIBAA and fined K.D. \$5,000.

16 19. K.D. received a text message from cellular number 424-538-6917 which
17 included K.D.’s personal identifying information such as name, Social Security account
18 number, address, phone number and email address. A message stating, “standby for
19 gladstones” was received from the same telephone number. K.D. also owned a business in
20 California called “Gladstone Clinic.” The business received a large amount of spam
21 emails and phone calls that shut down the company’s ability to operate.

22 20. M.B. was a realtor for approximately 20 years. Her business social media
23 accounts were hacked, and the user posted sexual posts that negatively affected the
ongoing business before the account was shut down. QIBAA was scheduled to vacate the

1 residence owned by K.D. in July 2024. After the proposed move out date of July 18, 2024,
2 QIBAA stated the air conditioning was not functioning and sent threatening
3 communications to K.D. and M.B. On July 19, 2024, M.B. received a security warning on
4 her Apple computer. Apple support advised M.B. the prompt was fake and likely an
5 attempt to hack the computer.



14 VICTIM'S 7 and 8

15 21. On July 1, 2024, C.H. and M.P. contacted the Beverly Hills Police
16 Department to report they had been receiving threatening communications from IDRIS
17 QIBAA, "Unlocked For Life," since October 2023. C.H. hired a private investigator to
18 confirm the identity of QIBAA. QIBAA discovered M.P. was related to a high-ranking
19 American politician and took M.P.'s Instagram page down. QIBAA then contacted M.P.
20 and demanded money to reinstate her account.

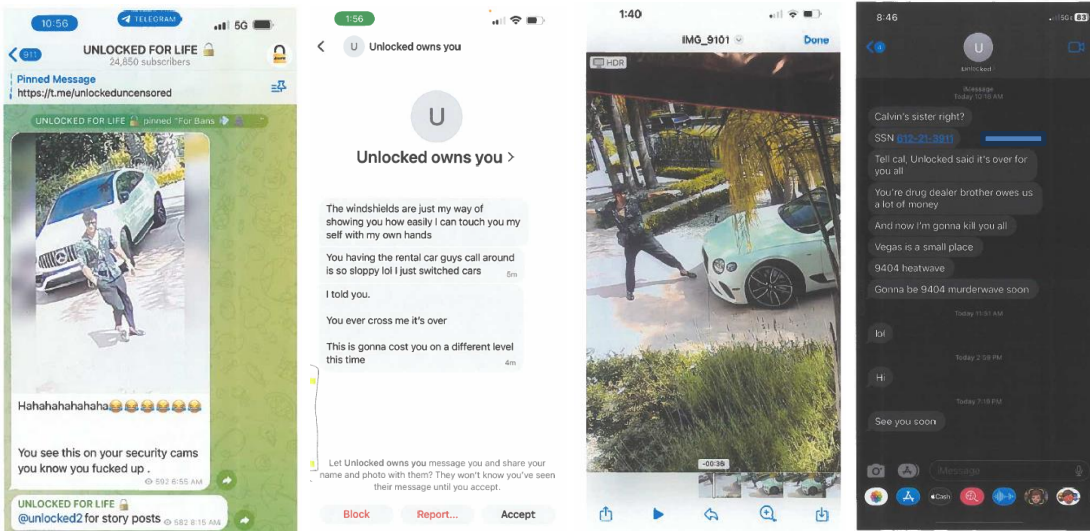
21 22. C.H. and M.P. did not pay QIBAA any money and started to receive
22 communications which threatened to hurt them and their families if they didn't pay. In
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1 January 2024, C.H. paid QIBAA \$20,000 in Bitcoin because C.H. was in fear for his
 2 family’s safety.

3 23. On June 29, 2024, QIBAA showed up at the residence of M.P. and C.H. in
 4 Beverly Hills, California. Security camera footage showed QIBAA grabbed a rock from
 5 the driveway and smashed the windshield of a white 2022 Bentley and white 2023
 6 Mercedes-Benz parked in the driveway of the residence.

7 24. M.P. and C.H. reported receiving multiple messages from multiple banks
 8 advising them that an unknown person has attempted to open accounts/credit cards under
 9 their names.

10 25. The Telegram account “UNLOCKED FOR LIFE” posted photographs of
 11 the residence of M.P. and C.H. as well as personal identifying information to include
 12 names, Social Security account numbers, addresses, email address, and phone numbers.



21 COUNT ONE

22 26. T.C., a well-known dentist who owns a practice in Beverly Hills, California
 23 treated QIBAA October 2023. The treatments required multiple visits and, on each visit,

1 QIBAA attempted to start a business relationship with T.C. T.C. repeatedly told QIBAA
2 that T.C. was not interested and on several occasions asked QIBAA to stop asking. T.C.
3 stated this upset QIBAA.

4 27. On July 14, 2024, T.C. began to receive a large number of text messages
5 from QIBAA. T.C. received approximately 700 messages that stated QIBAA was upset,
6 and that QIBAA was going to kill T.C. for disrespecting QIBAA.

7 28. On July 19, 2024, T.C. received messages from QIBAA which stated,
8 “you’re dead dog fucking dead,” “I will come and shoot you myself,” “I’m going to bury
9 you for this shit,” “D., L., J., T., Children-Main Targets” which referenced T.C.’s
10 children.

1:19
Dani Phone 2

Also Julia and Tanya .

I'm promise you I'm gonna flip ur life upside down for this shit you fucking scammer

I'm actually going to Julia's house first ,

I promise you .

I FUCKING PROMISE YOU MF

You crossed the line with this

You go and take my wife and test her case on some random Florida lab after o paid you for her to have ultimate styles

I have every text from day one and made it clear and you made it clear her case would be with them

And then you lied to my face and said they did then and all along it was some random lab


You think this is ok too?

555152

My people on the way to get on nyc to that apartment as we speak.

1:19
Dani Phone 2

Keep the \$ you'll need it for funerals



Talk is over .

Like I said. Idc if I do the rest of my life in a cell.

Im gonna bring you to your knees for this

I have no brain. Idc .

It's over for u . Fucking bum.

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Dani Phone 2

left before you drop from a heart attack anyways

In that time frame I'm gonna make you watch me take everything from you down to ur kids mark my words

You really don't know me.

I will see you today don't worry tho

Every employee in that practice is now a target

Idc if we have to beat they're ssses when they leave work

I promise you,

You will all be touched

I PROMISE YOU

IDC ABOUT FBI POLICE NOTHING MF

YOURE DONE

Remember those videos of the dead children in Gaza I sent you

Let that be a reference of what's coming bum

The dentist will bill you for the root canal / new veneer .

I am not paying shit.

1:20
Dani Phone 2

You probably need a funeral director

Children

Main targets

You will be left last.

I know you only care about ur self but it will be cool for you to see how cold I'm about to do all of you

Send proof showing angels case was done by ultimate

Is there a point in your life? Will you ever act like a mature man?

You will eat these words .

Don't worry

1:20
Dani Phone 2

You still owe me money I don't know what you're talking about. You didn't pay for your wife's teeth.

The same way you're claiming I didn't pay.

The same way I could claim I over paid .

You don't have records of payment .

You didn't file these sales .

You have two invoices . And no proof of payment behind either one you fucking retard

You claiming anything regarding payment is null and void.

Check ur credit score btw lol.

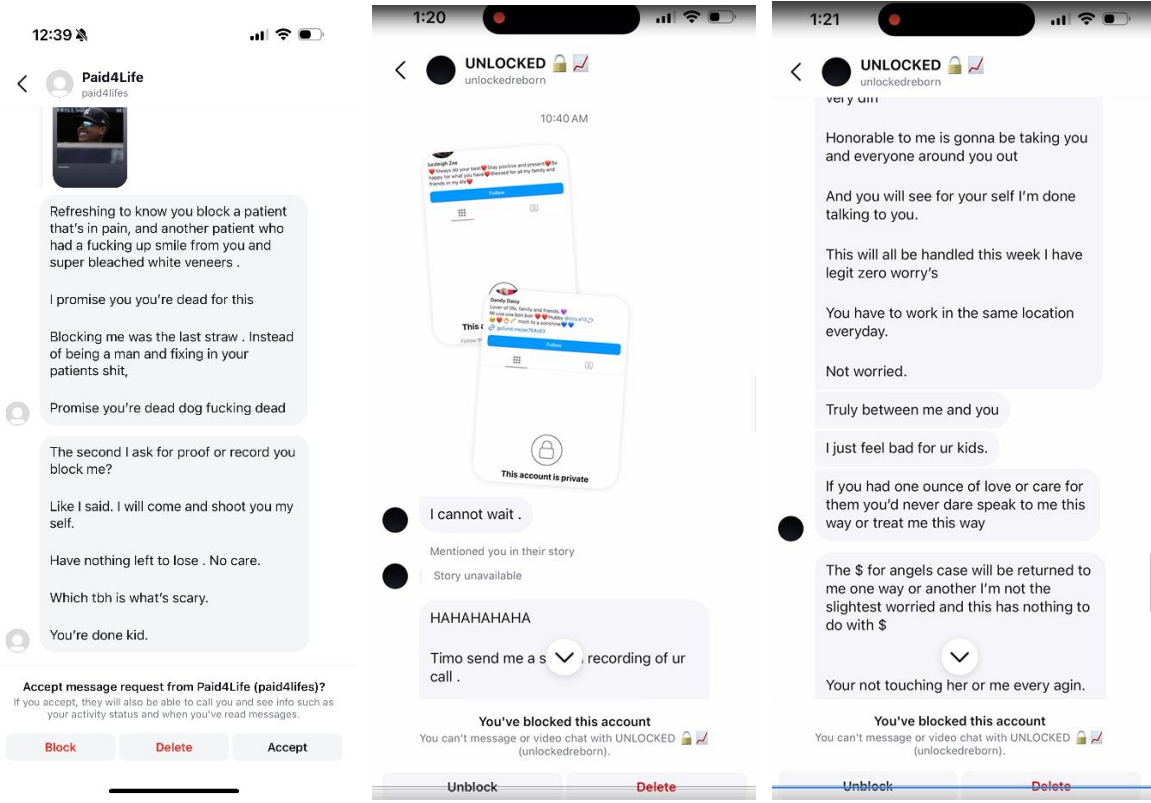
That shit is fried after what we did

Was already bad . But now . lol.

I legit can't wait till I get that call. That one of the Connelly's is dead.

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COUNT TWO

29. On July 24, 2024, QIBAA sent more than 70 text messages to K.D and M.B. (See paragraphs 17 – 20 above). As was the case with the messages sent to T.C. related to Count One, QIBAA sent the messages from Nevada and at least one recipient of the messages was in California.

30. The texts, as shown below, threaten injury and death to the recipients and their families.

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1084 DP Daniel >

Id rather go to jail and lose everything then let someone like you play a game e like that

Id rather take a life sentence for murdering you then this

You'll learn there's some people out here even the police can't save you from until they're showing up to pickup a corpse

Stupid mf

The next photo my people send me will be you or ur husband like that lol

Nothing \$ can't fix

+ Text Message

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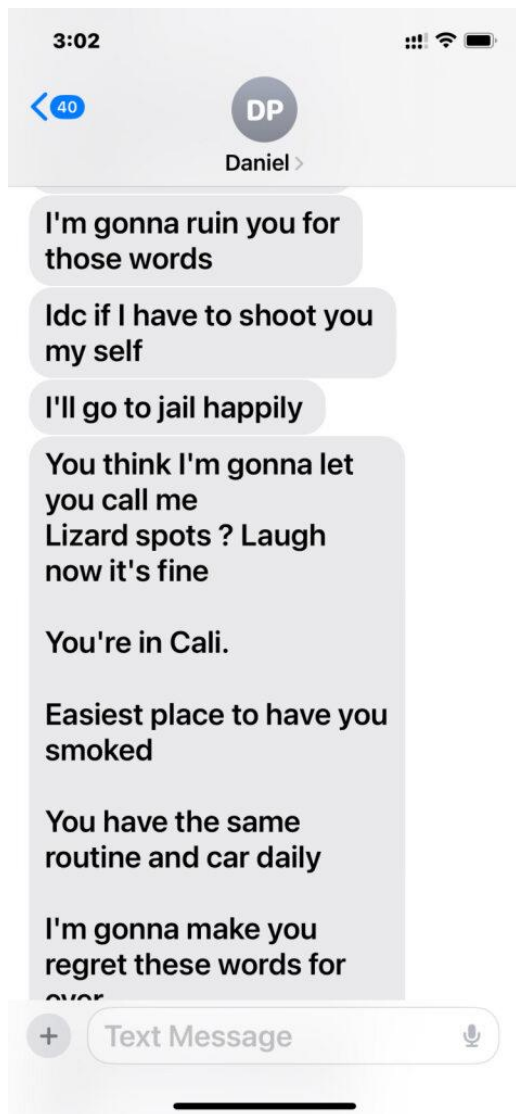
1084 DP Daniel >

You think a group of little ghetto kids won't come and eat you for \$5k let alone my generous ass I give them \$50k hahaha

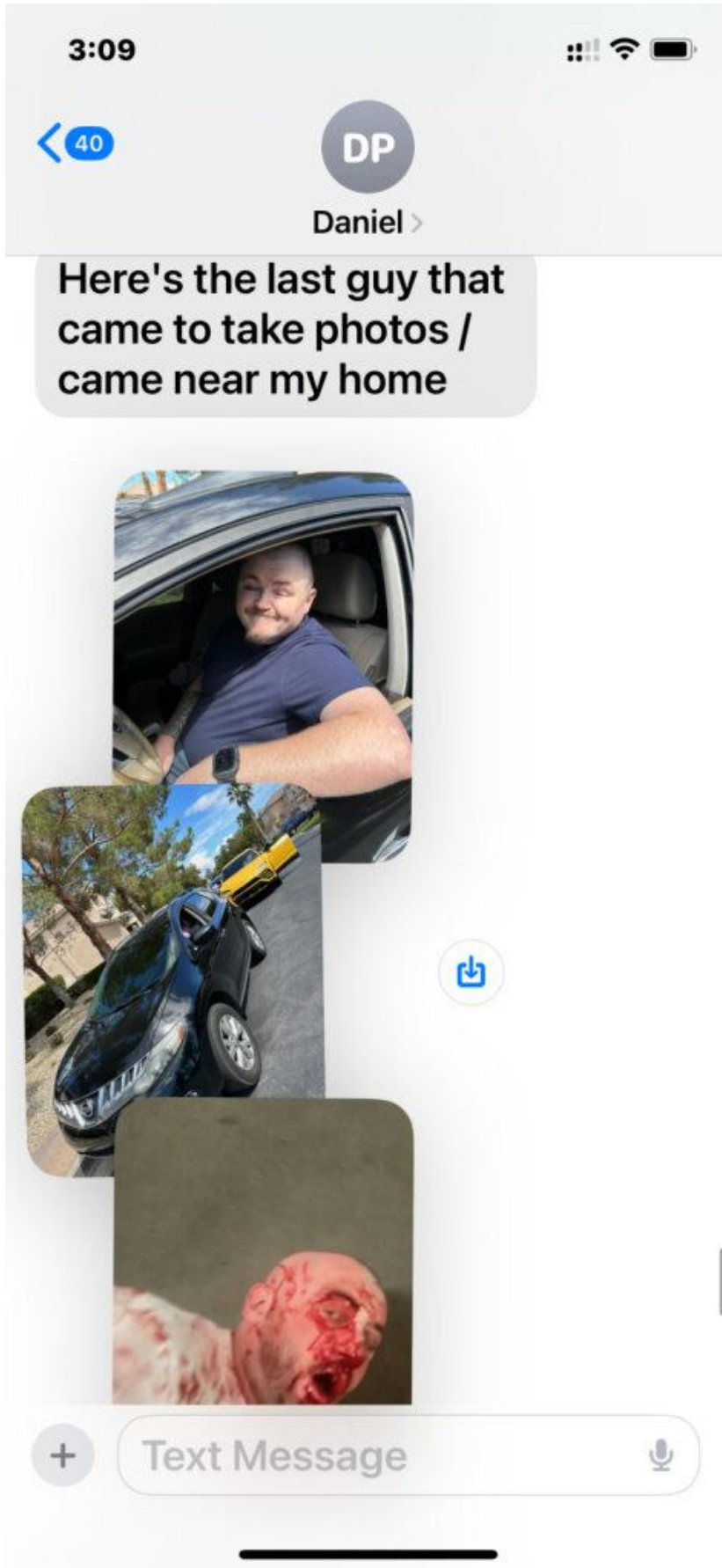
You will learn lol

You're head will be a a snack for the pigs in Sinaloa

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1 31. Through training and experience your complainant knows criminals are
2 known to use numerous aliases and alternative means of communication to conceal their
3 identity. QIBAA is known by several victims to go by “Dani.” Online, QIBAA is known
4 as aliases along the lines of “Unlocked” or “Unlocked4life” and other derivatives.
5 Through his own admission on the podcast “No Jumper,” QIBAA goes by the alias
6 “Unlocked” which relates to his online website unlocked4life.com and numerous social
7 media accounts.

8 32. Based on the above facts and circumstances, as well as my training and
9 experience, I submit that there is probable cause that Idriss QIBAA, defendant herein, has
10 violated Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c), Interstate Communications

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13 IAN WENDELBOTH
14 Special Agent
15 Federal Bureau of Investigation

16 Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
17 telephone on July 25, 2024.

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20 HONORABLE BRENDA N. WEKSLER
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



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