

1. Overview.

1.1. To all readers: You should have received 23 numbered pages. This is page #1 of 23.

This document is distributed under Creative Commons CC BY-NC-ND 4.0. For attribution per the terms of the license, the rights-holder is OldCoder (Robert Kiraly). This document was prepared using LibreOffice 6.3.0.4.

1.2. This isn't a formal police report and I'm not presently seeking to file one. The reason for that is jurisdiction.

The FBI is a different matter. This document should be forwarded to that level. Over the past 2.5 years, crimes have been committed that fall into Federal jurisdiction. It's likely that the FBI will be interested as they've investigated one of the entities in the story (PIA) repeatedly.

In short, I'm offering the FBI new information related to a situation that is more significant than the PIA case, that involves the owner of PIA (Andrew S. Lee), that can be sworn to under oath, and that seems not even to be a secret.

There are specific allegations in parts 3, 7, 8, and 9. People may wish to start with those parts. Some allegations are summarized here in part 1 as well.

The rest of this document provides more of the story.

There are no allegations of crimes committed physically in Tiffin, Ohio or Seneca County. So, this document may not be useful to local law enforcement. It may be useful to others and it's my hope that it'll be interesting and informative regardless.

This document will be a chapter in the book that is mentioned in part 2.

1.3. Google for these four words: **FBI Private Internet Access**

You'll find news stories related to PIA. This document focuses partly on a sister operation owned by the same person (Andrew S. Lee).

The sister operation is known as Freenode. It overlaps Eli Innis's group. You'll often find two people named Christel Dahlskjaer and Christian Loosli in the group's IRC channels. These are key figures in the Freenode organization.

Dahlskjaer is believed to be the former owner and current manager of Freenode. Loosli is a subordinate of Dahlskjaer's who was involved in an incident in 2017 that will be of interest. Details are in this document.

The Google search should show you news stories from 2016 to 2018 related to the FBI and PIA.

For what it's worth, I've interacted casually with John Arsenault, the attorney mentioned in some of the news stories. He represents Andrew S. Lee and/or Mr. Lee's operations, which include PIA, Freenode, Ghost Pimp, and others.

The status and role of Ghost Pimp are unconfirmed. My recollection is that Andrew S. Lee and John Arsenault seem unwilling on comment on this part.

1.4. Freenode is an organization that's focused on anonymous interactions. This is fine, up to a point. But the members include children as young as pre-teens and children from age 13 up make up a significant percentage.

Statements that Freenode might make to the effect that they don't know about the children are laughable. They use teenage volunteers on an unpaid basis.

In parts 3 and 7 below, I make specific allegations related to Freenode administration. The key allegation will be sworn to under oath.

1.5. Freenode's policy in connection with crimes related to children is Omerta. This is a formal allegation and one that can be proven.

This applies to other crimes associated with Freenode as well, but children enter into it by way of Eli Innis's group.

To be clear, I characterize it as Eli Innis's group in the sense that the discussion started with Eli Innis. He isn't the lead, but he's closely associated with one of the leads, Vanessa Dannenberg Ezekowitz, and he interacts on a regular basis with children in a manner that "frightens" some of them (this is what I've been told) and encourages others to behave inappropriately and, in some cases, to commit actual felonies.

The issues in question, speaking of the situation as a whole, have included multiple high-end DDoSes (this is a felony violation of CFAA), specific and credible death threats (i.e., posting maps to a house and suggesting that residents might be killed), attempts at identify theft, and cyberbullying of younger children.

These are the activities of the teenagers. The adults engage in additional activities.

1.6. A Seneca County department forwarded the current matter to Tiffin, Ohio police because of the implication that children and sexual matters have been mixed.

The implication is a fact.

Freenode, in particular, has a formal rule to the effect that inappropriate adult-child interactions are not to be mentioned at Freenode or even on external websites. The rule is formal to the extent that the former owner and current manager of Freenode, Christel Dahlskjaer, enforces it personally. This will be sworn to under oath.

In the Freenode culture, the culture of Eli Innis's group, Omerta is the strictest rule. It's what the situation has been about for 2.5 years.

Christian Loosli directly ordered me to follow the rule in question. It was part of a trial of sorts. I'd violated Omerta and was placed on what you might think of as a Freenode Trial. There were a dozen witnesses to this event.

I talked directly to Christel Dahlskaer regarding this matter. Ms. Dahlskaer backed up Mr. Loosli's actions without hesitation.

Details are provided later in this document. I'll attest to the key points under penalty of perjury for false statements.

Eli Innis's group, which should be thought as being partly a sub-group of Freenode, is more directly associated with a Fall 2017 child pornography incident that took place at Freenode. I'll come back to this issue in part 8.

1.7. CBS News in Denver felt that this story was worth telling. Notes further down related to the owner of Freenode will explain why the story didn't air.

1.8. The facts stated in this document are believed to be facts. I'd be able to swear under oath to some facts, but others are unproven.

1.9. The matter is serious in a few places, but it's minor and even humorous in others. I don't want to represent this story as something that it's not.

Freenode needs to be brought to the attention of the FBI. Eli Innis's group needs to modify its behavior or be shut down. But it's not that large a group of people despite Freenode's national scale and the adults involved aren't sinister types.

These are ordinary people who look in the mirror and see heroes. Check out the two images below:



Unless I've made a mistake, which is possible, the left image is Eli Innis's perception of himself and the right image is the reality.

Eli's self-portrait on the left might be tongue-in-cheek. If it's serious, it's a little over the top. He seems to see himself as a lordly figure, dignified, introspective, and remote. It's probably not a match for the facts.

Snapshots are often misleading. But the real-life photo on the right seems to line up with what's known about Eli.

The reality seems to be – I haven't confirmed this – that Eli Innis is an inconsequential unemployed dreamer who's not especially deep and seems to be living with, and may be supported by, his parents at age 41.

This is no criminal. It's a lackwit. The same statements apply to most of Eli's friends as well. I'm dealing with a cabal of Three Stooges as opposed to a criminal conspiracy.

Prosecution of these people isn't warranted. However, after 2.5 years of harassment and actual felonies, changes are called for.

Eli Innis needs to cease inappropriate activities related to children. I think that he needs to cooperate in terms of shutting down the rest of his group as well. Order needs to be brought to a situation that has been chaos for too long.

2. My background.

2.1. I'm a software developer in my 60s. I've been coding for 46 years and have been a professional developer for 41 years.

I have no major accomplishments. I did have sole responsibility one year, 1981 or 1982, for the software that was behind half of the U.S. Vote at the time. This was CES BMX and Ballot Tab.

If you're curious, even before Diebold, yes, there were parts of the source code that were designed to delete votes. It wasn't a secret or even illegal. States just changed the laws to make this sort of thing legal.

2.2. In another project, I was the sole software developer for the giant camera that the DTIC used to convert the government's 1950s microfilm to modern microfiche.

One couldn't just go to Best Buy at the time and pick up such a device. It had to be built from the ground up. We spent a year on that thing. It was my favorite project.

I've worked on anti-terrorism for UK-NCIS, rocket launches for Rockwell, fighter-jet software for Northrop-Grumman, and hundreds of other projects.

My little brother Ken is the actual designer of the Amazon Kindle. It appears that Amazon is now acknowledging this. I'm the one who taught him 'C' and cofunded his first startup.

2.3. My most interesting project in recent years was to restructure the tech side of a company in Mississippi named WHI. This was Fall 2014.

There was a battle at the Board level. I was supposed to force a developer to hand over some software. And he had a reputation for punching monitors in with his fist when he was angry.

The Board was satisfied with the resolution, but the FBI shut down the company subsequently. So it goes. Feel free to look up the company for more information.

2.4. As a side exercise, I've been involved for 7 years with a gamedev project known as "Minetest". Eli Innis's group is one branch of that project.

2.5. I was semi-retired as of 2011. I'd lost my mobility and was in a wheelchair, but recovering. At Thanksgiving 2011, I mentioned to my parents, who were elderly but still alive, that I was working on a book.

My father Jim, VP of Transamerica, was a former wife-beater. He assumed that the book would be about the abuse. It never occurred to him to ask.

In Spring 2012, Jim and one of my brothers, Tom, VP of Humana, tried separately for gag orders. It was illegal, but that is of no importance to the way that things work.

2.6. I spent a year on the legal cases. I never signed the gag orders. Or any Court-level settlement.

Attorneys and some police officers will understand the significance of the latter part. The Court actually refused to be involved in a settlement. The cases ended with non-Court agreements which my family members immediately violated. I declared the agreements to be no longer in effect and proceeded to defecate on them as publicly as possible.

It's typical Family Law but more unusual than most cases.

These people got nothing. I, for my part, lost my home of 25 years, my retirement, most of my possessions, and my medical care.

The legal cases are connected, in some respects, to Minetest and Eli Innis's group. However, that part is beyond the scope of this document. I'm mentioning the story to guard against misrepresentation of events.

2.7. The following part is directly related to the Eli Innis situation.

In the 2012 to 2013 Court cases, it was suggested that I had – I'm attempting to speak in a neutral tone, but I do have feelings about this – frightening powers. It's nonsense. I'm simply good at details in some cases.

So, for example, the first question that I was asked at a deposition in 2013 was, ***"Is it true that you can read the Gmail of anybody that you wish to?"*** This is a paraphrase. The answer was ***"No"***.

On the other hand, I do have the basics. Tech readers will understand that I was a novice until 2012 but ended up as a white-hat.

After the legal cases ended, for example, one of my brothers asked a black-hat friend of his to threaten me. I wasn't able to get the black-hat's name, but I did track him as he drove across Texas and I was able to post a photo of his office building.

This irritated the black-hat and he DDoSed me after that. He switched VPS hosts in an attempt to re-establish anonymity, but I was able to connect his different identities.

Sometimes, I think that my life is no longer usual.

2.8. Eli Innis tells children that I murdered a man – or similar stories – and encourages them to be **“terrified”** of me and my alleged powers but to overcome their fears and to commit crimes that will harm me and thereby bring justice to the world.

At the same time, Eli is closely involved with a group that is connected to not one, but two, child sexual incidents.

I’m pretty sure that I have the upper hand legally in this situation. It’s up to Mr. Innis and his friends to decide whether or not we need to confirm that.

2.9. Eli Innis’s group refers to the process of looking up the identities of people who have threatened you as **“doxing”**.

“Doxing” calls, in their view, for death threats. Even if nothing more is involved than reading public profiles.

I assume that readers follow the part about public profiles. Excuse me, but what are public profiles for if you aren’t supposed to read them?

“Doxing” is a childish concept that’s related to Omerta: **“Anything goes, because it’s the Internet. You never connect the Internet to real life.”**

Or, to put it more concisely: **“What happens in Fight Club stays in Fight Club.”**

Sorry, but if people DDoS me or threaten to kill me or spread stories that I killed a man – Vanessa’s husband Abe, in the current case – that isn’t the way that this Old Coder rolls. I’m going to talk about it. It isn’t going to stay in Fight Club.

2.10. I’m occasionally threatened that **“the police”** will be called if I don’t agree to be silent about some issue.

The first demand of this type was perhaps the strangest one. At Thanksgiving 2011, my father Jim said that he’d call **“the police”** if I didn’t promise not to write a book. Such holiday.

The next business day, Jim did exactly that. I checked with the desk sergeant after that. My impression was that the police are accustomed to this sort of thing.

The point of such demands isn’t clear. What do people imagine that **“the police”** are going to do about a post or a book that states the truth?

In fact, I’ve sought the assistance of the police myself on several occasions since 2012 and my impression is that they appreciate details.

I have a detailed manner that seems to dismay attorneys – which is fine with me; I often say that attorneys are a nutritious part of a complete breakfast – but law enforcement seems to find a detailed manner to be practical.

2.10.1. Prior to the 2012 litigation, I asked the Pismo Beach police, if it would be all right to send my father postcards which said **“You can’t stop the book”**. They were fine with that.

2.10.2. A few months later, one of my brother Ken’s people at Amazon – he’s VP of Lab126 – threatened me. I opened a case with the detectives in charge of that jurisdiction.

2.10.3. I’d like to share the oddest police story that I have. It’s fun and illustrates how surreal my life has become. This is practically a ghost story. I’m not able to calculate the odds that things would turn out as they did.

At one point in the mid 2010s – I forget the year – I geolocated a website visitor who was active right at that moment and decided to phone him or her. It was midnight.

The man who picked up the phone turned out to be a retired police detective. And he hadn’t gone to the website. In fact, he lived 1,000 miles away from the house that I’d thought I was calling. It seemed as though this was an **“Oops”**. How could I have been so far off?

But then it turned out that the detective used to live in the house which I’d identified. And he’d heard that a Federal person of some type was living there now. The detective and I agreed that this was interesting.

Then it got better. This random detective turned out to be the one who’d investigated my sister-in-law Virginia, a politician, for the alleged theft of a rival’s cellphone. He’d met both my sister-in-law and my brother Ken.

The detective said that I showed promise and should try for a forensics certificate. We said good-night after that.

For readers who are curious, the sister-in-law in question is Virginia Chang Kiraly, the S.F. Bay Area politician.

3. Concepts and characters.

3.1. Concepts.

* **DDoS**: This is a type of computer attack. It’s a felony violation of CFAA. Freenode and Eli Innis’s group are centers of activity in this context.

In a DDoS, a number of computers, typically a rented botnet, contact a target computer at the same time. The result is that the target computer is forced offline. Botnets are created, in many cases, through the use of malware.

Essentially, this means that if you use Windows, teenagers and adults in other countries take over your PC and use it to attack people without your knowledge. They also use your PC, in recent years, to do cryptomining.

Cryptomining is a potential problem for you because the IRS might notice the activity and decide to audit you. This is a new thing that has started this year.

Malware isn't a minor issue. People who know how to check network activity but haven't done so may be surprised to see thousands of access attempts. If a single attempt gets through, your PC is the property of Dmitri in Russia or Abdul in the Middle East.

We didn't have these problems 50 years ago. But, then, we didn't have personal machines that were the equivalent of 1960s supercomputers.

If you've heard of Cloudflare, it's a company that offers some protection against DDoS. I moved one of my machines to Cloudflare's network after Eli Innis's group DDoSed me for the third time.

* **Freenode:** This is a large anonymity-oriented text chat network. It's a formal operation owned by Andrew S. Lee. PIA, which is of interest to the FBI, is a sister company.

3.1.1. Freenode members include children as young as 8 to 12 years old, but that's less frequent. Ages 13 and up are common.

3.1.2. If you have a child 13 to 17 who's into tech, he or she might be on Freenode. To explain further, a child can get to Freenode using a phone or a tablet. It isn't difficult. It's more like press a button, there you go.

I should add that, in recent years, children of all ages from 8 to 17 have moved to Discord as it's a flashier venue. Discord is a corporate network and safer for that reason. Freenode is run by anonymous volunteers.

Freenode remains a popular destination, however, for the same reason that Facebook does. The rule that governs social media is that people go where people are. This is true of every age from 8 to 80. Both children and adults go to places where they might be heard and might be popular or even the center of attention.

3.1.3. At Freenode, anonymous adults interact with children, supervise them, and, in some cases, cover up issues related to them. It's policy. This is a formal allegation.

Freenode uses teenage volunteers on an unpaid basis. The teenagers are expected to do the same things that the adults do. This includes assessment and possible cover-up of situations that involve prosecutable crimes.

3.1.4. One part of the story that's awkward for Freenode is that, due to its size and nature, it serves, unintentionally, as a sort of phone-sex venue for all ages.

There are no formal adult-child sex channels at Freenode. Such channels wouldn't be permitted. However, there's nothing to prevent such interactions in general.

Freenode encourages anonymity. It makes no attempt that I'm aware of to determine the age of members. There are both individual and group sexual sessions that involve people of all ages. And Freenode's policy is to cover things up except where disclosure can't be avoided.

I'd like to be clear that remarks above related to sexual activities are based on third-party reports to me and not things that I've observed personally.

For example, about 5 years ago, one teenage boy let it slip that group masturbation sessions take place. I didn't ask for more information.

3.1.5. I've never understood why Freenode hasn't come under more scrutiny in this context.

Freenode, or John Arsenault, Andrew S. Lee's attorney, might cite Common Carrier and/or Section 230 protections. However, as a note to law enforcement and the FBI, Freenode enjoys no such protections. My testimony alone under oath would be sufficient to cancel any Common Carrier and/or Section 230 protections that are claimed.

A host that interferes with content to the extent that it threatens members or posters who disclose child sexual incidents either on its own platform *or* on third-party websites loses these protections. It's more like the host risks going to prison.

3.1.6. I don't think that Freenode willfully allows groups that break the law to operate long-term unless the people involved are associated with one person; i.e., Christel Dahlksjaer. Which is the case with Eli Innis's group.

The key element in the story is Omerta. Freenode has a cover-up policy. The organization will threaten or actually attack people who talk about things. I can testify under oath about this and there are witnesses.

3.1.7. As a note to attorneys and to law enforcement, COPPA presumably doesn't apply to Freenode because they don't collect much information related to child members.

* **IRC and IRC PM:** IRC PM is just like a cell-phone text message. In fact, both adults and children can get IRC PMs on their phones. The word IRC by itself, without PM, may mean either group messages or IRC PMs.

If group discussion is taking place, groups gather in "channels" or "rooms". The two words mean more or less the same thing. "channels" or "rooms" are collected into "networks". Freenode is the largest and most famous IRC network.

* **IRL:** IRL means "In Real Life". IRC and IRL are supposed to be separate. However, circa 2012, I coined the term IRCL and that is my position. It means that what you do on the Internet is part of what you do in real life.

* **Omerta:** "Omerta" is a code of conduct which says that you're not supposed to discuss criminal activity with outsiders. Freenode people don't use this word. I'm just using it myself because it explains the situation.

* **Doxing:** "Doxing" is any violation of "Omerta".

* **PIA:** PIA is a VPN host owned by Andrew S. Lee. PIA has been investigated by the FBI in connection with multiple crimes. PIA is a sister company to Freenode.

* **Freenode child pornography attack:** This was a Freenode incident that took place in Fall 2017. It involved the distribution of unsolicited materials which, it was said, appeared to be illegal.

It's clear that Eli Innis's group was involved ex post facto in the attack. There is some evidence, but only slight, that the group was involved a priori as well. The incident in question is discussed in part 8 of this document.

* **FOSS:** Free and Open Source.

* **Furry:** This is a person who likes to imagine themselves as an animal – for example, as a cat or a fox – often, though not always, in a sexual context.

* **gamedev:** This is a project where somebody makes a game. Or it's one of the people who is making the game.

Gamedev may be commercial or FOSS. Minecraft is commercial gamedev. Examples of FOSS gamedev include Minetest, DOOM, Quake, FlightGear, Simutrans, and Secret Maryo. I did some of the keyboard code, BTW, for Secret Maryo.

* **black-hat and white-hat:** A “black-hat” is a “hacker” who behaves as though the Hollywood stereotype of an evil wizard is real. A “white-hat” is somebody who has skills comparable to those of a “black-hat” but simply does his or her job, is nice to cats and dogs, and doesn't deserve to be greeted with cries of “Burn the witch”.

* **Minetest:** This is a FOSS gamedev project that dates back to 2010. The community includes all ages from 8 to 70s. Children as young as 5 are present, but usually only if they're brought by parents or siblings.

There are two branches to the project. One branch is represented by the minetest.net site and the other by the minetest.org site.

Eli Innis's group is the group behind the dot-net site. I'm the person behind the dot-org site. I've had that domain name, and that site, since 2012.

3.2. People.

* **Freenode, Cristian Loosli:** Adult Freenode associate. He reports to, or reported to, Christel Dahlskjær. His formal role in 2017 – not an allegation, but a fact witnessed by a dozen people – was to conceal, by threats or any means possible, incidents of a sexual nature related to pre-teen children. This will be asserted under oath.

Loosli is an anonymous “gay leader” who supervises pre-teen boys. Which might be fine, but the parents should know, shouldn't they, and should Loosli be anonymous? To be clear, he's quite anonymous. I have his name only because of a tip.

I've got reservations about mentioning the preceding. I have no reason to believe that Mr. Loosli is directly engaged in inappropriate activities with minors. And I'm pro-anonymity in some contexts. But the current situation needs to be looked at.

What they're doing, in general, is inappropriate. In fact, it's illegal in places. And the part where they come after me is going to stop.

* **Freenode, Christel Dahlskjaer:** You can Google this woman. She's believed to be the former owner of Freenode. If I understand correctly, she sold it to Andrew S. Lee on, literally, April Fool's Day 2017. That is the date on the key document. Ms. Dahlskjaer remains, as of the date that this was last checked, as project manager.

Christel is a close associate of Eli Innis's group and was involved in a Spring 2017 child sexual harassment cover-up that was related to Christian Loosli. She resides in the U.K. and/or Europe but is believed to travel to the U.S.

You'll often find Christel Dahlskjaer and/or Christian Loosli in the IRC channels used by Eli Innis's group.

* **Freenode, Andrew S. Lee:** Successful startuper. Owner of Freenode and PIA. He's also a major Bitcoin figure and is apparently the founder of another anonymity venture known as Ghost Pimp.

CBS News in Denver expressed interest, in 2017, in this story. Discussions just stopped abruptly. I have reason to believe that Mr. Lee's associates, as opposed to Mr. Lee himself, may have contacted the station to argue that there was no merit to the story.

Mr. Lee is wealthy. Some of his associates are as well-off as he is. If he doesn't want a minor story to air, it's probably not going to air.

Christel Dahlskjaer reports to Mr. Lee.

* **Pale Moon, Peter O'Hanlon:** aka "Sonic Kid" aka "Tongara": British rock star and TV star, if you count one minor TV series. He was involved in an odd situation related to sexual harassment, children, and Freenode.

* **Pale Moon, Matt Tobin:** aka "Captain Tobin". Unstable mid-30s person in Kokomo, IN allegedly on disability for a mental condition. He tends to make angry threats, including death threats of a more than usually explicit nature. He was involved in the same situation as Peter O'Hanlon. Actually, he brought Mr. O'Hanlon into it.

* **Minetest, Andrew Ward:** aka "Rubenwardy". Andrew Ward is one of the few non-anonymous leaders of Eli Innis's group. He's a mid-20s recent graduate in Bristol, U.K.

Ward has contacted potential employers of mine and pressed them not to speak with me. I contacted one of his once, in response, but I said nothing negative. It was to gather information related to possible litigation.

Ward runs defamation forums dedicated just to me. I suppose that I should be honored. More seriously, he seems to be directly or indirectly involved in one serious crime related to children. We'll come back to that in part 8.

* **Minetest, Vanessa Dannenberg Ezekowitz:** aka "VanessaE". Vanessa is a mid-40s woman, senile, dying of two different conditions. Resides in North Carolina. She's on disability for the condition that caused the senility. Husband Abe died in Fall 2017. Dannenberg is her maiden name. She uses that surname now but shows up under both surnames.

Vanessa often tells people that her memory is gone. She then forgets that she said this. In my case, she was enraged because she told me stories related to her illnesses – stories that she used to tell to everybody – and I repeated one. It was considered “**doxing**”.

She forgot the circumstances of our discussions and the fact that she used to talk about the medical issues publicly each day.

Vanessa told people that I’d murdered her husband Abe. She then forgot, as well, that she’d said that.

This person is technically harmless. But I don’t feel that she should be in charge of dozens of children. Or encouraging the children – and adults – on a regular basis to conduct attacks against me in any manner that is possible.

I’m going to talk to Vanessa’s caseworkers and see if I can get her Internet access shut off. As with Eli Innis, after 2.5 years, it’s time to bring this to an end.

* **Minetest, Abe Ezekowitz**: Age 60s. A nice and philosophical man. Died in Fall 2017. I was sorry to learn of his passing. Abe was Vanessa’s husband. He died of being 600 pounds in his 60s. Eli Innis spreads the story that I murdered Abe or similar stories.

* **Minetest, “Mircea Kitsune”**: Typical of the anonymous adults in Eli Innis’s group. Mircea Kitsune is an anonymous man, age 30, who engages in solo sex while dressed up as a fox girl. Or it’s actual sex while he pictures himself as a fox girl. I’m not clear on the details. His IRL name seems to be Alexander Philips or Philip Alexanders. Unconfirmed.

Mircea Kitsune’s self-portrait is shown to the right. I think that he’s presenting himself as a pregnant mother wolf in the last trimester.

I tried to talk to Alexander (or Philip) months ago at a furry website that he frequented. I figured that this would be neutral territory. He expressed surprise that I’d come to see him there as it was, he said, a furry pornography site.

I didn’t know that. This modern world is different.

I should explain that this is all very much part of the persona and the presence. I’m not criticizing it or disclosing anything that Mircea Kitsune doesn’t shout to the world.

It’s more that this group is largely anonymous, perhaps too colorful to deal with children without the knowledge of parents, and that lines have been crossed.

I don’t have a problem with a man being a fox girl if that’s his thing. I’m not fine with being stalked, harassed, and threatened with death by boo ghosties, shadow ninjas, ninja kittens, fox girls, and similar creatures for 2.5 years.

Perhaps such things should be reserved more for Halloween Trick or Treat and less for death threats.



* **Minetest, Craig Robbins:** aka “Zeno”. Another typical anonymous adult in the dot-net group. Craig lived in Queensland, Australia. He disclosed his name, but he wasn’t accountable due to concealing nearly everything else. Age 40s. Believed to be under a doctor’s care for a mental condition. He mentioned one of the drugs involved.

Craig contacted my family members in an inappropriate manner. I’ve attempted to contact Eli Innis’s parents myself, of course, but I’ve had legitimate and reasonable purposes for doing so.

Craig made death threats. These weren’t credible threats, but he seemed to believe that they were genuine and that I’d be impressed. It was odd.

I posted Craig’s phone number to demonstrate that he’d been identified. He immediately disappeared. There’s been neither hide nor hair of him for two years.

To be clear, Craig’s phone number was in a public profile in a different context, so there was no right-to-privacy issue. I think he’d forgotten that it was there.

* **Minetest, “Red-001”:** Typical of the anonymous teenagers in Eli Innis’s group. This one is adept at DDoS at a young age. DDoS is a felony violation of CFAA. Red-001 may rely on older friends for hardware. Rented botnets created by malware would be involved. I’m not sure how a teenager would pay for it.

Research suggests that Red-001 may be located in Ireland. He’s claimed to be named both “Iosif” and “Daniel”, and both names are consistent with the country, but he could just as easily be a “Dmitri” or “Miguel” in real life.

So, how would you feel about attacks for 2.5 years from a faceless mob that has anonymous members in a dozen different countries?

* **Minetest, Auke-Jan Kok:** aka “Sofar”. Auke-Jan is the third and final major non-anonymous adult in Eli Innis’s group. Andrew Ward and Vanessa Dannenberg Ezekowitz are the other two.

Auke-Jan is a professional developer in his 40s. He resides in Oregon and is, or was, a project lead at Intel there. So, he has “chops”; i.e., significant skills.

He claims to have been instrumental in the “systemd” project. “systemd” will show up in Google. But it appears that he’s exaggerated his role.

Auke-Jan hasn’t threatened to kill me. He’s mocked the beating of my mother Grace and has made fun of my wheelchair. This part seems less than professional.

To be clear, I’m out of the wheelchair now. And Auke-Jan has threatened to sue me for writing about him. So, I might have a chance to deal with him in Court.

* **Minetest, Perttu Ahola:** aka “Celeron55”. This is a developer in Finland who started Minetest nearly a decade ago. He left the project in 2012 and confirmed this to me in 2016. He surfaces to make appearances but, in fact, he’s involved mostly as the person who hosts some of the websites and rents the primary domain name.

* **Minetest, Eli Innis:** aka “Do You Sketch 2”. Not anonymous; that part is noted and to Eli’s credit. Adult resident of Tiffin, Ohio. Minetest associate. Interacts with Minetest children online. Encourages harassment, death threats, and DDoS directed at me. I’m told that what he says “terrifies” some of the children.

4. Pale Moon.

4.1. The story starts with something called Pale Moon. Pale Moon is a legitimate FOSS project. It’s a fork of Old Firefox. It doesn’t work for about 15% of the sites out there, but I recommend it if you have a family member who misses Old Firefox.

In 2016, there was a kerfuffle related to Pale Moon, a dispute that was minor except for the fact that it involved children. I’ll explain it because what it led to in 2017 is something that the FBI should be aware of.

4.2. One of the people involved started out as a boy in the U.K. named Peter O’Hanlon. He’s a lower-tier British “rock star” now. His age is presently late 20s.

When Mr. O’Hanlon was age 13, he used to draw himself as a character that he called “Sonic Kid”.

“Sonic Kid” is shown to the right. As an adult, Mr. O’Hanlon’s rock-star name is “Tongara”. He’s had one TV series that I’m aware of in addition to the music career.



As of 2019, Mr. O’Hanlon has a strong Web presence. Google will show you his professional and personal sites.

4.3. At some point in his teens, “Sonic Kid” attracted the romantic interest of a young man 6 years older. This was due to the persona depicted above and/or to a strong mutual interest in the cartoon character “Sonic”.

The older person was Matt Tobin of Kokomo, Indiana, also known as “Captain Tobin”.

The two told me, years later, that they didn’t become close until Mr. O’Hanlon was age 18. It should be noted, too, that it’s not clear they ever met in person. It seems unlikely.

But Captain Tobin did fall in love with the younger person, or experienced devotion, to the point where Tobin told me that he’d kill himself if the former “Sonic Kid” ever left him. He described it as being a **“razor’s edge”** from violence and suicide. He used that exact phrase.

The two people spent their time on Sonic competitions and, they told me, on black-hat activities that succeeded in harming a number of people. This disclosure was made in 2016 in the course of threats that they’d do the same thing to me.

(continued on next page)

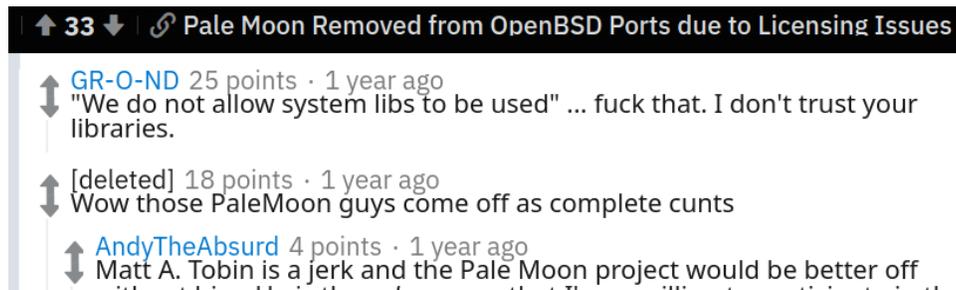
The adult “Tongara” persona is shown to the right. This was drawn by one of the “rock star’s” groupies or fans.



4.4. Captain Tobin, as an adult, was allegedly on disability for a mental condition. This is the story that he told me. He was supported, as well, by his father. So, he had free time and became #2 of a project named Pale Moon.

If you Google for the three words Firefox Pale Moon, you’ll find the Pale Moon project. If you see the name Moonchild, that’s the lead. His real name is Marcus (or Markus) Staver. Mr. Staver is located in Europe. Moonchild and Captain Tobin deny that Tobin is #2 in the project, but it does seem to be the case.

4.5. There is a project named OpenBSD that is related to Mac OS X. The OpenBSD people would confirm that Tobin has a temper. It’s not that unusual, in tech, to have one, so the following screenshot is intended simply as a confirming detail related to the story. The screenshot has been edited to reduce height.



4.6. In Fall 2016, Captain Tobin became angry with me personally. I don’t recall the trigger. It didn’t take much with him. I apparently posted on the Web about the incident. I’m not sure about that either. What I remember is that Tobin asked Peter O’Hanlon, the British rock star, to help him to force me to take down a post of some type.

For personal reasons, I don’t usually take down posts.

In 2012, my father Jim, an aged former wife-beater, feared that a proposed book was going to talk about the abuse. So, he tried for a gag order. The legal actions lasted a year and cost me my home of 25 years. But I never signed the gag order and decided that I’d never be told to be silent. So, I resisted the take-down attempts.

4.7. The two men – at this time, Matt Tobin was about 31 and Peter O’Hanlon was about 25 – came to my IRC channels to pressure me. I’m not sure how to describe it except to say that sexually explicit doesn’t begin to cover it.

They weren’t concerned about the presence of 8 to 12 year olds. My impression was that they considered the children to be fair game.

This wouldn’t be considered abuse or a similar crime. Pornography that might have been illegal does enter into the story at a later point. However, I characterized the Pale Moon incidents to attorneys simply as **“sexual harassment”**.

I posted what the two men were doing. They were then enraged. Matt Tobin told me that he was going to track me down and kill me and then kill me again. He was, he said, going to kill me some more after that.

Moonchild, Marcus Staver, threatened me with legal actions. He lacked even a basic knowledge of U.S. laws. I sent detailed notes to intermediary attorneys. After 2012 to 2013, I have some small skills in this context. Mr. Staver decided to go away.

Matt Tobin and Peter O’Hanlon succeeded in destroying two of my Debian servers after that. However, I found that I didn’t mind as I felt that I’d had my say through the notes that I’d sent to the attorneys. So, I considered the matter to be closed.

5. Minetest.

5.1. Due to the 2012 to 2013 legal cases, I lost the semi-retirement that I was in at the time. So, I looked for work.

I had about 35 years of professional experience. But, if you’re over 35 and in tech, you might as well set up a sandwich truck, because that’s what you’re likely to end up doing. Old people aren’t welcome at most firms regardless of experience. Google and some of the other majors are exceptions. But smaller firms shrug at age discrimination laws.

“Intel Magazin” (there is no “e” at the end, it’s a German periodical and is spelled that way) and “Business Insider” ran stories on me in 2014. People who’d like to check things are invited to request copies of those stories from the publications.

5.2. I took an unpaid role as the technical director of a minor gamedev project. I hoped to meet employers there. This led, by accident, to me becoming involved with a different gamedev project named “Minetest”. Minetest looks like this:



5.3. I was busy with the legal cases that year (2012). But I found myself dragged into Minetest situations. And it was a promising project.

So, I stayed. I made a deal with the lead, Perttu Ahola, who had largely left the project. I'd address a problem that was occurring. And I'd be one of the managers of the main IRC channel.

I served in IRC for 5 years. I hosted numerous online worlds as well, dealt with messes, and learned the ins and outs of gamedev.

As of 2019, I'm one of just three non-anonymous high-hours Minetest people who go back to 2012. The other two are Andrew Ward, a mid-20s developer in Bristol, UK, and Vanessa Dannenberg Ezekowitz, a mid-40s woman in North Carolina who is senile and dying from two causes.

5.4. Minetest wasn't designed or intended for children originally.

Minecraft was a "voxel" program. A Finnish developer, Perttu Ahola, had ideas about how to approach similar programs. In 2010, he experimented with them. The result was Minetest.

Perttu largely left the project in 2012. He's focused now on work in his region in Finland, which he told me once is "**colder than a witch's**", well, part of a witch. He continues to host websites and pay for domain names.

Unlike most FOSS projects, Minetest reached critical mass. This means that it could, and did, survive the departure of its creator.

5.5. At Christmas 2014, there was a change. The price of mobile devices dropped. Parents saw these things as affordable toys. "**No laptop for you, Junior, but here's a game device.**"

Children flooded into Minetest. I myself had a dozen worlds and suddenly there were dozens of children on each. Disregarding outliers – some children were too young even to write – the influx seemed to be in the range of 10 to 14 years of age.

We'd always had 15- to 17-year-olds, especially the type that had a bent for coding. The new crowd was younger. This period lasted for about a year. In 2016, the tide went out and crowds diminished. As of 2019, Minetest is on the wane.

6. New types of problems.

6.1. I learned about new types of problems. I'll summarize what I've learned as somebody who's ended up in a gamedev project.

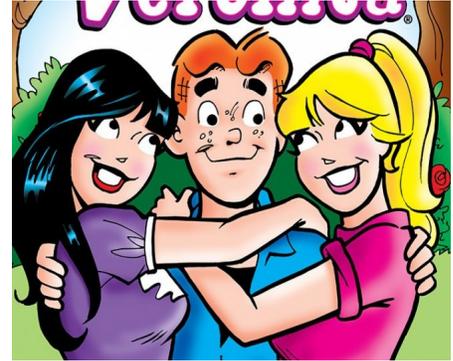
These points apply to most online games that involve persistent worlds and text chat. FOSS games are more of an issue because adult hosts and/or players aren't vetted in any way and many are anonymous. However, this is also true, in some cases, of worlds based on commercial games such as Minecraft. It depends on the setup.

* In this type of project, it's almost never going to happen that adults are going to try to do something with a minor in real life.

* However, you're going to get adults pretending to be children for the purpose of "do something" online.

* More frequently, there is a practice called "dating". If I say that it's about two 13-year-olds who want to "date" by computer and that it isn't like Archie and Betty or Veronica, I assume that readers are able to fill in the blanks.

Most online worlds that allow minors have anti-"dating" rules. What the word "dating" means isn't spelled out, but the teenagers seem to understand.



* Occasionally, there are children who pretend to be adults. That is as much of a problem as the rest. I had somebody, once, who claimed to be a 26-year-old gym teacher. I caught him speaking inappropriately to a girl. He pleaded that he was actually just 11 years old. I kicked him out, but he was probably telling the truth.

I'll mention some less dramatic issues. I don't see these issues as problems because they're not common and don't usually lead to trouble. However, I'll include them for the sake of completeness plus they're interesting.

6.2. Kids can turn some programs into servers. Which is fine under the right conditions, but I suspect that the issue isn't understood by most parents.

Parents look at Junior, doing his homework on the living room floor. He seems occupied. It's because he's actually working on his server as opposed to algebra. Dozens of children and adults are flocking to him. It isn't about him going to some game. His world is the destination. And he's pleased because he's the center of attention, the one in charge. He's significant.

For what it's worth, girls want to socialize with both genders. Boys want that, too, but they also want to be lords. Don't tell me that the two genders are the same.

One world that I know of was destroyed in 2018 due to a quite serious war that lasted for two months. When it was over, Armageddon had come and gone. The world was wrecked. That is what people, boys and men, at any rate, are designed to do.

A natural factor which limits the home-server issue is the fact that, for this to work, the kids need to do port forwarding. Below age 15, port forwarding is usually beyond their skill set. Plus, if parents know tech at all, sooner or later, they're going to notice a change to router settings.

6.3. Sharp kids can tunnel right through site blacklists. Blacklists are about as sturdy as cotton candy. All that one needs is a relay server or a friend with one. One kid with a relay server can unlock an entire school or library.

Site whitelists are a tougher nut to crack. However, my guess is that they're less common because they require active administration. Regardless, if a single kid with a relay box manages to get whitelisted, the entire school or library is unlocked.

6.4. Kids who are dedicated manage to get their own VPSes. I knew a group of hacker kids in 2012, grown up now, who did this.

In theory, it's a problem. A VPS is a gateway to the Internet that can do anything. But a teenager who is able to get a VPS without a credit card – that's the big obstacle – probably isn't planning to DDoS anybody.

You need a botnet for that. A single VPS isn't going to cut the mustard. And they'd look for simpler ways to achieve most other goals.

What a teenager wants a VPS for, if it isn't to run a game server, is to learn how to make it work and probably to do a first startup.

Junior Web Host. Free web sites for the other kids or perhaps a dollar each. The lemonade stands of the past have made way for middle-school dot-coms.

As a related amusing note:

When I was a boy, kids might approach a stranger and say ***“Buy me a beer, mister.”*** In 2012, among tech kids, it was ***“Do you have a VPS you're not using?”*** :-)

7. Freenode.

7.1. When it comes to crime on the Internet, related to children or to anything else, anonymity is the biggest contributing factor.

I believe in the right to reasonable free expression. Anonymity is part of that picture.

However, if adults and children are going to interact online, especially without the knowledge of the parents, you can't have anonymous adults. Nor, even if the adults are identified, can you have speech without limits.

Freenode and Eli Innis's group don't see it that way.

It's a fundamental principle in those circles that adults who interact with children must be allowed to be anonymous even when they're talking in sexual terms to children, frightening them, or encouraging them to commit felonies.

People who violate Omerta, in this context, are stalked, threatened with death, DDoSed, and generally treated with impoliteness. This is what I've been going through for 2.5 years.

No, I haven't felt that they were going to succeed in killing me. It's been funny at times. However, actual felonies have been committed.

It's time to talk further about Freenode.

7.2. This is a link to a Minetest video at YouTube: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=xLFZSouTZk>

The video was an unexpected gift to me on Christmas Day 2015. A boy, Sparky, stopped by IRC and said, ***“This is a video I’m working on. Could you review it?”***

I didn’t know what this was. Feel free to watch the video. All the way to the credits. If you can, try to imagine how I felt at the moment that it hit me.

Technical notes: “Sparky” is an alternate name for “Elkien3”, the name that you’ll see associated with the video. He’d be 20 now and might be a paramedic. The Christmas video includes a paramedic school and this is related.

7.3. In the credits, you’ll see “Shara” mentioned. This is a woman, though she’s probably not actually a woman.

In Spring 2017, Shara asked me for a Minetest favor. I was supposed to moderate a fight. The fight was going on in IRC. It involved mostly the adults in the project.

I had to agree to Shara’s request. Look at the video and you’ll understand.

7.4. I spent 3 days on the fight. The short version is that a teenager – “Red-001” – DDoSed me three times subsequently. This was, as I’ve noted elsewhere, a felony.

I posted about the DDoS and about other things that people were doing. I named the people who were doing things.

People tried for takedowns of the website posts. The death threats started after that. My manager role was terminated after 5 years without discussion or explanation.

7.5. The dot-net group asked Christian Loosli to step in. Loosli was simply a Freenode IRC admin. He had no role to play. The request for him to step in made no sense. But this is where the Freenode part becomes interesting.

Legal note: The dialogue in this part is paraphrased.

Christian Loosli said, ***“You must take down the posts. And, in the future, you must show me all website posts that you make everywhere to me for approval in advance.”***

I said something to the effect of ***“What the actual f*ck?”***

I’m not sure that non-tech people reading this will understand. Freenode is a text chat network. An anonymous IRC admin – think of him as a phone company account representative – was telling me that I needed to submit every post that I ever made to any website to him, anywhere, in advance for prior approval.

I was flabbergasted. I managed to convey this to Loosli. He said, ***“Well, perhaps it’s not an ordinary measure, but we’ve had a prior complaint.”***

“What prior complaint?” I asked.

Loosli explained that Pale Moon – Matt Tobin and Peter O’Hanlon – had come to Freenode a few months before to ask Freenode to force me to take down the posts which had discussed their sexual harassment of children.

Freenode didn’t host the posts. They weren’t even about Freenode. Neither Pale Moon nor I owed Freenode anything. Freenode was like a barking dog that lived down the street. It had nothing to do with the matter.

I refused to promise to submit all future website posts to Freenode for approval. Loosli instantly terminated my Freenode identity.

Freenode ordered me to submit website posts to it a priori. Posts that weren’t hosted by Freenode and had nothing to do with the organization. The justification for this was that two adults who weren’t even at Freenode had complained, months before, that I’d told the story of their inappropriate interactions with children.

This isn’t a usual situation.

7.6. Freenode is dedicated to anonymity to the extent that it presumed to judge a child sexual harassment case that wasn’t in its jurisdiction.

And to focus solely on the fact that real names had been used. There was no concern on Loosli’s behalf related to the minors.

Nor was there concern on Christel Dahlskjaer’s behalf. I discussed the matter with Christel, who was, again, the former owner and current manager of Freenode. She said that perhaps Loosli had been impolite but that she stood by his actions.

Freenode’s policy was to attempt to enforce Omerta even in cases related to children and sexual matters that weren’t even in its jurisdiction.

I researched the organization. I found that it was owned by Andrew S. Lee, a startuper in his 30s who is a big fan of anonymity.

So big a fan that he owned PIA, a VPN host that the FBI has investigated. He is, or was, behind Ghost Pimp, Freenode, and other anonymity ventures as well.

7.7. I’m making no allegations presently against Mr. Lee. I **am** making allegations against Freenode and Christel Dahlskjaer, believed to be the former owner of Freenode and now the project manager. She reports to Mr. Lee.

One allegation is that Freenode has a formal Omerta policy related to adult-child interactions. Details are provided right above.

Additional Freenode allegations are listed in part 3 of this document.

8. Fall 2017 child pornography issue.

8.1. In Fall 2017, it was reported to me that an attack on Freenode had taken place. I didn't get many details. People seemed nervous and didn't want to talk about it.

Then I had a visitor in IRC. It was a nickname, "Null", that I hadn't seen before. He stated that the attack had included child pornography.

8.2. "Null" seemed to be suggesting that the dot-net group had stated I was behind the attack. Or that the attack included statements related to me and that group.

It was difficult to follow. I believe that this person was altering normal language so that I wouldn't be able to tell who it was.

However, I understood the visit to be a threat. "Null" was transmitting a threat to me to the effect that, if I didn't take down website posts, the dot-net group was going to attempt to link me to the attack on Freenode.

8.3. I publicized the fact that I wouldn't show up as a member of any VPN that was linked to the attack. I believe that this step made a difference. I heard nothing further until New Year's Eve that year (2017).

8.4. On New Year's Eve 2017, Andrew Ward told me that the police had decided the attack was out of their jurisdiction. He added that the materials were simulated, regardless. He seemed to be playing down the significance of the attack.

And then Ward asked me, repeatedly, what I'd be able to **"prove"** about his involvement or the involvement of his people.

When Ward was satisfied that I had no photographs of him in the act, he dropped carrier immediately. We haven't talked in the 1.75 years since that night.

8.5. I don't know if Andrew Ward did, or didn't, order the child pornography attack. It seems possible that he simply took advantage of it.

However, it's extortion whether or not Andrew Ward's people were behind the actual distribution of the materials.

A reasonable person would agree that "Null" was one of people in Andrew Ward's group. And that the group hoped to use the attack on Freenode to press me to do website takedowns.

9. Summing up.

9.1. I'm alleging that Freenode has a formal Omerta policy part related to inappropriate adult-child interactions. I've stated that there are a dozen witnesses to an incident in 2017 which proves that the Omerta policy exists.

Not to mention the fact that the former owner and current manager of Freenode, Christel Dahlskjaer, declined to contradict the Omerta policy subsequently.

9.2. I'm alleging literally dozens of cases over a 2.5-year period in which Eli Innis's group has been involved in incidents ranging from harassment to felonies.

The more serious crimes include credible death threats, as well as comical threats, and repeated industrial-strength DDoSes.

The lesser harassment includes:

- * masquerading as me in attempts to discredit me
- * contacting employers to encourage them not to hire me
- * contacting family members for inappropriate purposes
- * spreading the story that I murdered a woman's husband
- * running defamation forums dedicated solely to me
- * cyber-bullying of children who talk to me or even to people who know me
- * proactive attempts to dissuade total strangers from even attempting to talk to me

9.3. I'm alleging an extortion attempt on the part of the dot-net group related to a child pornography incident that the group may, or may not, have engineered.

9.4. I'm alleging that Eli Innis speaks to children on a regular basis in such a manner that the children are either frightened or encouraged to commit crimes.

God. A few months ago, a boy who couldn't have been more than 12 came to confront me. He was, to use the same word as before, **"terrified"**. I couldn't see him physically, but his lower lip was practically quivering and he was close to tears.

"Why are you so evil and why do you lie and say you had anything to do with Minetest? You're not on the list!"

I wanted to say ***"Um, Son, do you understand what circular reasoning is? And does the truth matter to you?"*** But there was no opportunity. The boy p*ssed his metaphorical pants, dropped carrier, and ran.

This has gone on for 2.5 years. The part, I mean, about felonies such as DDoS and death threats. My feelings about the other incidents would not, I suppose, enter into it.

I'd like the FBI to look at Freenode. What Christel Dahlskaer and Christian Loosli did in 2017 isn't appropriate.

Eli Innis needs to cease his activities related to children. And the rest of his group needs to reconsider its behavior or face legitimate and reasonable consequences.

(end of document)