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Head of Budennovsky Division of MIA of Ukraine in Donetsk

Dear Mr Filipov

I have been very surprised and sad about the recent prosecution of Herm1t due to his website VxHeavens under article 361-1 of Ukrainian criminal code. This website, which exists for nearly 20 years, represents an invaluable contribution to the academic world and to any IT and Security expert in the world. A huge number of research results in the field of anti-malware technologies have been obtained and published in the most renowned conference thanks to this website.

Herm1t has set up and organized his website and the whole project as a totally non-commercial initiative and in very responsible way: samples and data collected on vx.netlux.org were not ready for use or for execution and are of scientific interest only. I stress on the fact that this kind of initiative is rare enough to be worth mentioning.

Herm1t's website is the only free initiative that enables academics from all over the world to validate their anti-malware technologies in a totally free and independent way, without any dependencies to the world AV community.

For all these reasons, I sincerely hope that Herm1t will be cleared of any suspicion of illegal activities and thus his scientific and technical contribution is recognized as doing honor to Ukraine. I am at your disposal for any further enquiries from you.

To whom it may concern, this letter is issued to be presented to law-enforcement officials.

Yours sincerely
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