

Ken Follett_Private

From: Crowdy Keith @Consult [Crowdy.Keith@tpsconsult.co.uk]
Sent: 03 October 2003 07:45
To: Ken Follett_Private
Subject: FW: Biometrics- reply

Ken,

I have read the chapter and I also passed it on to a colleague who works in the biometric industry for his comment and his reply is below.

I think you have got around th problem quite well, and yes it is plausible.

I have one niggle with it and that is with the telephone lines. These are normally monitored and if they are tampered with either local or more commonly remotely monitored.

You may wish to give me a ring to discuss further.

Regards

Keith
0208 256 4222

Well, that's much better I suppose!

If I was feeling really pedantic, I would say that Kit bought the 2nd-hand Smart reader / writer from 'ebay', rather than the 'Net'. That will make a few ebay nuts smile. Also, probably half of the £470 quid mentioned!

'Inserting' the card makes it sound like a 'contact' Smart card, rather than a contact-less. I'm sure some systems use contact cars with finger prints but most don't. Anyway, as Kit made it himself, I suppose that doesn't matter!

The only thing that bothers me is the use of the word 'invented'...it kinda suggests that no one else had made one before...but then maybe it doesn't! What do I know, he's the author!

I especially like the bit about 'Guardian readers'...that's funny, it sounds like something that I would have said!

I can't wait to read the book to find out why Kit wanted to break into his fathers place now!!

See you in a couple of weeks, after my Asia trip. If you need someone before then, please feel free to 'call my colleague Andrew on 014948 14728 or andrew.mccartney@bioscrypt.com he knows more about the readers anyway!

Cheers,

Neil.

-----Original Message-----

From: Crowdy Keith @Consult [mailto:Crowdy.Keith@tpsconsult.co.uk]
Sent: 26 September 2003 12:05
To: 'Neil McDonald'
Subject: FW: Biometrics

What you think?

Keith

-----Original Message-----

From: Treadwell Julian @Consult
Sent: 26 Sep 2003 11:30
To: Crowdy Keith @Consult
Subject: FW: Biometrics

Well, I assume this for you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Follett_Private [mailto:kenprivate@ken-follett.com]
Sent: 26 Sep 2003 11:29
To: info@tpsconsult.co.uk
Subject: Biometrics< /P>

Dear Keith,

I have now drafted the crucial chapter about defeating the fingerprint reader, basing it on our conversation and your subsequent email. I wonder if you would be kind enough to have a look?

Our villain, Kit Oxenford, is planning to break into the BSL4 laboratory owned by his father. Kit himself devised the security setup at the lab, before being caught with his hand in the till and fired nine months ago. He has now stolen the smart card belonging to his father. In this chapter he imprints his own fingerprint data on his father's card.

I would be most interested to know whether you think this is within the bounds of plausibility!

Best regards,

Ken Follett.

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