# **Project 4: Forensic Examination**

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#### **Introduction & Case Background**

The Louisville Metro Police Department's drug enforcement team has been after a suspected drug dealer, Perry Winkler, for several months. The LMPD obtained a search warrant to search Winkler's residence, but the suspect was no longer there. No useful evidence could be found after searching his residence as it seems that Winkler cleared the place before leaving. A damaged desktop PC was found outside of the residence, where the hard drive was able to be recovered intact, and potential evidence could be recovered from it. In this report, I will detail the ownership of the device, evidence associated with the case, potential escape routes or plans, and the steps in collecting the information.

#### **Data Integrity**

To start, the FTK Imager is used to create, verify and display the results of the verification. The hash values retrieved are compared and can determine whether any data has been lost or tampered with during transport to the lab. The computed MD5 and SHA1 hashes are displayed below:

[Image] Image Type: E01

Image Type: E01 Case number: LMPD-436243

Evidence number: 001

Examiner: Notes:

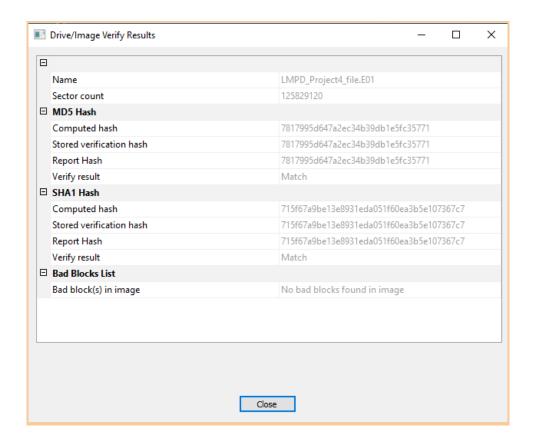
Acquired on OS: Win 201x
Acquired using: ADI3.4.0.1
Acquire date: 3/2/2016 3:11:39 PM
System date: 3/2/2016 3:11:39 PM
Unique description: untitled
Source data size: 61440 MB

Sector count: 125829120 [Computed Hashes]

MD5 checksum: 7817995d647a2ec34b39db1e5fc35771

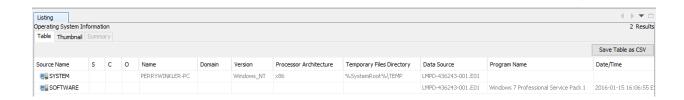
SHA1 checksum: 715f67a9be13e8931eda051f60ea3b5e107367c7

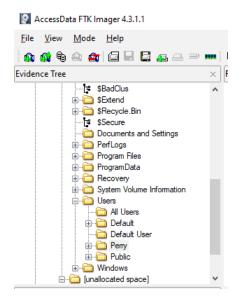
For the case file, after creating the image with FTK Imager it is verified that all the hash values are the same, meaning that the file has not been tampered with or lost, and is the original data of the device that was found at the scene.



### **System Information & Device Ownership**

The image information (shown in first picture) from FTK Imager already determines that the operating system is Windows. Using Autopsy, the specific version of Windows the suspect is using is Windows 7 Professional. Both FTK Imager and Autopsy shows that the user of the device is Perry Winkler, with the device name being PERRYWINKLER-PC. Registry Explorer can be used to confirm the above data too.

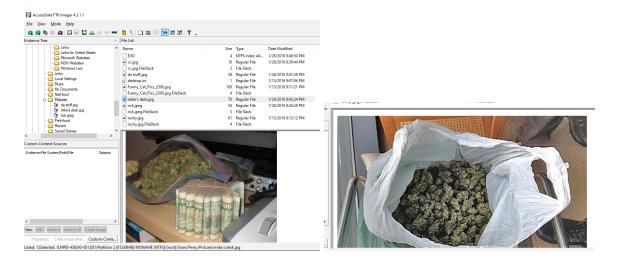




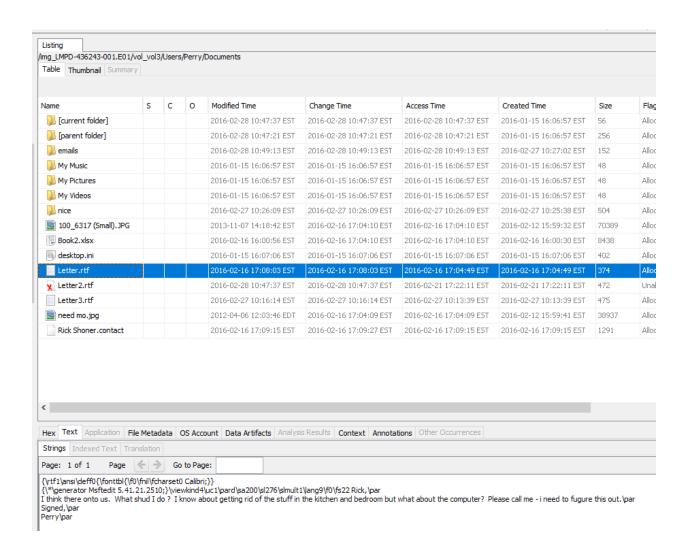
#### **Evidence**

Association with drugs or illegal activities

After mounting the image in FTK imager and exploring it, in Users/Perry/Pictures we have 1 picture of credit cards, and 2 related to drugs. Although the photos of the credit card cannot prove the suspect to be selling drugs, the photos of the actual drugs are incriminating.



Next, using Autopsy, a letter directed towards Rick was found on Users/Perry/Documents. Winkler expresses his worry about the police suspecting them, which he mentions about getting rid of the stuff, assuming drugs, in the kitchen and bedroom. He also mentions about the computer, which can refer to erasing the evidence.



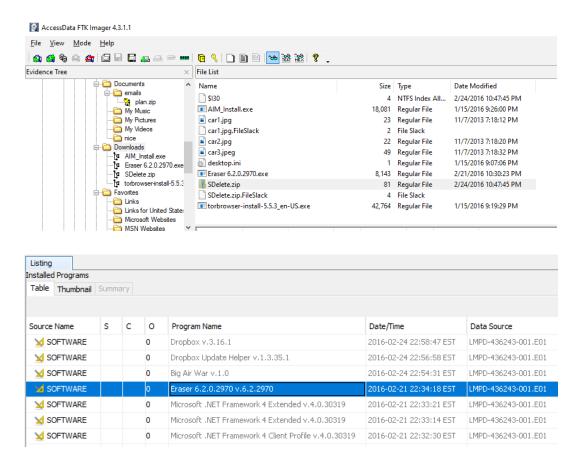
Additionally, in an Excel file named Book2 stored in Users/Perry/Documents, a client list was found. The spreadsheet contained the name of the buyer, amount they owe the dealer, and

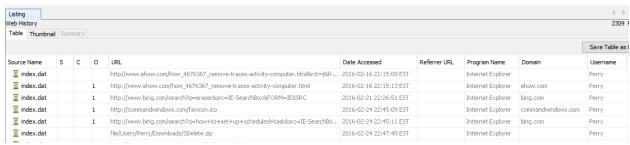
their favorite drugs. This evidence is very important as it shows that the suspect is indeed selling drugs.

4	А	В	С	D
1	name	\$\$ owed	fav	
2	MC Teller	450	tails	
3	ronchop	500	angel	
4	newbber	950	crack	
5	nile	100	header	
6	p dawg	50	lice	
7	randy	1040	erthing	
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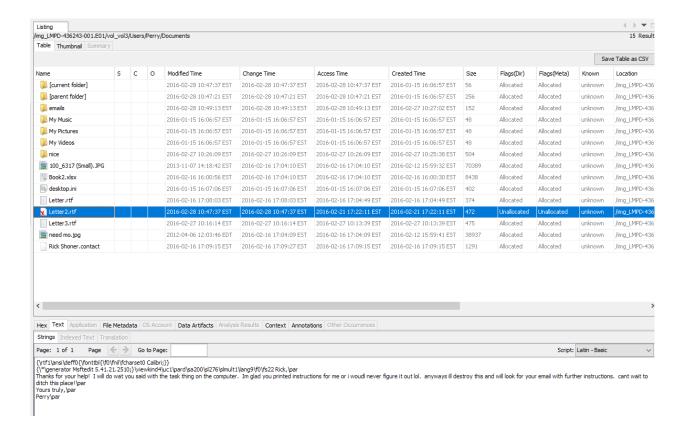
### Track covering or evidence deletion

There are very clear signs of track covering and evidence deletion. The first sign is the presence of the suspect having downloaded Eraser 6 and SDelete, which can be seen on Users/Perry/Downloads on FTK Imager. Heading on to Autopsy, in "Installed Programs" it is shown that the software Eraser 6 was installed on the device. Then searching on the web history, there are inquiries on how to remove traces of activities on the computer, and other similar searches that can let us conclude that the suspect has removed important information/evidence from the computer.





From the letter in the previous section, Winkler indicated that he needs to get rid of the evidence on the computer. Another letter was found. It is a deleted letter named Letter2. The letter shows Winkler thanking Rick, meaning that evidence was deleted. Also, there was a mention of a 'task thing' which is assumed to be the scheduled task of the computer.



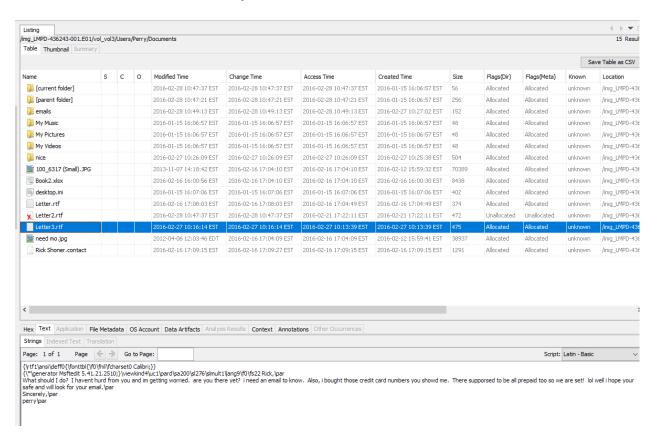
#### Additional items/devices

From Autopsy, two external devices were identified. One SanDisk Cruzer and a Toshiba Kingston DataTraveler flash drive were identified. The Kingston flash drive is currently the most suspicious and may contain evidence or other important information as it was the most recent one to connect to the computer on February 28, 2016.

SB Device Attached									
Table Thumbnail Summary									
SYSTEM			0	2016-02-28 10:45:22 EST		ROOT_HUB	58:3bb57b8:0	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
<b>SYSTEM</b>			0	2016-02-28 10:45:22 EST		ROOT_HUB20	58299e1c9f80	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
SYSTEM			0	2016-01-26 16:48:11 EST	SanDisk Corp.	Cruzer	20035001811625714CA7	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
SYSTEM			0	2016-02-28 10:45:52 EST	Toshiba Corp.	Kingston DataTraveler 102/2.0 / HEMA Flash Drive 2 GB / P	0013729B678DEB20C51F0216	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
SYSTEM			0	2016-02-28 10:45:24 EST	VMware, Inc.	Virtual USB Hub	68b77da928.082	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
<b>SYSTEM</b>			0	2016-02-28 10:45:23 EST	VMware, Inc.	Virtual Mouse	68b77da928.08.1	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
<b>SYSTEM</b>			0	2016-02-28 10:45:23 EST	VMware, Inc.	Virtual Mouse	782a7d30098080000	LMPD-436243-001.E01	
SYSTEM			0	2016-02-28 10:45:23 EST	VMware, Inc.	Virtual Mouse	7&2a7d3009&0&0001	LMPD-436243-001.E01	

#### Escape plans

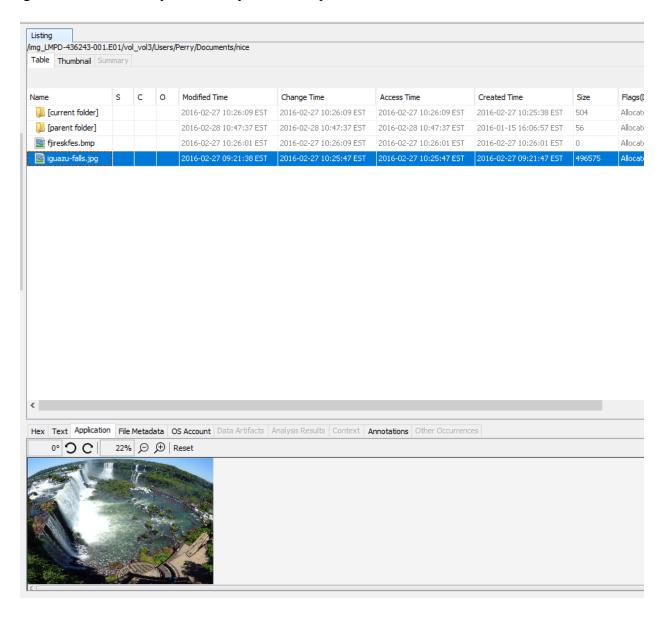
There were signs that Winkler was planning to run away. The first clue was from the letters shown above where Winkler mentioned wanting to ditch the place. Later a third letter is found in the same location as the previous first letter, where Winkler is ready to leave with the cards Rick recommended him to buy.



Additionally, with a search to his web history, an airline's website, Southwest, could be found. This may say that Winkler may be planning to fly out, possibly internationally.

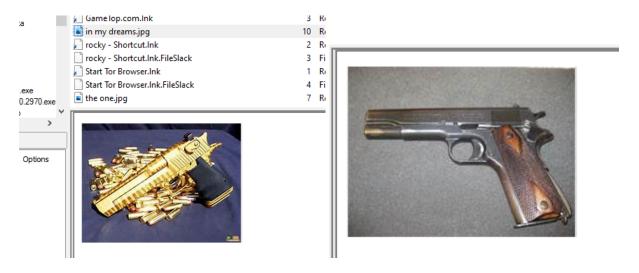


On Users/Perry/Documents/nice, it contains an image of Iguazu Falls, located in South America. This is a possible location Winkler may plan to run to. The location of South America is further confirmed through Autopsy or through the volume shadow copy of the drive (both reach the same results) where an email file is found. Rick, with the IP address 186.210.54.196 located in Brazil, sent the email to Winkler informing him of his current status and their plans. As a conjecture, the location they are running to is South America, most likely Brazil, where the Iguazu Falls is close by so that they can meet up.



#### **Additional Information/Evidences**

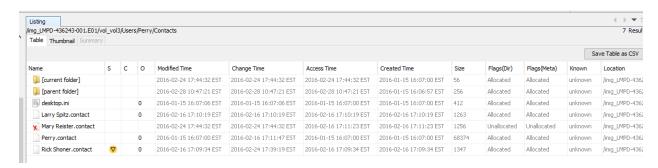
The suspect is potentially armed. In Users/Perry/Desktop we have the "in my dreams.jpg" image which shows a firearm. Additionally, in the deleted files, images thCAV3V9F6.jpg, th.jpg, and awesome.jpg also show images of firearms. These files used to be in the same location as Users/Perry/Desktop.



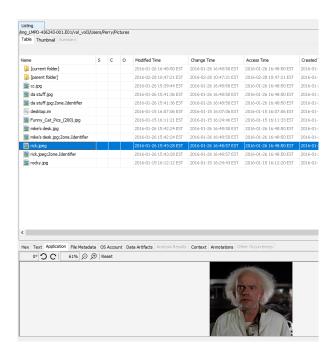
On Users/Perry/Documents/100\_6317 (Small).JPG there is a bottle of unknown items within the toilet tank. This could possibly be another piece of evidence.



On Users/Perry/Contacts, there are three main contacts: Larry Spitz, Rick Shoner, and Mary Reister. Currently there is no information on Larry Spitz and Mary Reister. Mary Reister's contact has also been deleted, which begs the question of whether she is an accomplice. As for Rick Shoner, he is determined to be an accomplice of Winkler through the email correspondence provided in the evidence above.



Lastly, there is a photo named rick.jpeg that can be found on Users/Perry/Pictures. It is unsure if this has any importance or if it is actually Rick's photo which can help us identify the appearance of the accomplice.



# **Tools Used**

A majority of the information were found by using:

- FTK Imager
- Autopsy
- Registry Explorer
- Excel
- Notepad
- Arsenal Image Mounter
- VSCMount