

## **NIPC ADVISORY 00-038**

### **"Self-Propagating 911 Script"**

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1. A recent and breaking FBI case has revealed the creation and dissemination of a self-propagating script that can erase hard drives and dial-up 911 emergency systems. While investigation and technical analysis continue, the script appears to include the following characteristics:

- Actively search the Internet for computer systems set up for file and print sharing and copy itself on to these systems.
- Overwrite victim hard drives.
- Cause victim systems to dial 911 (possibly causing emergency authorities to check out substantial number of "false positive" calls.)

2. To this point case information and known victims suggest a relatively limited dissemination of this script in the Houston, Texas area, through source computers that scanned several thousand computers through four Internet service providers (America On-line, AT&T, MCI, and NETZERO). Disseminated script may be placed in hidden directories named chode, foreskin, or dickhair. Further script analysis by the FBI/NIPC continues.

3. FBI/NIPC Requests recipients immediately report information relating to use of this script to the local FBI or NIPC Watch and Warning Unit at (202) 323-3204/3205/3206. As more technical or operational information about this script develops, NIPC will disseminate this information through the Carnegie Mellon CERT, anti-virus vendors or its own web site, as appropriate.