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Title: SECGOV - Unauthorized Twitter Activity

Status: Closed

Priority: (b)(7)(E)

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(b)(7)(E) investigation into an unauthorized X[.]COM post by @SECGOV.

On 2024-01-09 (b)(7)(E) an unauthorized party accessed the @SECGOV Twitter account via the Twitter platform. MFA was not enabled on the account at the time of the event.

At 21:11, the attackers posted the following message:

"Today the SEC grants approval for #Bitcoin ETFs for listing on all registered national securities exchanges. The approved Bitcoin ETFs will be subject to ongoing surveillance and compliance measures to ensure continued investor protection."

An image of Chairman Gensler was attached with a quote stating the same.

At 21:13, a second post was made and quickly taken down by the attackers stating simply "$BTC.".

(b)(7)(E) notified the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) (b)(7)(the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) (b)(7)(and the SEC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) (b)(7)(E of the incident.

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(b)(7)(E) AT&T staff confirmed the phone number was ported to a new phone (b)(7)(E)

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Finally, the SEC's OPA has been actively working since the event to shore up MFA for all of the other SEC social media accounts under their purview. (b)(7)(E

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(b)(7)(E) @SECGOV was accessed by an unauthorized party (b)(7)(E) on 20240109 (b)(7)(E) Two unauthorized messages were sent. One at 21:11 and the other at 21:13. The SOC is working with several internal and external parties, including SEC OIG and the FBI. The attackers accessed @SECGOV (b)(7)(E) effectively locking the SEC out of the account for (b)(7)(E) The SEC is working to ensure MFA is enabled on all known social media accounts (b)(7)(E)

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