

## Robert C. Edwards

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**From:** andrew cook [merlin10@sprynet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2015 4:23 PM  
**To:** Robert C. Edwards  
**Cc:** merlin10@sprynet.com  
**Subject:** FW: extortion attempt by Roy Cook

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Email is attached.

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

**From:** Andrew Cook [mailto:[andrew.cook@merlinembedded.com](mailto:andrew.cook@merlinembedded.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 7:09 PM  
**To:** 'Andrew Cook'; 'jeffvittatoe@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** RE: extortion attempt by Roy Cook

X I talked to you at the end of January about the attempts by Roy Cook to extort money from me in exchange for the return of my stolen property. Have you made any progress on the case?

He has recently started sending me harassing emails. He has also sent harassing emails to my son's school, my accountant, and my son's therapist. He is attempting to contact my customers and slander my company because I have refused to pay him any money.

To give you an idea of his rants, here is a sample from a recent email.

*how's that hot piece of christian ass doing these days.....???? hear you say she dresses like a slut....is she yummy?? i heard you tried to tap that ass. actually the word is you claim to have tapped it but nobody believes you did. don't worry though. it wasn't her religion that made her say no. it was the fact that you're a disgusting pig.*

*did laura cut your balls off yet?? or is she pulling a Kay and locking herself in a room for 3 days??*

*tommorow is fuck up friday..... get ready for a big surprise.....*

*and on 4/2 its going to get real special....12 days and counting.....shall we do the 12 days of xmas.*

*i don't think you can handle 12 days of shit..... the over under on you is 7 days before you finally break.*

*did you wipe your ass today???:hahaha*

*and again.....why do you continue to not address what you did to Lorena and BAE ?????? whats wrong??? self awareness is a terrible thing isn't it. HI MY NAME IS ANDREW AND I'M A FLAMING ASSHOLE!!!*

I'm not sure what he meant by "fuck up Friday", but I assume he attempted to harass some of my customers. I have not received any feedback from them yet. This particular rant was sent to my accountant and my son's therapist.

Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. I have asked that he stop sending me emails but he persists.

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

**From:** Andrew Cook [<mailto:andrew.cook@merlinembedded.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2013 9:26 PM  
**To:** 'jeffvittatoe@yahoo.com'  
**Subject:** extortion attempt by Roy Cook

Roy's phone numbers:  
Cell: (865) 322-0984  
Home: (865) 531-4897

I'm not sure about the home phone. He normally calls from the cell phone.

Last phone call is attached. I have also provided a document describing each phone call with approximate date and time.

The excel spreadsheet shows calls to and from my office numbers. It also shows calls to and from my home number 901 347 0425. I have marked the significant calls in purple and yellow.

It appears that the time stamp on some of the vonage logs is off. I think it is because they were forwarded through a skype number. The document showing the description of the phone calls is more accurate on the time stamps.

I recorded the calls on my iPad using an app called QuickVoice. The application records the date and time of each call.

Let me know if you need anything else.

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**From:** andrew cook [merlin10@sprynet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 5:17 PM  
**To:** Robert C. Edwards  
**Subject:** roy cook  
**Attachments:** From\_14074050840\_201510070542.wav

1. The email we discussed is on another computer at my office. I will send it to you the next time I go over tomorrow.
2. I have attached the voicemail from July in case you don't have it.
3. I forgot to ask about the recorded phone calls. Can you confirm that the defense attorney has received a copy of them? It would be a shame at trial to discover that we can't use them due to not providing them to the defense. If you want, I can email them to you so that you can forward them to Headrick.
4. It appears as if Roy has issued a subpoena to Vonage for my phone logs and Earthlink for my emails. I'm not concerned about the emails since Earthlink only keeps them for 60 days and Roy is asking for emails from Jan. 2013 through April 2015. However, Vonage keeps the phone logs for 18 months. Is there anything I can do to keep him from obtaining the phone logs? There is nothing incriminating there, but the logs do show some contact information for my customers. Roy has already tried to harass some of my customers to keep them from doing business with me and I have no doubt that he will call every number on the list. I would be open to allowing Roy's attorney to view the records and then disclose only pertinent information to Roy.

Sorry for the grief my brother is causing. I find it best to just ignore him. However as the hearing and trial approaches, he will probably become more active. He doesn't like waiting.

5. I will talk to my wife tonight and decide whether to pursue the violation of the restraining order. Perhaps you could get Roy to admit he made the call with a promise not to seek an increase in his bail. Any further harassment however would lead to more sanctions.

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**From:** andrew cook [andrew.cook@merlinembedded.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 2:58 PM  
**To:** Robert C. Edwards  
**Subject:** redacted emails  
**Attachments:** Roane County, TN Man Pushing for Trial Amidst Prosecutorial and Judicial Disarray \_ The Post & Email.pdf; Roy-Cook-discovery-2.pdf

Roy has given a couple of "interviews since the June hearing. One of them was to the Roane County News. The other interview was to an online publication that is a birther website ( yes I said birther ) <http://www.thepostemail.com/>. I have attached the article from the birther site.

You will note that he makes a claim there about redacted emails in the discovery file he received. The article provided a link to the discovery document which a I have also attached.

On page 19 of the discovery document is an email that I sent to the investigator Jeff Vittatoe in late March or early April 2013. I had talked to him in late January after I emailed him copies of the recorded phone calls. I had not heard from him and was simply asking for status.

The first line of the email in the discover document starts with:

*" I talked.....by Roy Cook to extort money from me in exchange for the return of stolen property."*

There is a white space in that sentence. I don't think it was whited out. I think that it was a screw up with either the printer that printed the email or the scanner that scanned it into the computer. I found the original email on my computer. The sentence with the missing text in bold type reads :

*"I talked to you at the end of January about the attempts by Roy Cook to extort money from me in exchange for the return of my stolen property."*

Roy seems to think that there was some redacted text in that email that will support his claims that his prosecution is some form of political payback. However, as you can see there is nothing incriminating there. There would be no reason for anyone to redact that text. In fact, if you go to page 34 of the discovery document, you will see that there is another email from me to Jeff Vittatoe with a similar "redaction." The missing text is in the same general area of the page. Clearly, this was either a printer or scanner problem and not an intentional redaction.

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On 7/28/2015 11:53 AM, Robert C. Edwards wrote:

Can you let me know what this business about redacted emails is about? I have nothing in my file that I could conclude is a redacted email.

Bob Edwards

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

**From:** Joshua D. Hedrick [mailto:[hedrick@knoxdefense.com](mailto:hedrick@knoxdefense.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 2:38 PM  
**To:** [jekyl9@cs.com](mailto:jekyl9@cs.com); Robert C. Edwards  
**Subject:** Roy Cook Emails

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**From:** andrew cook [merlin10@sprynet.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 10:19 PM  
**To:** Robert C. Edwards  
**Subject:** Roy Cook

I was pointed to an article at <http://www.thepostemail.com/2016/04/13/roane-county-tn-prosecution-of-extortion-case-nearing-its-fourth-year/> today about the Roy Cook extortion case. The article quotes a letter sent to you by Roy Cook on April 1 that accuses me of sending a friend request to him through Facebook. This is a lie. If you wish, I can provide you access to my Facebook account. All recent activity is shown. There is no such "friend request."

The screenshot provided by Roy Cook does contain my profile photo and the name Andrew Cook next to it. I can only assume that he downloaded my photo and created an Andrew Cook account using the same profile photo. Profile photos are public and can be downloaded by anyone with an account.

There would be no reason for me to send a friend request to Roy Cook. I have set the security around my facebook account to the maximum level specifically to keep Roy Cook from seeing anything that is not public. This includes my friends list and all posts to the page. If I were to send him a friend request and he were to accept it, then it would defeat the security level. He would be able to see my friends list and then he would harass them.

The letter also accuses me of contacting Roy Cook's employer "dozens" of times. I have had exactly one contact with his employer. This was in February last year after Roy had posted my social security number, address, and date of birth on a website. The only way that he could have gotten my social security number was by pulling my credit report from his employer's link to the credit reporting agencies. As a mortgage broker, he has access to that information but is not allowed to view my credit report without my written permission. I informed his employer of the publication of my social security number and asked that he take appropriate steps to protect my personal information from Roy Cook. The information was removed from the website within 2 hours of my conversation with the general manager of Residential Acceptance Corp. and I have no contact with them since.

The Post & Email posted a copy of Roy Cook's motion to dismiss. It is clear that he has no understanding of the pertinent law. He claims that there are multiple examples of the prosecution withholding or concealing exculpatory evidence. Yet he fails to specify exactly what that evidence might be. In one of the more absurd claims he states that the prosecution has withheld exculpatory evidence that showed up in the forensic analysis of his computers. Yet his computers were returned so he should have the evidence.

He is still complaining about a redacted email. I provided you a copy of the complete original email with the missing information in December. I assume that you provided it to the defense and Roy is just blowing smoke. However, you might want to make sure the defense has a copy.

One item in his motion to dismiss that concerned me is that he apparently subpoenaed my phone logs from Vonage. I have nothing to hide in those logs. However, Roy now has the phone numbers of some of my customers and friends. Is there any other information that he has obtained that I should know about?

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**From:** andrew cook [merlin10@sprynet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 11:19 AM  
**To:** Robert C. Edwards  
**Subject:** Re: Copy of Response

Thanks. Your response is concise and to the point. Even if everything he claims is true, it doesn't matter. The information he claims is being withheld is either a) irrelevant, b) not exculpatory, or c) something he already has.

I forgot to ask, but has Roy's complaint with the BOPR against you, Hedrick, and Walter Johnson been resolved yet?

See you in July.

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On 3/17/2017 8:28 AM, Robert C. Edwards wrote:

**LEGAL CONFIDENTIAL:** The information in this e-mail and in any attachment may contain information that is privileged either legally or otherwise. It is intended only for the attention and use of the named recipient. If you are not the intended recipient, you are not authorized to retain, disclose, copy or distribute the message and/or any of its attachments. If you received this e-mail in error, please notify me and delete this message.

**Robert C. Edwards**

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**From:** Robert C. Edwards  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 10:29 AM  
**To:** 'Merlin10'  
**Subject:** Copy of Response  
**Attachments:** Response to Motion3.15.17.doc