

Computer Forensics I (FOR 248)

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Project #3

E-mail tampering is a new type of computer crime. In 2001, the content of a single e-mail message was the basis of a suit against Signal Lake Venture Fund. Subsequent analysis showed that the e-mail was bogus and the plaintiff was found to have committed perjury and evidence tampering.

The forensic report can be found at [shear_report_munshani.pdf](#) and the Massachusetts Superior Court report can be found at [ma_order_munshani.pdf](#). Read these two documents and, in your own words, summarize the main points:

- What the case is about
- The plaintiff's position
- The defendant's position
- The computer forensic analyst's findings and methods
- Lessons learned by the parties (including you!)

Write this up as a real report, targeted at one of your peers — assume that the reader has roughly the same level of knowledge that you had before this class started. Use language that would be understandable by a lay person, such as a prosecutor or a jury.

The paper should be at least 3 single-spaced pages (6 double-spaced pages) in length; grammar will count and the paper must be typed. The project is due on November 1.

NOTE: For your own information, the entire set of documents pertaining to this incident can be found at the Signal Lake "Litigation Findings: Suni Munshani v. Signal Lake Venture Fund II, LP, et al." Web page at <http://www.signallake.com/litigation/>. At that site, you will also find the article "Email Tampering — This Time, The Good Guys Won,"

Business Communications Review, January 2002, by Michael Weingarten, a managing director of Signal Lake venture capital fund, and Adam Weingarten, webmaster for Signal Lake (<http://www.signallake.com/litigation/emailtampering.pdf>).