

One case that I found that involved social engineering was with a 15 year old boy named Kane Gamble. He hacked the email accounts of CIA directors and found highly classified information. I believe the psychological mechanism that he used for this social engineering attack was purely for the fulfilment or “lulz” of it. My reasoning behind this is because he was only 15 at the time that he initiated the attack. I feel like a 15 year old can not do much with governmental information at the time.

He also just portrayed other people in order to receive information from the Verizon company. As stated previously, I believe that the only person that benefited from this situation was Kane Gamble because I feel that he did not really have an interest in the information, it was more to just see if it was possible for him to achieve. The consequences that Kane Gamble received after his attack, was that he received 2 years of detention and seized all of his computers. One prevention mechanism that could have been used is that Verizon could have asked for more identifiable information like social security number, etc. Another mechanism is that they could have maybe traced the call to see where and who it was coming from and notice that it was not from the CIA.