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Case Investigator: Jacob Rivera

Identity of the Submitter: John Doe

Date of Receipt: May 5, 2026

Items Submitted for Examination:

- Cellular Device
 - Apple iPhone 15 Pro
 - Serial Number: LP7XN6KT0029
 - OS: iOS 18.3.2
 - Color: Black Titanium
- Laptop
 - Microsoft Surface Pro 10
 - Serial Number: F6MYQ7RH2XD9
 - OS: Windows 11 Pro
 - Color: Space Black

Steps Taken During Examination

- Cellular Device
 - On May 5th, 2026, I retrieved a search warrant through the US District Courts in Washington D.C.
 - Acquire tools for examination of mobile device:
 - SIM card reader
 - Cellebrite UFED (Digital Mobile Forensic Software)
 - Once the tools were acquired and the search warrant was retrieved, the examination began.

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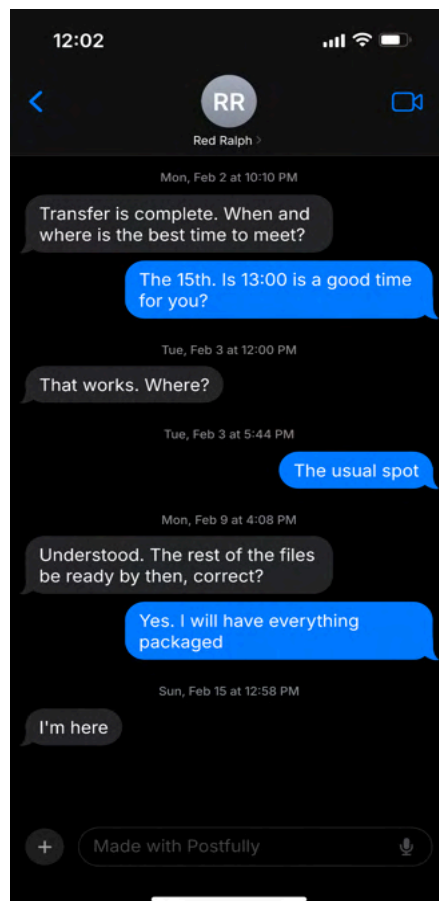
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- The first step I took was enabling airplane mode and putting it inside a faraday bag to prevent incoming signals.
- Using the SIM card reader, I extracted the contacts and text message records on the SIM, including all phone numbers and timestamps
- Using Cellebrite UEFD, I did a full extraction of the device. This allowed me to recover text messages, call logs, app data, and other digital artifacts.
- Then, I performed a string search with the keywords “Red Ralph”, “meet”, and “transfer”.

- Documented Message:



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- Personal laptop
 - On May 5th, 2026, I began the forensic acquisition/imaging process of the laptop, which had the original media including logs, files, temp files, and more. I used a new write-blocker to make sure that no data could be altered on the original drive during my examination. Before all this, however, a photograph of the device was taken and a copy of the hard drive was made.
 - After connecting the media in the laptop to the hardware write-blocker via USB 3.0 to my examination machine, I began the imaging process.
 - I used FTK imager for the imaging process, which allowed the forensic copy to be created. Here, a string search was also performed using OSForensics with the same keywords: “Red Ralph”, “meet”, and “transfer”.
 - Once the imaging was complete and documented, I used Internet Evidence Finder (IEF) to look at the history of what the suspect had previously visited and other content. From the extraction, I found several emails that were sent from RedRalph@gmail.com.

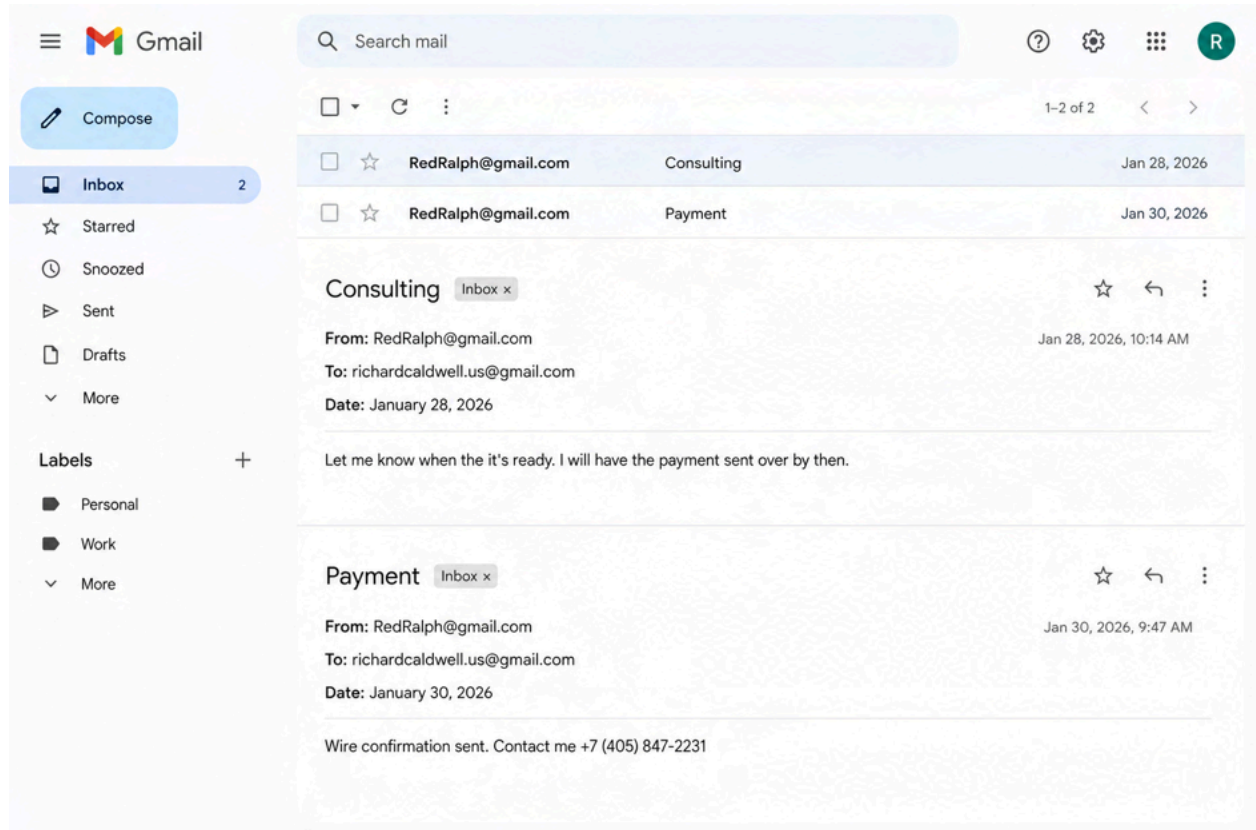
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- Documented emails:



- Once the emails were analyzed and documented, I was also able to view previously deleted files. Using file carving techniques, three ZIP files were recovered. The contents of these archives matched classified government material containing information on weapons in development. OSForensics also revealed that a file has been uploaded to a file sharing website, though its not clear if they have been downloaded by anyone.

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- Documented file:

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ADVANCED WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY BRIEFING

1. PURPOSE

This document provides a summary of selected advanced weapons systems in development by the United States Department of Defense. The information contained herein is critical to maintaining U.S. strategic advantage.

2. PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

PROGRAM ID	SYSTEM NAME	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
AWD-01	Project Silent Hammer	Long-range precision strike system	Phase 3 – Prototype Testing
AWD-02	Project Nightfall	Stealth delivery platform	Phase 2 – Systems Integration
AWD-03	Project Divide	Directed energy weapon	Phase 2 – Prototype Testing

3. KEY TECHNICAL POINTS

- Systems are designed to operate in denied environments with minimal detectability.
- Capabilities include precision strike, stealth delivery, and directed energy effects.
- All programs are in accordance with approved requirements and funding.

4. CLASSIFICATION NOTICE

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Conclusion

In conclusion to the report, no original media was damaged, manipulated, or changed in any way. Refer to the photographs I've taken. Based on the evidence acquired from the cellular device and laptop, it is safe to say that Senator Richard Caldwell has been communicating with an individual with an alias of "Red Ralph" through email and text message. The recovered emails from the laptop show that Red Ralph started contacting Caldwell on January 28, 2026. In this email, they discussed payment for what is believed to be classified government material. A wire confirmation was sent on January 30, 2026 along with Red Ralph's phone number.

Various text messages were recovered from Caldwell's iPhone 15 Pro. These messages confirm that the two arranged an in person meeting on February 15, 2026 at 1:00 pm. The messages discuss the readiness of the files. The files refer to deleted ZIP files recovered through file carving, which were found to contain a TOP SECRET Department of Defense document regarding an Advanced Weapons Development Program. OSForensics also reveals that this file had been uploaded to a file sharing site, and we don't know whether it was downloaded by anyone. The evidence here shows that there was a clear pattern of communication, financial exchange, and an unauthorized transfer of classified government information between Senator Richard Caldwell and an alleged Russian official under the name "Red Ralph".

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