

<-- Continued from the front... profit motive behind his hacking. Violent and truly dangerous criminals get lighter treatment than Kevin every day and no one blinks. What would the founding fathers have thought of such an obvious attempt to prevent him from obtaining a fair trial? Lets hope that Kevin doesn't have to spend another 4th of July in custody next year.

"The U.S. Government has grossly exaggerated and continues to exaggerate the 'losses' (damages) caused by Mr. Mitnick's alleged computer hacking and copying of source code. If the government is successful at convincing Judge Mariana Pfaelzer that Mr. Mitnick's hacking caused over \$80 million dollars in losses, the government can seek the longest fraud sentence available under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

## Takedown

Miramax pictures recently announced that they will begin filming "Takedown" in late July. Its a film based on the book by Tsutomu Shimomura and John Markoff. The book, which chronicles Shimomura's version of the events leading up to Kevin's capture, was criticized by some as a self-serving attempt by the authors to cash in on the hype surrounding Mitnick's arrest. People who have seen the script for the movie say it's even worse. Emmanuel Goldstein, editor of "2600" magazine, was one of the first Mitnick supporters to obtain a copy of the "Takedown" script. Goldstein writes that the script is "far worse than I had ever imagined." "If this film is made the way the script reads," he adds, Kevin will be forever demonized in the eyes of the public. And mostly for things that everyone agrees 'never even happened' in the first place!"

Inaccuracies in the script range from the merely comical (Kevin makes free phone calls by whistling touch tones into the handset) to the outright false and defamatory (Kevin assaults Shimomura in an alley with a garbage-can lid, and Shimomura visits Kevin in prison and tells him "good work" for cracking his systems). Goldstein's notes on the script is online at [www.kevinmitnick.com/review.html](http://www.kevinmitnick.com/review.html)

In an article for ZDTV, columnist Kevin Poulsen writes, "nobody predicted that the script, supposedly based on the dry, but inoffensive book of the same name, would be filled with so much blatant fabrication. No one expected that Kevin Mitnick might become the most feared and hated screen villain since Hannibal Lecter."

The government has recently stated in their opposition to Mr. Mitnick's bail motion filed with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that the losses in this case are in excess of \$80 million dollars. The federal indictment handed down on September 26, 1996, lists the following companies which supposedly suffered these extraordinary losses: 'Motorola, Fujitsu, Nokia, Sun, Novell, and NEC.'

We understand the government refuses and continues to refuse to release any evidence of the alleged losses to Mr. Mitnick or his attorney. One has to question the government's motive and agenda for refusing to release this information to Mr. Mitnick's defense team. The reason may be that it just isn't there. As the famous Wendy's commercial used to say, 'Where's the Beef?'"

--Snipped from [www.kevinmitnick.com/cory.html](http://www.kevinmitnick.com/cory.html) Visit the address for its complete form and some of the accusing company's finance reports



## What can I do?

There are lots of things you can do to help Kevin's situation:

- A: Donate to Kevin's defense fund. This is one of the most helpful things you can do. Kevin needs expert witnesses, research and other things that the court is unlikely to provide much financial support for. Information about donating is at [www.kevinmitnick.com/df.html](http://www.kevinmitnick.com/df.html)
- B: Bumper Stickers. The tres chic "Free Kevin" bumper stickers are available for \$1 a piece through [www.kevinmitnick.com](http://www.kevinmitnick.com). All proceeds go to his defense fund. You can also place a virtual bumper sticker on your web page and link it to [www.kevinmitnick.com](http://www.kevinmitnick.com).
- C: Join the mailing list. "2600" has set up a Majordomo list for the discussion of his case and story as it unfolds. Its a wonderful place to keep up to date on information about events relating to this cruel injustice. Email [majordomo@2600.com](mailto:majordomo@2600.com) with the words **subscribe mitnick** as the body of your message. You can also get info on Kevin's case (and many other topics) from "Off the Hook", Emmanuel Goldstein's radio program that airs on WBAI in New York, and via RealAudio. More info is at [www.2600.com](http://www.2600.com).
- D: Write legislators, members of the media, and anyone else you can think of who might be able to have a positive impact on Kevin's situation. visit [www.kevinmitnick.com/semail.html](http://www.kevinmitnick.com/semail.html) and [www.kevinmitnick.com/media.html](http://www.kevinmitnick.com/media.html)
- E: Join the RC5 team. We're participating in the distributed.net effort to crack RC5-64, and if someone on our team hits the key we will donate our winnings to Kevin's defense fund. its also an opportunity to get some positive publicity for Kevin, and after all, they're just spare CPU cycles. You might as well use them for a good cause.
- F: Copy this flier and hand it out. Spread the word, by any means, to as many people as you can. Kevin needs our help.

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