
From: Craig Silverman
To: Alan White
CC: Tom Phillips
Sent: 1/15/2015 4:03:08 PM
Subject: Re: Interesting...

I found someone who says they followed on some CEN stories only to be told by sources quoted by CEN that they were never interviewed by the agency. Working to get some names of those folks from him.

On 15 January 2015 at 15:58, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
also here 's another, which we did - Ryan described it as a "god damn mess "

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/student-dies-heart-attack-looking-4232876>

Craig - FYI I 'm putting aside Mon and Tue for serious work on this next week, will try to plough through as many on list as I can.

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 8:48 PM, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
Well that was an interesting conversation with Ryan. His Weibo login hasn 't been much help. BUT....

After writing this story

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/ryanhatesthis/unluckiest-man-in-the-world-set-his-college-on-fire#.mnKMKZ7Ro>

He started digging around. He found that it had come from Weibo - apparently the Shenyang Evening News uses Weibo as its online presence, and that leads to Sina - (think Facebook and Mailonline being the same company)

<http://edu.sina.com.cn/l/2014-10-28/0826251064.shtml>

And Sina sells these stories to CEN, apparently.

Also worth noting this story and the link at the bottom re the Youija app? <http://www.buzzfeed.com/ryanhatesthis/the-lucita-sandoval-sex-tape>

Also just remembered that this girl I used to work with is now based in China and might help...

<https://twitter.com/sarahkcaracs>

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 8:11 PM, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
I 'll ask Ryan re Weibo now.

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 8:09 PM, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:

Terrible things, I would imagine. You want to give him a shout to ask, or shall I?

On 15 Jan 2015 20:07, "Alan White " <alan.white@buzzfeed.com

target="_blank">alan.white@buzzfeed.com
He does. I 've no idea what he does with it.

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 8:07 PM, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:

Let 's check the language doc for news-focused speakers.

Also does Ryan have a Weibo account or did I imagine that?

On 15 Jan 2015 20:05, "Alan White " <alan.white@buzzfeed.com

Feel we should be thinking about trying to get a mandarin speaker on board for a couple days 'work looking at story spread...

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 8:03 PM, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:

Want us to reach out to some of the Mandarin speakers at BF in the NY office?

Jesus Christ I just said reach out, I 've become a monster.

Original source for this?

http://www.sn.xinhuanet.com/2015-01/13/c_1113969279.htm

which leads me to this using the watermark

<http://www.weibo.com/u/3151965543>

and this is where we need someone chinese

On Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 10:47 PM, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:

Another one - might look into this before the pics entirely flood Google <http://metro.co.uk/2015/01/14/public-shaming-underwear-thief-forced-to-walk-around-the-block-wearing-the-bras-he-stole-5021898/>

On 14 Jan 2015 13:27, "Craig Silverman " <silvermancraig@gmail.com

I loaded it in with a bunch of articles:

<http://www.emergent.info/wife-cuts-off-penis-twice>

I have to run to some meetings in NY now (I see Ben at 10:30) but let me know if you publish anything and I will get it added right away.

On 14 January 2015 at 06:58, Craig Silverman <silvermancraig@gmail.com wrote:

This helps give us a bit of evidence on the content theft side of things that was mentioned to me by the guy in Austria. They will grab anything from anywhere, scrub out watermarks and push it out as their own.

On 14 January 2015 at 06:45, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:

you can see where they 've photoshopped out the watermarks, and also explains the really weird pixelation in the

road pic – it 's to obscure the weibo address



网友曝光：12月30日傍晚，一名男子下体流血，赤身裸体在街头暴打一名女子。



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On Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 11:37 AM, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:
tracing it back: <http://www.insight.co.kr/view.php?ArtNo=12221>

http://news.hnr.cn/dj/201412/t20141231_1774070.html

On Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 11:29 AM, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
But seriously, this is so hugely ridiculous mega viral...

http://nypost.com/2015/01/13/wife-chops-off-cheating-husbands-penis-twice/?utm_campaign=SocialFlow&utm_source=NYPFacebook&utm_medium=SocialFlow

On Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 7:50 AM, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
Same pixelation on the Mirror

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/jilted-wife-chopped-husbands-penis-4969780>

On Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 7:50 AM, Tom Phillips <tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com wrote:

Ooh, do we know if the pixelation is the Mail 's doing, or if CEN supplied the pics like that?

Because it occurs to me that pixelating might be a good way of a) avoiding reverse image searches and b) disguising that it 's not even the same people in the different pics. (If that 's what is in fact going on there.)

Also my god they are obsessed with penis chopping.

On 14 Jan 2015 07:43, "Alan White " <alan.white@buzzfeed.com

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2908057/Wife-chopped-husband-s-penis-discovered-cheated-cut-surgeons-managed-reattach-China.html?ito=social-facebook>

CEN story, but Mail didn 't even credit them this time.

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