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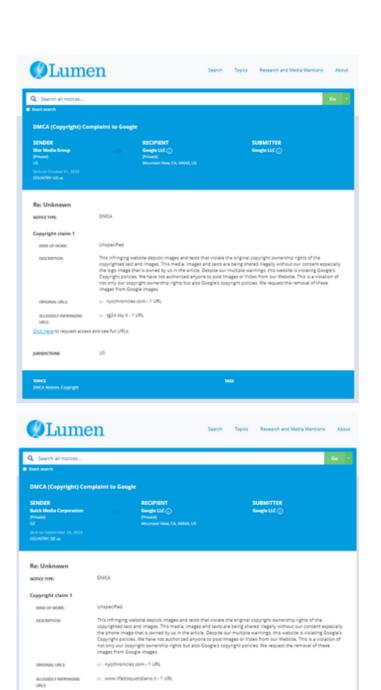
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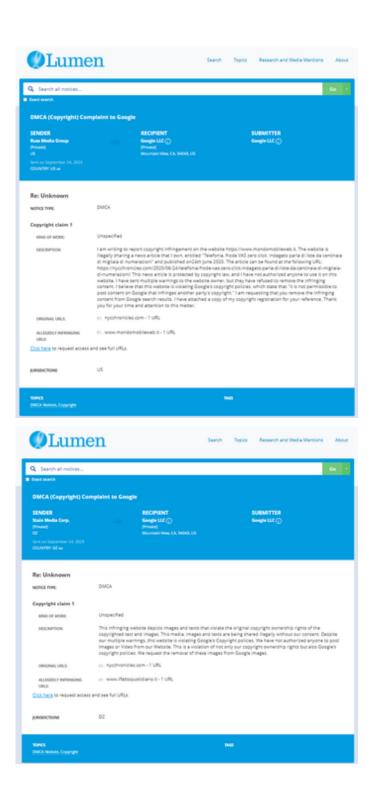
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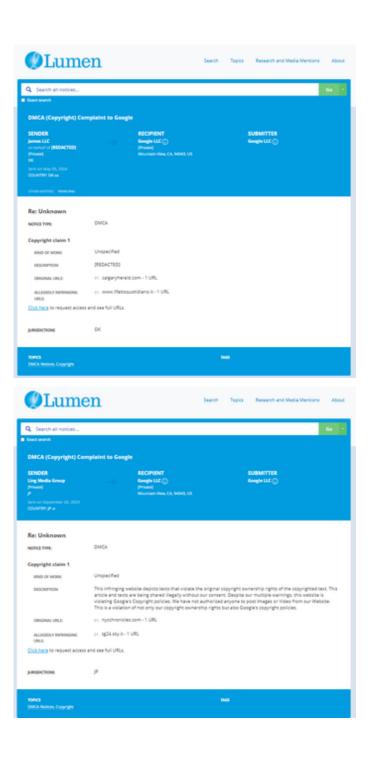
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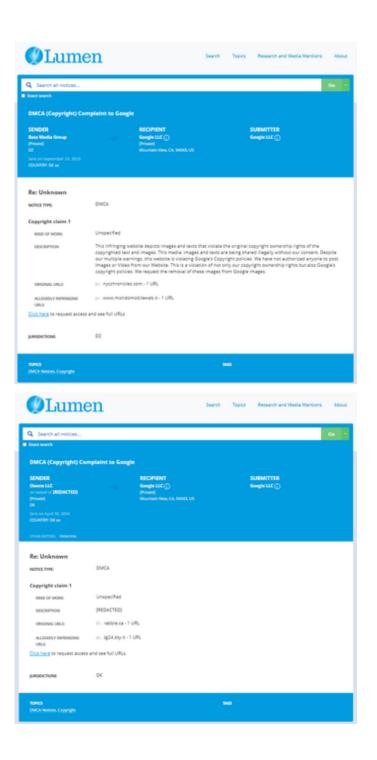


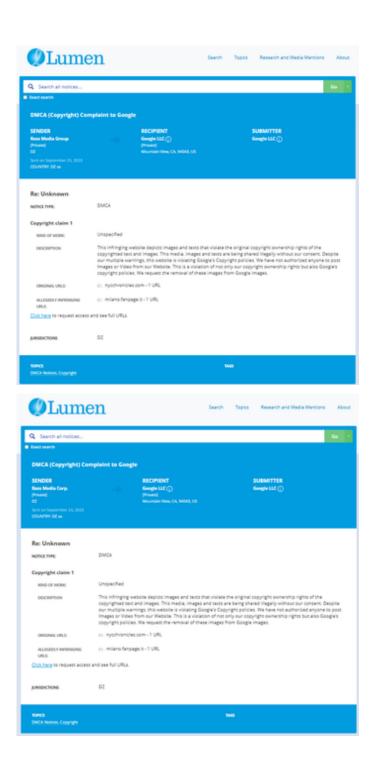


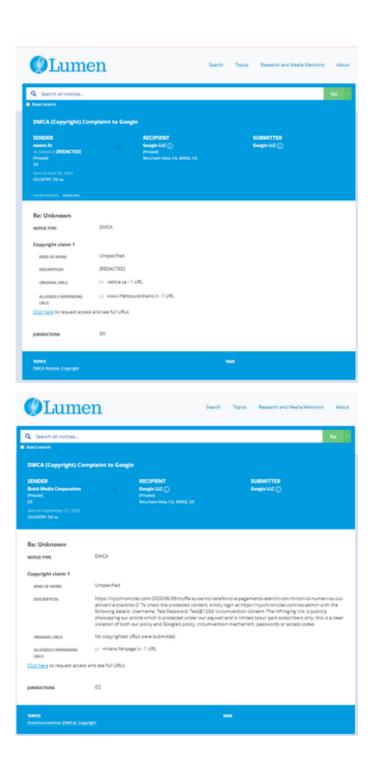
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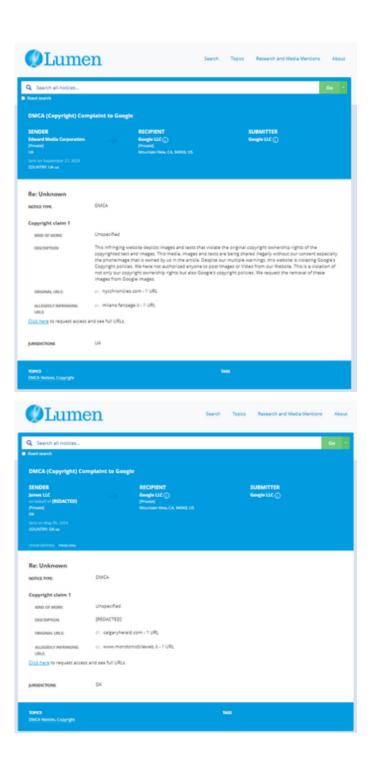


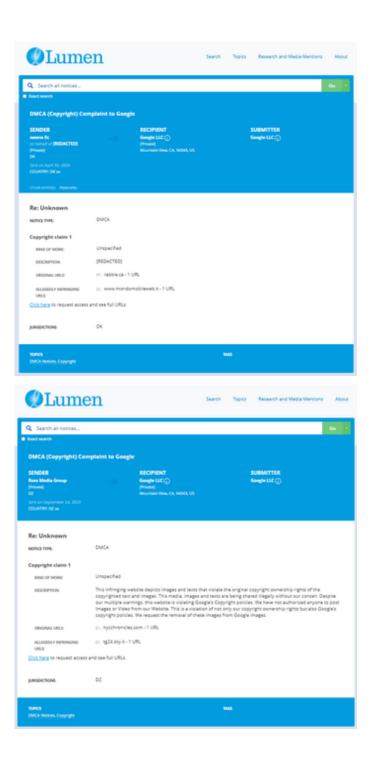












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## Screenshots of Articles and Google Search

The investigation documents show that investigations are also underway on Vodafone and Tim. The investigations on "Tim users", it is stated, arose from "a complaint" from a "private citizen" who complained about "the activation of premium telephone services" in February 2019, while "surfing the Internet". And the prosecutors write, reporting the testimony of the manager of Engineering spa, that the latter "was unable to provide computer proof" of the "will of the person" to activate that service. "Whether this click is physically made by the user or occurs thanks to computer tricks, we cannot know or exclude it", he states in the statement on 17 June 2020. "We operate with Tim through the commercial aggregator. I don't remember the turnover made with Tim but it is much lower. With Vodafone, on the other hand, we have also made fraudulent activations, the turnover is on par with Wind", Andreozzi says again.

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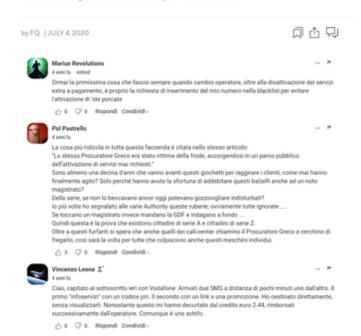
Telephone scam, the story of the mechanism in the documents: "We had lists with thousands of numbers on which to activate paid services"

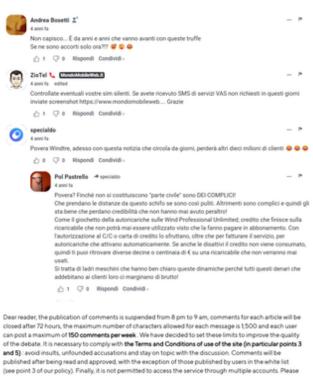




Children and stepchildren. They also exist in scams, in Italy. This is one of the aspects that is emerging in the context of the maxi investigation into fraudulent activations of paid telephone services, those services such as horoscopes or other amenities that users sometimes find on their cell phones without knowing how or when they requested them.

Gabriele Andreozzi, head of one of the companies at the center of the investigation, told the Milan prosecutor's office the behind-the-scenes story of what investigators consider a 12 million euro mega-scam on additional telephone services. Among those under investigation is Luigi Saccà, former Wind executive and son of former Rai DG Agostino. The investigation documents show that investigations are also underway on Vodafone and Tim





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It is time to understand once and for all what the capitalists mean by the noun "Freedom". The true essence of this word (and its derivatives "liberism" and "liberal") is for them the antithesis of the noun "Respect". In fact, it indicates the "right" (divine?) to do absolutely what they want. The exact same "right" that the underworld claims. Once this is understood and the two sectors are unified in the same ethical register, it is possible to continue reading the infinite list of "financial" misdeeds without any hint of surprise.



These scams are due to legislative, regulatory and sanctioning gaps, of behaviors that some still define as commercial activities and that in the absence of appropriate laws become spaces for arbitrary interpretations. The relative jurisprudence, linked to communication activities and digital is being made by large communication companies and manufacturers of IT and telephone equipment and software houses. We buy a cell phone and sign that we are its users and not its owners, the same goes for other digital equipment and software, we access sites without a cookie release, we receive spam without ever having signed any direct concession, we give authorizations to grant unnecessary permissions to use any App and much more. We subscribe to an internet provider convinced that we have a high-speed line, and we pay for it as such, to find ourselves with an 8 mega ADSL. If you buy a car you do not pay the price of a flagship nor do they deliver you the smallest utility vehicle, it would be a scam, but this is the norm for the digital access market. It is urgent to put an end to this denial of user rights with serious legislative production that clips the wings of the profiteers of the network and telephony.



It is always Andreozzi who puts on record what the prosecution defines as a "complex modus operandi", "We - he says - We ran a test to understand how the other Vas companies carried out such high numbers of activations, coming to understand that it was easily possible to increase the number of activations through the O click procedure. We used two methods in this sense. The first was to purchase advertising spaces on Internet advertising channels in order to reach users in a fraudulent manner: we have used this system since the beginning, and honestly it was and is a system known in the CSP environment not only of Wind but of all the other operators. These campaigns can hardly go through Google even if in theory it is possible to bypass these types of Google restrictions. If a page, even of national importance, carries with it or uses an advertising network based on such banners, it is possible to activate Oclick that has that site as its source. We have used the second system since mid-2018 (...) It was possible to activate fraudulently through other systems. After doing further analysis, we had confirmation that it was possible to activate users using lists of numbers. We also knew for sure that the platform, managed by Hub Engineering, had just as many technical vulnerabilities at Tim". In short: on the one hand, users were defrauded with advertising banners that activated paid services without any clicks, on the other hand, they were directly fishing from real lists of numbers where activation was done automatically. "This business format - he continues – was born in 2009 (...) just put anything on the 'landing page (of a site, ed.) and then the rest is done".

It would have been "enough, in all these troubled years, to verify, on a monthly basis, which were the CSPs", the content service providers, "and aggregators whose services were mostly the object of deactivation requests" to "repress" the "birth of illicit practices that have instead increasingly taken hold", to the point of "becoming a rooted and currently unchallenged practice", reasons the prosecutor, sending some of the investigation documents to the Communications Regulatory Authority and requesting "investigations" also on Vodafone and Tim, as well as on Wind. What is needed, writes the prosecutor, is a "regulatory system in which every citizen finally sees his right to purchase a SIM card recognized" with "the possibility of having premium services activated" without his knowledge inhibited.

A list with more than a million phone numbers . In detail: 1,048,576 contacts . And many belonged to " machine to machine " SIM cards, i.e. those used to make the thermostat communicate with the boiler, or that are installed in the home alarm. Except that additional paid services were loaded onto those numbers: and so even the boiler SIM had the horoscope, the weather or a personalized ringtone service. Gabriele Andreozzi, head of one of the companies at the center of the investigation, told the Milan prosecutor's office the behind-the-scenes story of what investigators consider a 12 million euro mega- scam on additional telephone services . The mega-scams, as reconstructed by the Guardia di Finanza's Special Unit for the Protection of Privacy and Technological Fraud, were carried out through the so-called "oclick" mechanism: the added paid services were activated without the user clicking or signing up for anything. "After having done further analysis, we had confirmation that it was possible to activate users using lists of numbers, these were passed to us on a quarterly basis, we used 2 or 3 lists at most, each list contained hundreds of thousands of Wind numbers", Andreozzi told Deputy Prosecutor Francesco Cajani on 4 November . These "lists" with numbers, which were then used to activate services not requested but paid for without their knowledge by the users, "were passed to us", the suspect explained, by "Cresti and Affinito (of Pure Bross, another company at the centre of the system, ed.)" on "Telegram after we agreed on this new method of improper activation".

### Telephony, zero click VAS fraud: suspect speaks of lists with hundreds of thousands of numbers

The story of the unsolicited premium VAS services, activated for numerous customers through special lists, continues to unravel. The investigations involve a total of eleven suspects, one of whom has provided some details on the story.

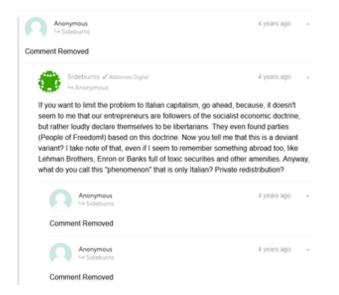
WindTre has not yet officially commented on the incident. The operator has communicated to its sales force and customer service that it has always acted correctly and in compliance with current legislation, adding that all necessary actions will be taken to protect customers.

No response from the WindTre press office, which has preferred not to comment on the matter for now.

The investigations in question involved ( with inevitable damage to its image) an entire supply chain of VAS services, premium-price services that have been regulated over the years by AGCOM.

In this regard, it should be noted that additions to CASP 4.0 came into force on 1 November 2019 due to AGCOM resolution 366/19/CONS.

Among these, the right of reconsideration within 6 hours of receiving the activation message with a refund issued within 24 hours of the request has been introduced in particular. Furthermore, the texts of the landing pages and informative SMS have been modified, which precisely report a reference to the right of reconsideration.



The investigation by the deputy prosecutor of Milan Francesco Cajani, which has 11 people under investigation and in recent days has led to searches at the Wind-Tre headquarters in Rho (Milan) and the seizure of 12 million euros, explains why: in many cases, it is likely that the user never requested them, but that his or her phone number appeared in the list that one of the companies at the center of the investigation used to unduly charge the cost of services such as the weather or personalized ringtones.

In addition to computer fraud against consumers, the criminal charges against the suspects also include unauthorized intrusion into a computer system and attempted contractual extortion.

The illicit business that was brought to light by the Milan Public Prosecutor's Office and the Guardia di Finanza was worth several million euros and was based on the zero-click activation of various unsolicited value-added services, including on M2M SIMs, therefore not Human.

The Public Prosecutor Francesco Greco yesterday, July 3, 2020, commented on the phenomenon by defining it as a symptom of a situation that must be brought under control, characterized by a large group of users affected by withdrawals of a few euros, which however offer the companies involved millionaire profits.

Prosecutor Greco himself had been a victim of the fraud, noticing in a public park the activation of services never requested. During the investigations, which involved several companies in the supply chain in question, 12 million euros in total were seized.

It has now been revealed that Gabriele Andreozzi, head of one of the companies involved in the fraud, has made a statement on the customer lists for the activation of the services.

As reported by Sky TG24, in fact, the suspect has made known that on a quarterly basis, lists of numbers were passed on to activate services to users, with hundreds of thousands of ex-Wind brand numbers. Andreozzi has made known that he used two or three lists at most.

According to Andreozzi's statements, the lists were passed by Fabio Cresti and Antonio Affinito of the Pure Bross company at the center of the investigation via Telegram.

Another name at the center of the investigation is the former manager of Wind Tre Spa Luigi Saccà who allegedly had relations with Evolution People srl, an advertising company sponsored by the sole operator starting from 2017.

### Paid Telephone Service Scam: Lists with Millions of Numbers to Activate Them on and Blacklists

From the major investigation by the Milan prosecutor's office into fraudulent activations of paid telephone services, which has 11 people under investigation and in recent days led to searches at the Wind-Tre headquarters in Rho, it emerges that some of the companies at the center of the investigation had lists with millions of numbers on which to activate the services, but also parallel lists of numbers that were best "not to be touched". The activation occurred with the "o click" mechanism: there was no need for the user to click on banners or sites.

By Francis Loiacono





#### Investigations also underway on Tim and Vodafone

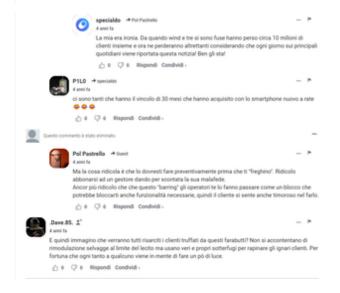
The hypotheses of crime that the investigators are trying to ascertain range from **computer fraud** to the detriment of consumers to abusive intrusion into a telematics system, up to attempted contractual extortion. Investigations are underway not only on the Wind-Tre company, but also on the other telephone giants Tim and Vodafone. In the investigation documents cited by "II Fatto quotidiano" the public prosecutor who is dealing with the case has put down in black and white what for many owners of a mobile phone would be a dream: a system in which "every citizen finally sees his right to purchase a SIM card recognized" without the risk "of having premium services activated" without his knowledge. It doesn't seem impossible, but apparently it is more difficult than it seems.

According to the information that has emerged at the moment, the large-scale fraud of VAS services discovered by the Milan Public Prosecutor's Office would instead concern activations up to 30 October 2020, therefore before the entry into force of the new regulation.

In any case, it is always remembered that, if VAS services are not of interest to customers, it is possible to carry out the "vaccination" (or barring) by contacting your operator and asking to block premium services or only some specific types. Furthermore, some operators already provide for a default block of such services, which can eventually be unblocked only upon explicit request by the customer.

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But there were not only lists with contacts to be scammed, but also those for users who should not be touched. "We were also provided with a sort of blacklist, updated from time to time, which contained Wind employees and other numbers that it was better not to activate for reasons of internal politics at Wind", continues Andreozzi. who also spoke of the "relations" between Luigi Saccà, former Wind manager and son of the former Rai DG Agostino, and Evolution people srl, "one of the three advertising companies - he told the prosecutors - sponsored by Wind starting from the end of 2017". Saccà and Adreozzi are two of the eleven people investigated by the prosecutor, accused to varying degrees of computer fraud against consumers. abusive intrusion into a telematic system and attempted contractual extortion. The investigation documents speak of "the existence of a direct interest of Saccà Luigi (head of the team: Vas services for Wind) in order for some CSPs (Content Service Providers, ed. ) to be the object of privileged and consistent treatment - in short and through some advertising agencies " certified " by Wind (including Evolution People by Bianchi Simone, who was also a partner in one of Saccà's companies) "imposed" also on DigitApp - in the concrete possibility that they were put in the material condition of obtaining large numbers of Vas service activations (value-added services, ed.) through illicit methods".

## The blacklist of "untouchable" people who should not be scammed

The "misfortune" of the defrauded people (12 million euros, according to the prosecution, the total value of the scam) is not to appear in that parallel list which, according to what one of the people under investigation, who is collaborating with the magistrates by revealing the background of the mega-scam, told investigators, contained those numbers that were best "not to touch". A blacklist of "privileged", in short, including Wind employees and other numbers on which paid services should not be activated "for reasons of internal politics at Wind". The one who revealed this background was, as reported by "Il Fatto quotidiano", Gabriele Andreozzi, head of one of the companies at the center of the investigation, who also revealed the mechanism behind the scam. Not only the contact lists (with over a million telephone numbers, 1,048,576), which were passed on by other suspects, but also the "'O click" mechanism. In many cases, the numbers on which paid services were activated were "machine to machine" SIM cards, used to make objects such as thermostats, boilers, alarms communicate with each other. On those numbers, there was no need for the user to activate anything: the activation occurred automatically. But even in other cases, there was no need for the user to carelessly click on advertising banners or web pages, but simply to stumble upon them.

By order and authorization of the Milan Public Prosecutor's Office, the Guardia di Finanza also proceeded to a search of the WindTre headquarters in Rho, to gather further information on the phenomenon of the activation of unwanted premium VAS services, such as horoscopes, weather forecasts or games activated in zero-click mode, therefore without even requiring the customer to "tap" an advertising banner on the Internet.

The eleven people under investigation also include two former managers and a former executive of the operator WindTre, as well as other individuals involved in the same operation.

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