FineTech Investigation Report

Scarblade Scamming Incident

Date: 23/09/2024

Reported by: frchrono, Owner of Coldd

Reported user: 1132593608004997224

The investigation was conducted by "Coldd", and as a third party, we are implementing a blacklist to protect our company from further association.

Introduction

The following is a report by Coldd, edited by FineTech detailing the case investigated: Accused Scarblade sold fraudulent resell permissions for the product **Project Kat**. Initially, frchrono, owner of Coldd, filed the complaint based on Scarblade knowingly selling him resell permissions when those were revoked.

The following report summarises what occurred around the incident, evidence presented, and conclusions from the information provided.

Overview of the Incident

He sold resell permissions for **Project Kat** to Coldd on 14 September 2024 for \$5 USD (8.93 AUD) via a G2A gift card. Permissions for this product were found late in the investigation to have been revoked upon Scarblade 11 days prior to his sale, on 3 September 2024, by the product's original owner. The permissions were revoked due to Scarblade unauthorizedly distributing products of Hardware Innovations, after which Scarblade was blacklisted.

He knew well he no longer had any permission to resell the product, which he did anyway, subsequently lying about the circumstances of the sale.

Timeline of Events

September 3, 2024: Resell Permission to Project Kat Revoked from Scarblade

Below is a formal revocation of all resell permissions Scarblade had for Project Kat, by the owner. His actions running up to the final revocation date include distribution of product originating from Hardware Innovations without their permissions.

September 14, 2024: Fraudulent Sale to Coldd

He sold the resell permissions of Project Kat to Coldd despite having lost his own resell permissions. The partial prepayment was a G2A gift card with a value of \$5 USD or 8.93 AUD. Scarblade sent a test file to the owner of Coldd, frchrono, to check before he finalised the sale.

Date, Unknown: Discovery After the Transaction:

About the revocation, Cold finds out after the sale, the original Project Kat owner opened a sales ticket in Coldd's server, where it was revealed that Scarblade did not have valid permissions to sell the product because they were revoked more than one week prior.

Date, Unknown: Scarblade Confronted, Denial and False Claims Upon confrontation, Scarblade had lied, claiming he sold these permissions before they were revoked - a claim that server logs and evidence have disputed.

Guilty Admission

He indeed admitted to selling invalid resell permission knowingly after evidence was presented. He did later delete some messages admitting his wrongdoing.

Evidence Provided

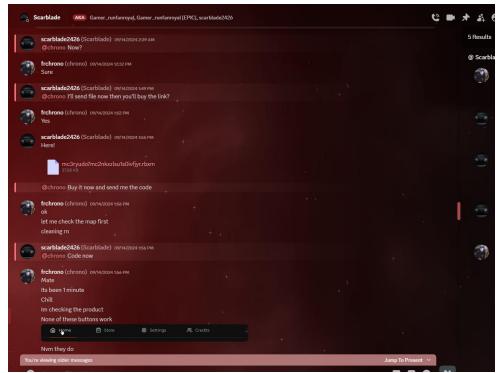
Permissions Revoked: September 3, 2024



Screenshots and logs from Hardware Innovations showing the revocation of Scarblade's resell permissions for Project Kat amongst others on September 3rd, 2024: Link to HW Innovations Discord Link

Discord Proof of Sale: September 14, 2024

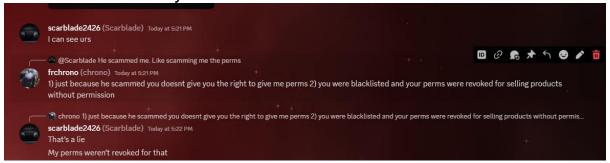


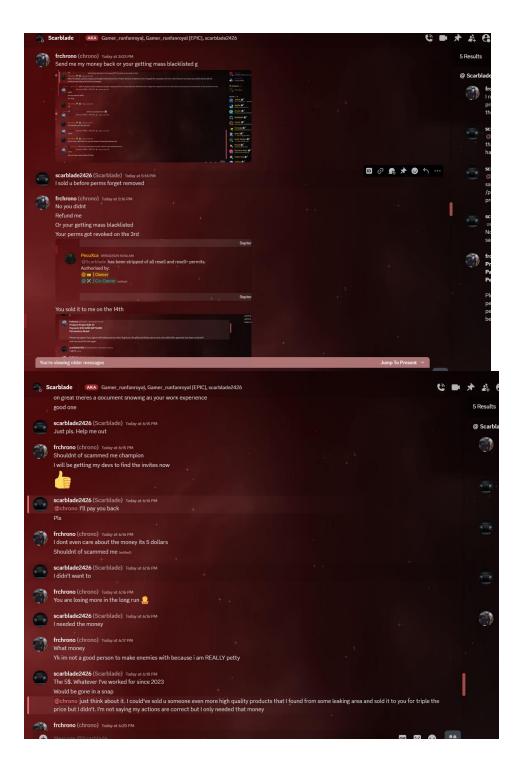


Screenshots of the sale of the resell permissions for Project Kat on September 14, 2024 - 11 days after the revoke. Payment was made via G2A gift card for \$5 USD.

Proof of Admission of Guilt

Screenshots of the conversation between frchrono and Scarblade wherein Scarblade admits to selling the product knowing that permissions were revoked. Additional messages which were admissions to his guild have since been deleted by Scarblade.





Conclusion

Investigations revealed that Scarblade knowingly sold permissions to resell Project Kat to Coldd 11 days after he lost resell permissions for said product. Scarblade first lied about when the sale was made before

admitting to the fraudulent transaction and deleting key messages, which provided his culpability.

It's a clear breach of trust and integrity, coupled with an ethical violation.

Community Alert:

FineTech suggests that this be a community-wide warning against Scarblade's actions, since this would deter further would-be buyers from falling into a similar scam.

Attachments:

Original Investigation: <u>Investigation Report: Scarblade scamming</u>

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