AI-Assisted Investigation Report

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MalwareLab User

Analysis Time

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Model

gpt-4.1-mini

Version

beta-v2.0

Report Metrics

Input Size: 224 bytes
IOCs Found: 0
ATT&CK Techniques: 0

Severity

High

Confidence

70% - Moderate Confidence

Confidence Factors

• Reported loss of 3 external hard drives
• Lockout from domain controllers
• Sudden departure of system administrator under stressful circumstances

Reducing Factors

• No direct evidence of malicious activity or compromise provided
• No logs or forensic artifacts available to confirm unauthorized access or data exfiltration

Threat Type

Possible Insider Threat and Data Exfiltration

Executive Summary

A system administrator abruptly quit and is unresponsive, coinciding with the disappearance of three external hard drives and loss of access to domain controllers. This situation suggests a potential insider threat involving data theft and disruption of critical infrastructure.

Evidence Supporting Assessment

- Three external hard drives reported missing after sys admin departure
- Domain controllers are inaccessible, indicating possible account or credential compromise or lockout
- Sys admin is unresponsive to contact attempts, raising suspicion of intentional disruption or data theft

Ambiguity Notes

- No direct forensic or log data provided to confirm malicious actions by the sys admin
- Unclear if lockout is due to malicious activity or administrative error
- No information on whether backups or other recovery mechanisms exist

Alternative Hypotheses

- The sys admin left due to personal reasons unrelated to malicious activity, and the missing drives and lockout are coincidental or due to administrative errors
- The hard drives were misplaced or stolen by a third party unrelated to the sys admin
- Technical issues or misconfigurations caused the domain controller lockout without insider involvement

Alternative Explanations

- The sys admin's departure and missing drives may be unrelated events occurring close in time
- Lockout could be caused by expired passwords, policy enforcement, or system errors

Indicators of Compromise

None

MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

None

Recommended Actions

- Immediately initiate an incident response to assess potential insider threat
- Review access logs and authentication attempts on domain controllers
- Perform forensic analysis on remaining hardware and network logs
- Attempt to recover or locate missing external hard drives
- Reset credentials and review permissions for all privileged accounts
- Engage legal and HR teams to manage insider threat and potential data breach
- Implement enhanced monitoring for unusual activity on critical systems

Analyst Notes

None

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