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Suspect Dossier

Claudia Proust

Aliases: "LobsterClaw" or "L0b5+3rClaw"

Born: July 31, 1971 in Austin, TX.

Parents: Cynthia Proust (mother); Jacob Thurston (father); Raised exclusively by her mother. Little to no contact with her father.

Siblings: One sister. Her younger sister, Claire, was born May 12, 1976. Not much is known about Claire, except it appears the small family moved to West Philadelphia in 1986 so Claire could attend Overbrook School.

Brief Bio: Claudia attended local public schools in Austin and, later, West Philadelphia. It is known that during junior high and high school she became quite proficient on her home computer (first a Commodore 64 and later an early Apple Macintosh) and played around a lot on the budding internet scene. While in junior high, Claudia hacked into the new computer system at the city library and deleted everyone's library fines. She went through a variety of handles and aliases, but eventually she seemed to use "Lobster Claw" or "L0b5+3rClaw" almost exclusively for her online presence. After high school Claudia applied to several elite schools, but ended up attending a local community college and received an Associate's degree in computer science. Shortly after graduation her paper trail becomes very thin. "L0b5+3rClaw" has now become active in a few hacker websites and this handle is directly tied to recent hacks at Educational Testing Services and a dozen high schools across the nation.