



INTERMEDIATE **Internet bank robbery plan foiled**

Police have prevented a huge online bank robbery attempt from taking place over the Internet. Thieves planned to steal \$534million from a London branch of Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui bank. The robbers planned to send the money electronically to 10 different bank accounts around the world. They used special hacking software that could record the sequence of keystrokes that computer users made on their keyboards. This made it easy for the gang to find bank account numbers, passwords, and other confidential information to find out which customers had the most money. One member of the gang supposedly worked at Sumitomo and installed the keystroke-reading software onto the bank's computers.

A public relations officer from the Tokyo branch of the bank said no money had been stolen. He said the bank's IT security staff told British police last October that they suspected they were under attack. Detectives from Britain's National Hi-Tech Crime Unit then started investigating. They arrested a 32-year-old Israeli man yesterday in connection with the planned robbery. Police are questioning him now in Tel Aviv and expect to make more arrests. They have warned all banks and businesses to take extra care of their computer security, as cyber criminals are becoming more and more skilled.

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TRUE / FALSE

Look at the headline and guess whether these sentences are true or false:

- a. Internet thieves stole millions of dollars from a bank.
- b. Bank robbers planned to send the money to different countries by air mail.
- c. Hackers used software to record the order in which computer keys were pressed.
- d. One member of the gang was thought to be an insider at the bank.
- e. A public relations officer from the bank said a lot of money was stolen.
- f. The bank's IT people guessed something was happening last October.
- g. No one has been arrested yet in connection with the robbery.
- h. Cyber criminals are becoming more and more skilled.

SYNONYM MATCH

Match the following synonyms from the article:

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| (a) prevented | top secret |
| (b) steal | office |
| (c) sequence | rob |
| (d) confidential | group |
| (e) installed | interrogating |
| (f) branch | foiled |
| (g) suspected | Internet |
| (h) unit | guessed |
| (i) questioning | set up |
| (j) cyber | order |

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article

(sometimes more than one combination is possible):

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| (a) Police have | around the world |
| (b) taking | relations officer |
| (c) different bank accounts | place over the Internet |
| (d) confidential | extra care |
| (e) One member of the gang | attack |
| (f) public | information |
| (g) no money | supposedly worked at Sumitomo |
| (h) suspected they were under | prevented a huge online bank robbery |
| (i) arrested a man in connection | had been stolen |
| (j) take | with the planned robbery |