

Scraped fiber optic cable and then extorted



Overview

Nine people are behind bars after deputies in Jacksonville said they were able to unravel their large-scale scheme to steal fiber-optic cables and strip them of their copper content. Fiber cable cuts have been a frequent thorn in the side for operators. These cables, originally installed to support communication networks, become obsolete due to technological advancements. Salvaging them provides a way to recycle valuable materials, such as glass and. A weekend internet blackout that left thousands of Los Angeles area residents without connectivity stemmed from an unusual source: thieves who mistakenly targeted fiber-optic cables while searching for valuable copper wire. The incident highlights a growing trend of infrastructure vandalism driven. The internet company has decided the damage to its network was an act of domestic terrorism, but law enforcement disagrees. Law enforcement agencies pushed back Tuesday on an internet service company's. Subscribers in Southern California of Spectrum's Internet service experienced outages over the weekend following what company officials said was an attempted theft of copper lines located in Van Nuys, a suburb located 20 miles from downtown Los Angeles.



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Hurdles of optical eavesdropping The unique characteristics of fiber-optic cables were first considered back in 2012 by Russian researchers, who conceded the theoretical possibility of

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OK, so you dog down to the cable. Then you cut through the cable armour (all decent external cables are armoured). You have got into the cable bundle and have successfully placed a fibre optic splice

Vandals cut fiber-optic lines, causing outage for Spectrum Internet ...

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Operators are sick and tired of the fiber cut security risk

U.S. operators are sounding the alarm over rising fiber cable cuts Many incidents happen because thieves mistake fiber for high-priced copper

Found a spool of fiber optic cable on my construction site ...

I wouldnt suggest it has a high value - fiber optic cable isnt expensive but if you want to supply photos and the text on the side we can help identify it for a description. The important thing is it gets put to

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Thieves steal internet cables to mix with nyaope

By Rorisang Modiba Fibre network owners in South Africa have discovered to their alarm that criminals are stealing their glass optic fibre cables,

Northeast Dallas residents fed up with internet

Residents in a northeast Dallas neighborhood off Skillman Street are fed up with repeated internet disruptions. They believe it's the result of thieves

Operators are sick and tired of the fiber cut security risk

The main culprit, according to operators, is copper thieves who mistakenly target fiber-optic cables. Copper fetches a high price on the market and vandals often sell it to metal recyclers to

Law enforcement questions characterization of fiber optic damage –

Last month, Charter said the damage to the fiber optic lines was the result of a failed attempt by thieves to steal copper wire, and it offered a \$25,000 reward for information.

Spectrum says would-be copper thieves behind widespread outage

Spectrum believes cable-cutters were looking for copper and — though they found none — they severed fiber-optic cables, causing a widespread internet outage.

Thieves cut fiber lines in failed copper theft, causing

Suburbs near Los Angeles suffered a widespread internet outage over Father's Day weekend. Authorities later confirmed that an unsuccessful

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Grand theft: At 4:30 p.m., someone severed a copper telecommunications line and stole 30 feet of fiberoptic cable in the 21000 block of Congress Springs Road for a total loss valued at...

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How to Repair Cut Fiber Optic Cables

Repair cut fiber cables with this step-by-step guide. Learn proper tools, techniques, and tips for effective fixes.

Infrastructure under attack: Thieves looking for copper

Spectrum is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the theft of fiber optic cables in Johnston County.

Copper theft is a colossal problem for telcos. Here's why

And then they can cut fiber optic cables that cut out entire communities." Indeed, it's pretty common for people looking for copper to cut

I got fiber optic internet and found this on the side of my ...

I got fiber optic internet and found this on the side of my house. The box wasn't locked, so anybody could just come up and plugged something into an open port and hacked my entire life. I also have

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Found a spool of fiber optic cable on my construction site. What should I do? This has been on my property for over two years. There seems to be several hundred feet of optical cable here. It's got to

In the Lab: Hacking a Fiber Optic Line in Minutes

From our R&D lab in Ottawa, Ciena's Patrick Scully demonstrates how simple it is to steal massive amounts of data by quickly and easily taping a fiber optic cable, and explains how optical ...

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15 lessons from lawsuits involving fiber-optic installations

During the past 20 years I have been involved as a technical expert in 20 lawsuits or actions prior to lawsuits. This involvement with installation,

Kevin Mitnick explains how to hack fiber optic

The popular hacker Kevin Mitnick explains how it is easy to steal data from a network tapping the cable, even if it's a fiber optic network.

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Law enforcement authorities question "terrorism" description of fiber optic cable damage The LAPD said the cutting of communications lines in Van

How to Find and Repair Breaks in a Fiber Optic Cable

As the primary media for data center connections and local area network (LAN) backbone infrastructure, fiber optic cable must be kept in optimal

Failed Copper Theft Causes Massive Spectrum Internet Outage

Late Saturday night in Van Nuys, perpetrators climbed utility poles and systematically cut through multiple fiber-optic lines belonging to Spectrum Internet. The saboteurs spent considerable

Police investigate "epidemic" of damage to fiber optic systems

Besides police departments, Spectrum said the damage to fiber optic lines is also impacting fire departments, 911 communications services, financial institutions and hospitals.

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