

Report: Members of Congress May Be Targets of Blackmail

Why has the case of four House Democratic Caucus tech staffers seemingly been swept under the rug?

According to a new report from the Daily Caller, that's exactly what other technology specialists working in the House of Representatives would like to know. They're concerned that members of Congress are being blackmailed with their own stolen data.

The report states:

Five Capitol Hill technology aides told The Daily Caller News Foundation's Investigative Group that members of Congress have displayed an inexplicable and intense loyalty towards the suspects who police say victimized them. The baffled aides wonder if the suspects are blackmailing representatives based on the contents of their emails and files, to which they had full access.

"I don't know what they have, but they have something on someone. It's been months at this point" with no arrests, said Pat Sowers, who has managed IT for several House offices for 12 years. "Something is rotten in Denmark."

A manager at a tech-services company that works with Democratic House offices said he approached congressional offices, offering their services at one-fourth the price of Awan and his Pakistani brothers, but the members declined. At the time, he couldn't understand why his offers were rejected, but now he suspects the Awans exerted some type of leverage over members.

"There's no question about it: If I was accused of a tenth of what these guys are accused of, they'd take me out in

handcuffs that same day, and I'd never work again," he said.

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