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Most criminals engage in cybercrimes to generate profit through cyber extortion or to destroy the reputation of an organization, its clients, and employees. Cybercrimes have evolved at a fast pace since the internet and new technologies have facilitated the increase in these crimes. Studies have shown that cybercrime has some serious impact on society since they promote economic disrupt, psychological disorder and they become a threat to the defense of the nation.

Cybercrime offenses may be in the form of activities like phishing, spamming, identity theft and cyberstalking are advancing every other day. Hence, this requires governments to be vigilant by identifying ways of handling such cases. In a case study on social media fraud (SMF) the authors Paquet-Clouston et al., (2018) reveal that the profits from cybercrime have motivated many online offenders mainly the youths to indulge in these heinous acts. The authors point out that offenders normally get assistance from online illicit markets where they advance their skills by engaging in illegal buying and selling of data. The authors have used facts to emphasize that social response to cybercrime is low which is why there are many online offenses. In a recent journal by Gravrock (2019), it is evident that poor security measures have allowed cybercriminals to attack vulnerable systems. This source generally provides a profound understanding of the advanced approaches that help them avoid being detected by authorities.

With that in mind, the common theme in these two sources is the presence of system vulnerabilities which has made it easy for the offenders to acquire unauthorized information. The authors hence conclude that offenders are usually aware of the level of security integrated into organizations’ information systems. Therefore, they have emphasized the need for advanced security auto updates that keeps the security systems up to date with the latest security threat.

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