Two Iranians Indicted for Port of San Diego Ransomware Attack

Two Iranians have been indicted in connection with a ransomware attack targeting the Port of San Diego.

The six-count indictment alleges that Faramarz Shahi Savandi, 34, and Mohammad Mehdi Shah Mansouri, 32, both of Iran, conspired to commit wire fraud. The indictment alleges that the two men extorted approximately 250 companies and government entities, including the Port of San Diego, over the course of roughly 200 days in 2018.

The Port of San Diego reported the ransomware attack on July 30, 2018. The ransom demand aimed to extort up to $100 million. The Port was able to recover the encrypted data after paying a portion of the ransom.

The Port of San Diego operates as a critical link in the nation's trade and energy flows and generates over $100 billion in economic value annually.

The Port of San Diego provides an important hub for the nation's trade and energy flows, including energy and natural gas, and supports the local economy. The Port of San Diego is the fifth-largest port in the nation and has one of the largest container facilities in the Western Hemisphere.

The Port of San Diego is the largest single source of economic growth in the region and is a major contributor to the local economy. The Port of San Diego is the key to the nation's economic vitality and is a critical part of the nation's trade and energy flows.