

# *Judge sentences former CIA software engineer to 40 years in WikiLeaks Vault 7 case*

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New York, February 2 (RHC)-- In New York, a federal judge sentenced former CIA software engineer Joshua Schulte to 40 years in prison, after being convicted of leaking thousands of CIA documents known as "Vault 7" to WikiLeaks.

The leaks revealed CIA programs and tools that are capable of hacking into Apple and Android cellphones.

In 2013, Schulte posted snippets of code from OSB Project Wizard on his public GitHub page.[15] A description of the same project name and purpose appeared in the Vault 7 release.

According to The Daily Beast, it was unclear whether the project was developed externally and brought into OSB, or developed internally and exported to GitHub. In February 2014, Schulte uploaded at least five copies of Project Wizard to his public website.

On March 7, 2017, WikiLeaks began to publish content code-named "Vault 7". The confidential documents, dated from 2013 to 2016, included details on the CIA's software capabilities, such as the ability to compromise cars, smart TVs,[18] web browsers and popular operating systems.

Schulte had not returned his special black government passport when he left the CIA and was scheduled to fly to Mexico days later, but was stopped when the FBI confiscated his passport.

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