

The FBI is investigating the Bezos hack

The agency is looking into Israeli technology firm NSO and whether its software was involved

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The FBI is investigating the alleged hack into Jeff Bezos' phone by Saudi Arabia, [Rf c Es_pbgI](#) reports. The Amazon CEO was interviewed by federal investigators last April as part of a larger probe into Israeli technology firm NSO Group, according to [Pcsrçpç](#).

Bezos' personal cellphone was [hacked via WhatsApp in May 2018](#), allegedly by Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, although Saudi Arabia has [denied any involvement](#). Less than a year later, Bezos [accused the L_rgt_l_j Cl osççp](#) of trying to blackmail him with salacious personal photos of then-married Bezos and his girlfriend.

Now, federal investigators are exploring whether NSO's software was involved in the Bezos hack and other possible hacks of American residents and companies, [Pcsrçpç](#) reports. NSO's "Pegasus" malware reportedly can capture the contents of a phone including encrypted messages, and also can be used to gather audio. Pegasus can be made undetectable, according to [Rf c Es_pbgI](#), and can automatically uninstall itself from a hacked device.

FTI Consulting, a private firm Bezos [hired to investigate](#) the WhatsApp hack of his phone, reported that NSO's software may have been responsible for the incident.

NSO has denied its involvement, and Saudi Arabia called the allegations "absurd." The FBI would not confirm to *ProPublica* the existence of an investigation into the Bezos phone hack or NSO.