



Shawn Tuma Comments on Ransomware Industry Concerns in Tech Times

Spencer Fane attorney [Shawn Tuma](#) was quoted in the article [Ransomware Negotiator's Insider Betrayal Cost 5 Clients \\$75M, Earns 70-Month Sentence](#), recently published by *Tech Times*.

The article examines the sentencing of former ransomware negotiator Angelo Martino, who was convicted of assisting the BlackCat ransomware group while negotiating on behalf of victims. It explores the potential implications of the case for ransomware response practices, including questions around oversight, accountability, and safeguards for professionals handling sensitive client information. Shawn underscores the importance of stronger safeguards and accountability measures within the cybersecurity industry to protect organizations during crisis situations.

"When companies are hit with ransomware, they're at their most vulnerable, and they turn to DFIR professionals for help, trusting them with the keys to the kingdom," Shawn said.

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