

# FBI Can Remotely Activate Microphones in Android Smartphones, Source Says

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*Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Imagine if Hitler had the power to activate a surveillance microphone on anyone he wanted, at any time he wanted, without his victim knowing, and with his victim paying the bill to do so. Hitler nearly accomplished his goal to rule the world without this technology. The Bible makes it clear that another madman (the Antichrist) will rise to power and succeed in controlling all people. Could this and other technologies be used to that end? Sure seems like it, and if so, what can anyone do about it? We are rapidly getting to the point where people will be powerless to re-gain their lost freedoms, which is exactly what the Apostle John prophesied of in the last of the last days:*

*So they worshiped the dragon [Satan] who gave authority to the beast [Antichrist]; and they worshiped the beast [Antichrist], saying, "Who is like the beast? **Who is able to make war with him?**"*  
*Revelation 13:4 NKJV*



FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Law-enforcement officials in the U.S. are expanding the use of tools routinely used by computer hackers to gather information on suspects, bringing the criminal wiretap into the cyber age.

Federal agencies have largely kept quiet about these capabilities, but court documents and interviews with people involved in the programs provide new details about the hacking tools, including spyware delivered to computers and phones through email or Web links—techniques more commonly associated with attacks by criminals.

*'[The FBI] hires people who have hacking skill, and they purchase tools that are capable of doing these things.'*  
- a former official in the agency's cyber division

People familiar with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's programs say that the use of hacking tools under court orders has grown as agents seek to keep up with suspects who use new communications technology, including some types of online chat and encryption tools. The use of such communications, which can't be wiretapped like a phone, is called "going dark" among law enforcement. A spokeswoman for the FBI declined to comment.

The FBI develops some hacking tools internally and purchases others from the private sector. With such technology, the bureau can remotely activate the microphones in phones running Google's Android software to record conversations, one former U.S. official said. It can do the same to microphones in laptops without the user knowing, the person said. Google declined to comment.

The bureau typically uses hacking in cases involving organized crime, child pornography or counterterrorism, a former U.S. official said. It is loath to use these tools when investigating hackers, out of fear the suspect will discover and publicize the technique, the person said.

The FBI has been developing...

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