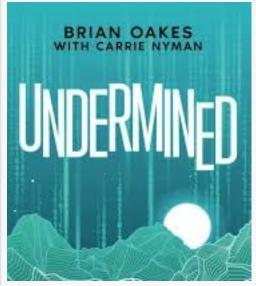


Brian Oakes Unveils Undermined, A Tale of Cybercrime, Legal Battle, and Resilience

How One Man Lost Millions in Bitcoin and Fought Back Against Corporate Negligence

FT. WORTH, MI, UNITED STATES, February 25, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Brian Oakes, an IT network engineer,</u> <u>early cryptocurrency miner</u>, and data privacy advocate, shares his gripping story in Undermined. The memoir chronicles his rise in the digital asset space, the devastating loss of over 500 Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies (valued at \$31.5 million) due to a sophisticated hack through his cell phone service provider, and his mission to expose consumer vulnerabilities while challenging corporations to take greater responsibility for safeguarding our data.



Undermined by Brian Oakes cover

This real-life David vs. Goliath story not only addresses digital security flaws but also delves into personal struggles, including his wife, Brandi's, battle with breast cancer.

Through resilience and commitment to educating others, Oakes has transformed his tragedy into a mission for cybersecurity and data privacy awareness.

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A Digital Heist and the Fight for Justice

Oakes' interest in cryptocurrency began with gold panning, eventually leading him to Bitcoin mining. His success made him a prime target for cybercriminals, who exploited his cell phone carrier's security weaknesses in a SIM swap attack that drained his digital fortune. "I watched them drain everything, and then telling my wife Brandi was the hardest part—until her breast cancer diagnosis," says Oakes in Undermined.

Determined to fight back, Oakes embarked on a legal battle against the cell service giant, highlighting the dangers of corporate negligence in cybersecurity. His journey outlines the challenges victims face when holding major corporations accountable.

Beyond Financial Loss: A Story of Strength and Resilience Above all , Oakes' story is about human resilience. As he navigated the aftermath of financial ruin, his family faced another heartbreaking challenge: Brandi's breast cancer diagnosis. Forced to confront both emotional and financial devastation, he found strength in his family and a renewed sense of purpose.

Through his journey, Oakes emphasizes perseverance, love, and adaptability in the face of adversity, making Undermined a truly inspiring read.

A Must-Read for the Digital Age

Part financial thriller, part cautionary tale, Undermined goes beyond the numbers. Oakes takes readers on a deeply personal journey, from his early days as a self-proclaimed computer nerd to a respected IT engineer and crypto miner who built a digital fortune, only to see it vanish overnight. UNDERMINED

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Undermined by Brian Oakes promo

"This book isn't just about Bitcoin or hackers. It's about how quickly everything can be taken from you when technology

and human error collide," says Oakes. "It's about fighting back against corporate negligence, against an invisible enemy, and against the doubts that creep in when everything you've built is gone."

Undermined is more than a memoir—it's a wake-up call for digital security, corporate accountability, and family resilience. The book provides critical insights into protecting digital assets, navigating legal battles, and rebuilding after loss.

Whether you're a <u>cryptocurrency investor, cybersecurity professional</u>, or someone interested in compelling real-life narratives, Undermined offers valuable lessons for navigating the digital world.

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