

Tampa teen accused of profiting from Twitter hacks pleads not guilty

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hacked by Clark included presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, Jeff Bezos, Mike Bloomberg, Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, Wiz Khalifa, Floyd Mayweather, Elon Musk and Kanye West. A handful of companies had their accounts hacked, too, including Apple and Uber. Twitter said the hackers had access to 130 Twitter accounts and tweeted from 45.

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Graham Ivan Clark, the 17-year-old accused of taking control of major Twitter accounts in order to solicit Bitcoin payments, pleaded not guilty Tuesday.

The quick hearing took place over Zoom. Clark is scheduled for a bail hearing on Wednesday.

Clark faces 30 charges: 17 counts of communications fraud, 11 counts of fraudulent use of personal information and one count each of organized fraud for more than \$5,000 and accessing a computer or electronic device without authority. He is being held in Hillsborough County jail on \$725,000 bail.

He is accused of "masterminding" a plan to gain access to prominent Twitter accounts, sending out tweets soliciting others to send in payments of the hard-to-track cryptocurrency with promises that it would be returned doubled.

In all, Clark reaped \$117,000 over about three hours, prosecutors said.

Some of the celebrities who authorities say were

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