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Oh please, this is hardly worth replying to.
Said laptop would be in the possession of an armed law enforcement official. Hardly an unsecure environment.
Thanks for playing, try again.

On Fri, 26 Jan 2007 09:09:49 -0700, "Patton Roub" <proub@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> said:

What would be your recommendation to the drug enforcement Special Agent who is recording the sensitive data outside the house of a suspect, and then using that data to create a search warrant on that computer to present to a Judge down the street? Oh, did I mention the data he must have downloaded earlier to make sure he is looking for the right guy? Wireless is not available, and we don't want Special Agents climbing poles.

Never ever say never.

Regards

Patton J Roub

-----Original Message-----

From: listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx [<mailto:listbounce@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>]
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I'll give you one very simple policy that you should enforce that will make most of your concerns moot:

NEVER EVER EVER STORE SENSITIVE DATA ON A LAPTOP!

Anybody, and I mean ANYBODY, found with sensitive data on their laptop should have it seized and they should be immediately dismissed.

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There is virtually no reason to ever store sensitive data on a laptop. Sensitive data should only ever reside on hardened servers in a physically secured server room. If your employees need to work with this data there are several means to securely access this data remotely.

(And, indeed, make sure the room AND its data storage is truly secure. There have been recent break-ins at certain companies and data tapes containing sensitive data were stolen.)

On Wed, 24 Jan 2007 22:50:47 -0500, "Tony UcedaVélez"
<tonyuv@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> said:

Definitely agree with the previously made comments on the use of full disk encryption and points made on AV, however, I wanted to simply add to those points by saying that the issuance of notebook