



Overwhelming volume of electronic evidence...

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Billions of pages.

...But the cyber fraud case, while complicated, is NOT a marquee case, except for the evidence haul. FBI agents seized 200 Terabytes. (culled to 8 TBs)

“...It’s like having to be prepared to be tested on 3000 books picked at random - from all the books that have ever been printed,” said Tom Mills, attorney for Matthew Simpson, former CEO.

“The volume of data in this matter is beyond anything that I have seen or heard, even in the biggest cases in the nation,” defense expert Michael Glazer wrote in a court filing.

The amount of data is so large that U.S. District Judge Sidney Fitzwater appointed a lawyer, Marlo Cadeddu, just to help wrangle it. Cadeddu took bids from contractors to make the eight terabytes searchable. One firm wanted to charge nearly \$4 million. Another was selected for about \$110,000.

Imagine a digital review of the following...

Some best guesses on how just one terabyte of data would look when printed out:
**50 million pages / 20,000 boxes of documents / 50,000 trees of paper /
A 200-mile-high stack of paper**

Now imagine that 8 times larger...

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