Forensic Mobile Drug Trafficking WhatsApp Services using National Standard of Technology Method

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ABSTRACT

Nowadays technology has developed very rapidly. The impact of the rapid development of technology is to increase the use of social media. One of the instant messaging applications that is currently popular and growing is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a cross-platform instant messaging service for smartphones that use the internet to send messages. Due to the high number of Whatsapp users, there are more and more criminal acts, one of which is narcotics transactions. This research was conducted by creating conversation scenarios containing narcotics transactions carried out through the-based WhatsApp application mobile. This study aims to restore evidence of conversations containing deleted narcotics transactions by applying the forensic stages of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The process of searching for digital evidence uses three tools forensic, MOBILedit Forensic Express, Magnet Axiom, and SysTools SQLite Viewer. Based on measurements the percentage of index numbers from each tool in the process of finding evidence, conversation data obtained a percentage of 100%, details of the time and date messages were sent and received by 67%, smartphone contact by 100%, and pictures by 33%. will be given to the court to assist in the process of enforcement and decision on lawsuits to uncover criminal cases of drug trafficking or narcotics transactions.

Keywords

Forensics, WhatsApp, Smartphone, Android, Narcotics, Drug trafficking, NIST

1. INTRODUCTION

Today technology has experienced very rapid developments. fast. Especially during the Pandemic that is sweeping the world today, people are more active using Smartphones and Desktops to go to school or work from home. And the impact that occurs from distance schooling and working from home is to increase the use of social media. These applications have the potential to be used for a crime by using services, user data and hacking, because social media is used for various needs [1]. One of the instant messaging applications that is currently popular and growing is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a cross-platform instant messaging service for smartphones that use the internet to send messages [2]. This application also makes it possible to send unlimited messages to contacts stored on smartphones because WhatsApp has anfeature auto syncto phone addresses [3]. This application can be used on devices with Android, iOS, Windows Phone, Windows NT, macOS, and Linux operating systems[4].App WhatsApp messenger has a positive impact, but also has a negative impact, Indonesia is one of the users of theapplication WhatsApp messengers quite a lot ofand of course will bring up irresponsible people, the sophistication of WhatsApp Many

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misused to commit crimes such as buying and selling drugs. The research will be carried out using the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology). In solving and investigatingcases Cyber Crime that occur, themethod can be used National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). This stage will help investigators carry out digital forensic analysis in order to obtain digital evidence on WhatsApp [5].

2. STUDY LITERATURE

2.1 Previous Study

The first previous research entitled "Forensic Analysis of Android-Based Instant Messaging Applications" in this study discusses how to get WA application data, from encrypted data into readable data which is then analyzed to be used as evidence. This study uses the SQLite Studio application to read the extracted files and see the communication that occurs in the WA application [6].

The previous study the second is entitled "Method Nist For Forensic Analysis of Digital Evidence On Android Devices" that contains a process to recover digital evidence has been erased, this process uses tools Wondersharedr.Fone For android, Oxygen Forensic Suite 2014 by using The National Institute of Standards and Technology and the results obtained are expected to be used as evidence in court trials [7].

The third previous research is entitled "Digital Forensic Analysis of Telegram Applications on Android-Based Smartphones" which has a discussion of digital forensic analysis to obtain digital evidence incases cybercrime. With digital evidence, it is hoped that it can assist in the law enforcement process to uncover responsible digital crimes in court [8].

The fourth previous study, entitled "Facebook Lite Social Media Analysis with Forensic tools using the NIST Method" in this study discussed the removal of digital evidence for the Facebook Lite application on smartphones with the Toolkit. MOBILedit Forensic Pro using themethod National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST) and digital evidence produced in the form of perpetrator accounts, audio, conversations, and images [9].

The latest previous research is entitled "Forensic Analysis of Kakaotalk Applications Using the National Institute Standard Technology Method" which discusses the analysis of digital forensic evidence to obtain digital evidence in the form of conversation histories, pictures, documents, and videos. This research uses thetool MOBILEedit Forensic and themethod National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST). The results that have been obtained are expected to help in the law enforcement process in court[10].

2.2 Digital Forensic

forensics is an activity to investigate data and determine criminal events obtained from digital devices such as computers, smartphones, tablets, PDAs, net-working devices, storage, and others [11].Digital forensics analyzes files or data in the form of audio, video, and others by obtaining from examining electronic devices to assist legal processes [12]. According to[13]digital forensics is divided into several types, namely Active data, Archival data and latent data.

2.3 Android

Android is adevice hybrid that can work as a cellphone or work as a computer but in a portable form with a display that is simpler and easier to understand [14]. Android is a mobile device with a Linux-based operating system [15].On android devices there is an Android Market that contains uploaded applications developed by developers, users can download applications in the Android Market and then install heon smartphones [16].The Google company has developed Android as an open operating system that aims to provide freedom for hardware developers and mobile operators to develop applications and operating systems. Android is designed for touch screen mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

2.4 Mobile Forensic

Mobile Forensics is a derivative of digital forensic science related to the recovery of digital evidence from smartphones. A smartphone is generally a term referring to cellular phones, but it can also be associated with digital devices with internal memory and communication capabilities [17].On mobile devices there is a lot of information that is used for crimes and is very useful in various legal matters, administration to investigations [7].

2.5 Digital Evidence

is the evidentiary value of stored or transmitted in digital form [18]. Digital evidence is data that is sent and stored via a mobile device or computer which can later become a tool to deny, support and provide clues to a particular crime. Retrieval of digital evidence has several steps that must pay attention to digital media as evidence, integrity and authenticity, storage location, using WriteProtect, hashes, and others. Evidence can only be accessed by certain people[7]. The process of proving evidence is a very decisive stage in a case because the results of the evidence can be known whether or not the indictment is true[19].

2.6 WhatsApp

WhatsApp is an instant messaging application whose traffic platform is smartphones. In the WhatsApp application, users can also send images, videos, locations, word documents, excel, PDF, telephone, video calls, and create stories [3]. In the WhatsApp application users can create shared chat rooms or chat groups but there is a maximum of members. WhatsApp itself is a lightweight, fast, no ads and free application. Users can use the WhatsApp application on smartphones or computers.

2.7 Cybercrime

Cybercrime is all forms of crime or the actions of someone who violates the law that utilizes the development of internet technology[20]. An action such as cybercrime can be grouped based on several types based on the motive of the activity and the modus operandi of the perpetrator. According to [21]cybercrime which can be grouped based on the mode include Unauthorized access, illegal content, virus spread, forgery, cyber espionage, cyberstalking, carding, hacking and cracker, cybersquatting and typosquatting, hijacking, infringements of privacy, an offense against intellectual property, defacing, phishing, spamming, snooping, sniffing, spoofing, pharming and malware.

2.8 Narcotic

Narcotics are drugs or substances and not classified into the types of foods that if taken, suctioned or injected can cause loss of consciousness, loss of taste, eliminate pain, and can lead to dependence [22]. According to the Narcotics Law No. 35 of 2009 narcotics are divided into three groups, namely:

"Narcotics Group I" are narcotics that can only be used for the purpose of developing science and are not used in therapeutic treatment, and have a very high potential which can lead to dependence. Types of narcotics included in Group I include: Heroin, Cocaine, Cocaine Leaves, Marijuana, and Opium.

"Narcotics Group II" is Narcotics that have efficacy for the purpose of treatment, therapy and are used as a last resort or for the purpose of developing science and have a high potential to cause dependence. Types of narcotics included in Group II include: Morphine, Pethidine and Fentanyl.

"Narcotics Group III" is Narcotics that have efficacy in the field of medicine or for the purpose of developing science and have a low potential to cause dependence. Types of narcotics included in Group III include: Codeine, Ethylmorphine, and Nicocodina.

2.9 National Institute of Standard Technology

National institute of standard technology (NIST) is a method that has standards and work policies that ensure examiners follow the same workflow until the work is documented and the results can be repeated is also maintained [5]. According to[9]in the NIST method, there are various stages of forensics, the following is an explanation of the flow of the National Institute of Standard Technology (NIST):

- 1. Collection This stage is the stage for collecting all information from data sources while maintaining data integrity.
- 2. Examination At this stage, check the processing of data that has been obtained at thestage collection automatically or manually while maintaining data integrity.
- Analysis The next stage is to analyze the results of thestage Examination using methods that are legally correct and obtain reliable information.
- 4. Reporting The last stage is the reporting stage of the results of the analysis, namely describing the results of the research, the tools used, and the stages that have been carried out.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Scenario

Article 112 of the Criminal Code stipulates that the original case or case may not be used for scientific research, because the record of a crime case is strictly confidential. Therefore, the research will be conducted using a research scenario.

This scenario is designed to illustrate how to carry out various stages of the forensic process. In this research scenario, the suspect or perpetrator uses the WhatsApp application to carry out the act of buying and selling drugs online using a cellphone or smartphone which is used as evidence in the crime case. The smartphone that became evidence was acquired using a forensic application. The suspect made a drug sale and purchase transaction, then after the transaction was successful, the perpetrator deleted the message to remove traces of the drug sale and purchase transaction. The identification of digital evidence shown in figure 1 which explains how investigators collect evidence fromdevices smartphone.

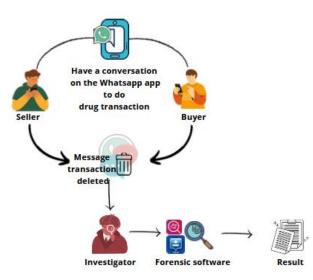


Figure 1. Research Case Simulation

In Figure 1 this case scenario uses a smartphone that has the WhatsApp Messenger application installed, which describes the perpetrators who are transacting drugs through the WhatsApp Messenger application. After transacting, the perpetrator then deletes the transaction chat so as not to leave a trace. Examination of evidence using the MOBILEdit forensic software aims to restore text messages and images that have been deleted by the perpetrator.

This case is scenariod to see how the perpetrators communicate via social media, then make transactions faceto-face somewhere. Then people who feel aggrieved by the incident report to the authorities so that can be processed immediately.

3.2 Research Stages

At the implementation stage, it is the stage where investigators carry out the forensic process according to applicable procedures. The application of the stages that are in accordance with the procedures for obtaining digital evidence in the form of forensic data will have an impact of success up to 100% [23]. The search for digital evidence refers to the Steps formulated by NIST (National Institute of Standard Technology) [24].

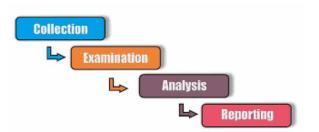


Figure 2. National Institute of Standard Technology Stage

In Figure 2 is the NIST stage consisting of the stages of collection, examination, analysis and reporting [25].

3.2.1 Collection

collection of digital evidence using the help of several tools forensicto get the desired data or files on a smartphone. There are several pieces of evidence that were successfully confiscated by the police during the investigation process, which can be seen in Table 1.

Table.	1Physical	Evidence	Found
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No	Name of evidence	picture	description
1.	Smartphone 1		Smartphone 1 brand Samsung Galaxy J1 Ace, connected to the network, in root condition
2.	Data cable		Data cable/ Micro USB is used to connect smartphone with laptop
3.	Smartphone 2		Smartphone 2brand iphone 6s, connected to the network, not rooted

Table 1 is evidence that was confiscated by the police and will be carried out for forensics by investigators.

3.2.1.1 Collection Smartphone

The stages of the process smartphone collection using the MOBILedit Forensic Express Pro tools are to create a physical image that aims to perform imaging files. The results

of the imaging can be seen in Figure 3.

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🕹 Downloads		samsung SM-J111F.img_info	03/08/2021 17:24
Music			

Figure 3. The Results of the Imaging Files

Figure 3 is a display of the results of the imaging files from the Smartphone in the root and stored in the selected directory.

3.2.2 Examination

This stage is the stage to prove the integrity of the data. The examination is a process to protect evidence from damage and also to find out that digital evidence has not been damaged by an irresponsible party, one way to protect the evidence from being damaged is by hashing thedata that has beenbacked up previously. The way it works is to match the data in the initial hashing result with the finalresult hashing. Theprocess of Hashing in this study will use theapplication Hash Tool. the initial stage is to copy the original folder from the backup data.

3.2.2.1 Examination Smartphone

Process Hashing This research carried out the results on the "" database file**msgstore**on the Smartphone which was successfully obtained during theprocess collection using the Hash Tool application.

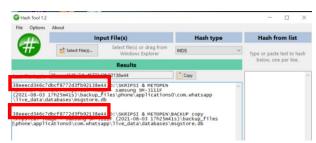


Figure 4. The Result of Hashing the File Database

Figure 4 shows the hashed result of the MOBILEdit Forensic Express database. The red color indicates the encryption code for the file. Judging from the written file encryption code words that are displayed remain unchanged, it shows that there are no changes to the database.

3.2.3 Analysis

At this stage is the stage to find and collect evidence that has been collected in one case. The process of searching for evidence in the form of conversation history, pictures, videos, audio, documents, and others. Analyze the results of the examination using tools forensicsuch as MOBILedit forensic express pro, Magnet Axiom, and SysTools SQLite Viewer.

3.2.3.1 MOBILedit Forensic Express

The analysis process will begin by opening the tool MOBILedit Forensic Express. In this analysis process, use theoption imported data image file obtained at thestage collection. then the investigator chooses Application analysis to extract data on a particular application to be analyzed on a Smartphone. Then checklist **com.whatsappshown**, asin Figure 5.



Figure 5. The Directory List on the Smartphone

will then appear the extraction process, as Figure 6.

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Figure 6.Display of the Extraction Process is Complete.

After the process is complete, the results of data extraction on the smartphone will be saved automatically in the storage folder selected by the investigator.

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		mobiledit_export_files	03/08/2021 17:26	File folder	
Documents	*	pdf_files	03/08/2021 17:26	File folder	
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Figure 7. Extracted Data Folder

Extracted fromFigure 7 is the result of the data extraction process, there are several types of files including, backup files, exel files, folder html, files, mobileditt export files, Txtfile, XML document, CFG file, HTML document, MS excel worksheet, PDF files.

 Status Modified 2020-07-23 09:35:50 (UTC+7)
Number of Calls 22
Number of Messages 7

Figure 8. Display of Contact Information

Figure 8 shows the display of information contact suspected of

being the seller of the drug which contains information on the seller's name, phone number, and others.

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Figure 9. View of Deleted Conversations

Figure 9 shows sent messages (green box) that have been deleted and received messages (blue boxes) that have been deleted. In addition, there is information on the time when the resulting conversation also appears on the right side of the header, in the description of the time using UTC+7 (Uoordinated Universal Time) which is the same as WIB (Western Indonesian Time).

Another file obtained is in the form of an image file that can help strengthen that the two perpetrators actually committed a narcotics transaction crime as shown in Figure 10.

	Filename	IMG-20210803-WA0000.jpg
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	Created	2021-08-03 16:44:39 (UTC+7)
00000	Modified	2021-08-03 16:44:40 (UTC+7)
	Accessed	2021-08-03 16:44:39 (UTC+7)
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	1 Height	480 px
	Format	jpeg

Figure 10.Image Files that Have Been Deleted

3.2.3.2 Magnet Axiom

The analysis phase using the Magnet Axiom Process tools is carried out by analyzing the processed folders backup data smartphone obtained from theprocess physical image using the MOBILedit forensic express tool.first select the image file to be analyzed, the file to be analyzed is located in the "D:\SKRIPSI & METOPEN\PHYSICAL IMAGING" folder with the file name "Samsung SM-J111F.img", which can be seen in the Figure 11.

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Categorize chats Categorize pictures and videos Find more artifacts								
Computer artifacts	240							
Mobile artifacts Groud artifacts	545 to 085							
ANALYZE EVIDENCE								

Figure 11. Display AnalyzeEvidence of Magnet Axiom

Analyze after the analysis process is complete, it will be

transferred to thesection magnetic axiom examination to view reports on evidence obtained in the analysis process in the magnet axiom process. The display after the analysis process is complete can be seen in Figure 12.

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Figure 12. Display Magnet Axiom Examination

After the results of the analysis process are saved automatically into the storage folder, which is in the directory that has been selected by the investigator. Conversations that have been deleted have been successfully restored bytools Magnet Axiom, and there is also information about user numbers, conversation times, and conversation dates. Conversations that have been successfully recovered along with a description of the time the messages were sent and received are shown in Figure 13.

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Figure 13. The Conversation was Successfully Restored

3.2.3.3 SysTools SQLite Viewer

The analysis process was carried out to obtain evidence contained in thesmartphone perpetrator'susing thetool SysTools SQLite Viewer by analyzingfiles database and databases journals that were stored during theprocess data backup. the next step is to select the "**Messages**" to display the conversations between the perpetrator and the victim, the conversations that have been successfully displayed are shown in Figure 14.

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Figure 14.Display of Deleted Conversations

Other digital evidence found in the form of the location of deleted images contained in smartphone, such as Figure 15.

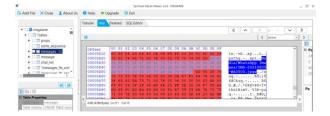
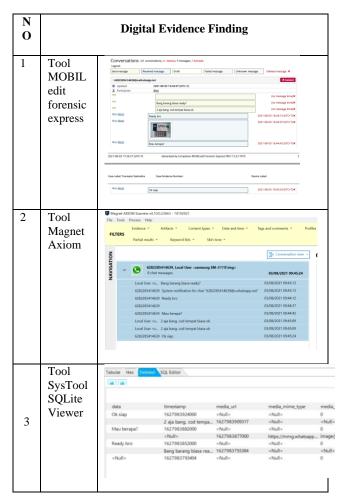


Figure 15. Location of Deleted Images

3.2.4 Reporting

Reporting is the final stage which aims to show data from the collection, examination, and analysis processes that have been found by investigators. Digital evidence collection reports were generated from the MOBILedit Forensic Express Pro tools, Magnet Axiom, and SysTools SQLite Viewer. Each tool has different results. The findings of digital evidence can be seen in table 2.

Table. 2The Findings of Digital Evidence



From the table above, the findings of evidence in the form of deleted conversations were successfully obtained from the forensic process carried out by investigators that matched the evidence conversation from the victim, which later the digital evidence will be used as supporting evidence in the court process by adding other evidence findings.

3.2.5 The Results

after testing with various forensic tools, a comparison of the

results of digital evidence can be obtained which can be seen in Table 3.

Table. 3Comparison of The Findings of Digital Evidence

Tools	Result of Digital Evidence			
	Deleted conversation	Image	Time and date the message was sent and received	Smartphone contact
MOBILedit Forensic Express	~	~	~	\checkmark
Magnet Axiom	~	×	V	✓
SysTools SQLite Viewer	~	*	*	\checkmark

The comparison table aims to see the final results obtained from the research process using several tools and the differences in the results of the goods evidence of the two smartphones perpetrators'. Basically the results of several forensic tools used are thetool Mobiledit Forensic Express which successfully generates evidence of conversation, location, time, user info, contacts and pictures.Tool Axiom's Magnet managed to get proof of the conversation that had been deleted but was unable to restore the sent image.tool SysTools SQLite Viewer that successfully generates evidence of conversation, image url and location of the storage folder suspected as evidence of a crime. This will be used as support for digital evidence in criminal cases to increase sanctions in court.

4. CONCLUSION

The digital forensic process carried out on drug trafficking crimes or illegal narcotics transactions on mobile-based WhatsApp services has succeeded in obtaining digital evidence in the form of deleted text conversations on Smartphones using the MOBILedit Forensic Express tools, Magnet Axiom, and SysTools SQLite Viewer. The process of finding evidence in the research carried out refers to the NIST (National Institute of Standard and Technology) stage with four stages in it, namely collection, examination, analysis, and reporting. Proofwas obtained using three forensic tools and obtained different results. Smartphones byrooting get complete digital evidence results. Based on the measurement of the percentage index number of each tool in the process of finding evidence, the conversation data got a percentage of 100%, the details of the time and date of messages sent and received by 67%, smartphone contact by 100%, and images by 33%. The digital evidence will be used as supporting evidence in the court process by adding other evidence findings.

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