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Laptop theft reinforces importance of encryption software

Today's news that thieves stole a laptop containing high security plans for next week's Labour Party conference and plans for the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth next month, has highlighted the necessity for laptop users to employ electronic data protection measures; encryption being fundamental for protecting electronic information.

GuardianEdge Channel Director for UK & EMEA, Lynton Stewart-Ashley, comments 'Carrying company or organisational data outside of the office is like playing Russian Roulette, adding Hard Disk Encryption removes the bullets from the chamber'.

GuardianEdge Hard Disk Encryption solutions secure data on Laptop Hard Disks against the loss of data, once encrypted the data stored is completely inaccessible, protecting confidential information, databases, medical information, competitive information etc.

GuardianEdge solutions have been engineered by experienced, world-class encryption experts to meet exacting standards and will withstand even extremely expensive attacks. Independent IT security laboratories have verified its performance and today the software is Common Criteria EAL certified and FIPS 140-2 certification.

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About GuardianEdge Software

GuardianEdge Technologies is a market leader in reducing the cost and complexity of enterprise data security. Customers around the world depend on GuardianEdge solutions to protect sensitive and proprietary information, achieve regulatory compliance and enable secure enterprise mobility.

Headquartered in San Francisco, GuardianEdge has served an installed base of over 2 million active users for more than 10 years.

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