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Summary

- Eccie appears to be owned and controlled by Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, Chris Sides, and Cason Thomas. See Section IV below for PII on these individuals.
- Three of the owners—Coburn, Vaught, and Sides—appear currently to be in the United States. The fourth, Thomas, has not been positively identified.
- The Eccie website, eccie.net, appears to be hosted in both Texas and the Netherlands.

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I. Background

Eccie.net (Eccie) is an internet forum and “adult community.” Eccie’s visitors and members are mostly “hobbyists” (people who purchase prostitutes or trafficking victims) and providers (prostitutes or trafficking victims). Hobbyists can use the site to post reviews of providers or to find providers who are interested in providing specialized services (e.g. traveling with a businessman and his client to a conference in Florida). Providers can use the site to connect with potential customers.

Since its creation in 2009, Eccie’s ownership has remained a mystery. Eccie’s owners have taken significant measures to conceal their identities.

This investigation sought to reveal the identities of Eccie’s owners, their current locations, and the hosting location of the eccie.net website. We believe all three objectives have been accomplished. The

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below sections will explain the process and findings that led to the conclusions in the summary at the beginning of this report.

II. ECCIE Worldwide & KCN Infosys

The terms of use (see below) found on Eccie.net state the entity operating the website is ECCIE Worldwide.¹

ECCIE.net Terms of Use

Registration to this forum is free! We do insist that you abide by the rules and policies detailed below. If you agree to the terms, please check the 'I agree' checkbox and press the 'Register' button below. If you would like to cancel the registration, click [here](#) to return to the forums index.

This Internet Web Site Agreement (the "Agreement") is between you and ECCIE Worldwide ("Company"). Use of the Eccie.net Web Site (the "Web Site") signifies your agreement to the terms and conditions set forth below in the Agreement:

A Lexis Nexis profile was found for ECCIE Worldwide. This Lexis Nexis profile states ECCIE Worldwide has one executive: “Keit Coburn” (sic). The profile states ECCIE Worldwide has two addresses: PO Box 162, Bedford, TX 76095, and 2300 Valley View LN, STE 904, Irving, TX 75062. Finally, the Lexis Nexis profile for ECCIE Worldwide states the company has a “related company”: KCN Infosys.

So, what is KCN Infosys? A lawsuit involving Eccie provides the answer:

In 2011, a blogger going by the name Ty Steel opened two sites—EccieLeaks and Eccie1.blogspot.com—where he wrote about Eccie.² Most of Steel’s posts were comprised of negative comments about Eccie

¹ <https://eccie.net/misc.php?do=tos>

² Both sites are now inactive.

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and its leadership. For example, Steel claimed that Eccie was run by three pimps who were involved in human trafficking and who were posting false reviews on Eccie in an attempt to drive business to “escort agencies” they ran.³⁴

In response to Steel’s many negative posts, Eccie sued him in 2012 for libel and business disparagement (see *KCN Infosys, LLC v. John or Jane Doe*).⁵ The first page of this lawsuit reveals that KCN Infosys is the official name of ECCIE Worldwide. As the complaint states, “Plaintiff KCN Infosys, LLC d/b/a ECCIE Worldwide is a Texas limited liability company with its principal place of business in Dallas County, Texas.”⁶ “d/b/a” is an abbreviation for “doing business as,” which means a business publicly operates via a different name than its legally registered name. In this case, KCN Infosys does business as ECCIE Worldwide, meaning KCN publicly goes by the name ECCIE Worldwide even though KCN Infosys is the name appearing on its legal documents and corporate registration filings. In additional evidence that KCN Infosys and ECCIE Worldwide are linked, multiple news articles confirm that, as of 2012, KCN Infosys was the owner of the Eccie.net domain.⁷

According to opencorporates.com, KCN Infosys was established in March 2010 and dissolved in September 2012.⁸ The company’s registered address was 1021 Main Street, Suite 1150, Houston, TX

³ <https://thoughtcatalog.com/jeremy-london/2018/03/eccie-net-you-mean-theres-actually-a-site-to-review-ones-experiences-with-sex-workers/>

⁴ Steel specifically alleged that Eccie’s owners ran two agencies in Dallas/Fort Worth: “Hawaii Spa” and “Southern Comfort.” Every business containing the terms Southern Comfort or Hawaii Spa in Dallas or Fort Worth was investigated. None of these businesses list Eccie’s suspected owners as executives, agents, principals, or owners. Additionally, the PHONEBOOK reports for the suspected Eccie ownership team do not display any connection between the individuals and any Southern Comfort or Hawaii Spa entities.

⁵ See the full complaint here: <https://www.scribd.com/doc/95888480/Eccie-Complaint>

⁶ <https://www.scribd.com/doc/95888480/Eccie-Complaint>

⁷ <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2317694/Escort-review-website-users-RATE-prostitutes-sparks-controversy-critics-say-treats-women-like-menu-orders.html>

⁸ https://opencorporates.com/companies/us_tx/0801246018

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77002. However, this does not appear to be a real company address, as over 250 companies are registered to this same location.⁹

In KCN Infosys' latest corporate filings, the real names of its directors, officers, and agents are concealed.¹⁰ Instead, the directors are listed as National Registered Agents, Inc., a company that helps corporate officers remain anonymous. However, the Lexis Nexis profile for KCN Infosys reveals a list of formerly registered executives for the company. This Lexis Nexis profiles states Chris Sides, Keith B. Coburn, and Nona Vaught were formerly executives of KCN Infosys. Keith Coburn was also listed as an executive on ECCIE Worldwide's Lexis Nexis profile (however, his name was spelled Keit Coburn there). Several addresses (see below) are listed on Lexis Nexis' profile of KCN Infosys:

⁹ <https://www.bizapedia.com/addresses/1021-main-street-suite-1150-houston-tx-77002.html>

¹⁰ https://opencorporates.com/companies/us_tx/0801246018

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ALL	COMPANY	ADDRESS
1.	KCN INFOSYS LLC *View Sources	PO BOX 162 BEDFORD, TX 76095-0162 Mar 18 Map
	Match Names/Locations (up to 5):	
	KCN INFOSYS LLC (No recent public filings on file)	12436 GREY TWIG DR FORT WORTH TX76244-5546 Feb 13 Map
	KCN INFOSYS LLC	16055 SPACE CENTER BLVD STE 235 HOUSTON, TX77062-6212 Mar 18 Map
	KCN INFOSYS LLC (No recent public filings on file)	407 REDBUD DR FORNEY, TX75126-9652 Feb 13 Map
	KCN INFOSYS LLC (No recent public filings on file)	5505 SYCAMORE DR COLLEYVILLE, TX76034-5062 Feb 13 Map
	KCN INFOSYS LLC (Company is defunct)	8553 N BEACH ST FORT WORTH, TX76244-4919 Feb 13 Map
2.	KCN INFOSYS (No recent public filings on file) *View Sources	2300 VALLEY VIEW LN STE 904 IRVING, TX 75062-1809 May 12 Map

To summarize, Eccie.net, according to the terms of use on its website, is operated by ECCIE Worldwide. ECCIE Worldwide is the public name of the company KCN Infosys. And Chris Sides, Keith B. Coburn, and Nona Vaught were the executives of KCN Infosys when it was still active. This evidence suggests Sides, Coburn, and Vaught are the owners and/or operators of Eccie.

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III. Goldpass LTD

The privacy statement tucked away on eccie.net states that Goldpass LTD is the company operating the website (see below).¹¹¹²

Privacy Policy

I. General.

A. The operative parties referred to in this policy are Company and you, the user of this site.

1. **Goldpass LTD**, a UK company are the publishers and/or operators of and are hereinafter referred to collectively as "Company." When first-person pronouns are used in this Policy, (us, we, our, ours, etc.) these provisions are referring respectively to Goldpass LTD, a UK company as applicable. Additionally, when the terms "The Site" or "Site" are used, these terms refer respectively to ECCIE.net as applicable.

2. **You, the User:** As the user of this Site, this policy will refer to the user as "you" or through any second-person pronouns, such as "yours," etc. Hereinafter, the user of the Site shall be referred to in applicable second-person pronouns.

3. **Potential Advertisers:** Some individuals access the Site for the purpose of applying to become an Advertiser on the Site. These individuals are not considered "Users" as defined hereunder.

B. This Privacy Policy describes how we use information received about you when you visit our Site or when you subscribe to, or otherwise use our online services. This Policy does not cover any information that we may receive from or about you through channels other than through the use of the Site.

Goldpass is an active United Kingdom-based company that was incorporated in August 2012.¹³¹⁴ This incorporation date is one month before KCN Infosys dissolved. Therefore, it is possible that when lawsuits and media coverage revealed that KCN Infosys operated Eccie, the executives/owners decided to close up shop and create a new entity to hide behind. This new entity became Goldpass LTD.

¹¹ The methods from sections II and III of examining the fine print in a website's terms of use and privacy statements has proven to be reliable. These methods led to the discovery of the network of shell companies Backpage.com was using to evade law enforcement and conceal their identities.

¹² <https://eccie.net/privacy.php>

¹³ <https://opencorporates.com/companies/gb/08175473>

¹⁴ Goldpass's corporate documents state the company has a "dormant" status. In the UK, dormant does not mean the company is inactive. Dormant means the company has had "no significant accounting transactions during the last financial year." This is typical of holding companies like Goldpass. So, while the company has a dormant status, it is still active.

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Goldpass has a registered address of 72 High Street, Haslemere, GU27 2LA, Surrey, UK.¹⁵ However, this does not appear to be a real Goldpass address, as it is the address of Fletcher Kennedy Corporate Services, a corporate registration services firm.

Opencorporates.com shows Michael Thomas Gordon as the director of Goldpass.¹⁶ However, Gordon is listed as a director for hundreds of businesses.¹⁷ Therefore, it is highly probable Gordon has no actual links to Goldpass or Eccie, but is just a cover person being used by corporate registration services like Fletcher Kennedy to help preserve its clients' anonymity.

¹⁵ <https://opencorporates.com/companies/gb/08175473>

¹⁶ <https://opencorporates.com/companies/gb/08175473>

¹⁷ <https://www.internationalinvestment.net/internationalinvestment/news/3504277/shadowy-trail-unlicensed-uk-investment-firm>

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Companies House, the UK Government’s database for all corporate filings, contains all of Goldpass’s corporate filings since its inception in 2012.¹⁸ These filings, specifically the CSO1 forms filed on 26 August 2016 and 12 October 2016 reveal the “ultimate beneficial owners” (UBOs) of Goldpass.¹⁹²⁰ Goldpass’s UBOs are listed as:

- Keith Coburn (birthday: July 1951)
- Nona Vaught (birthday: November 1973)
- Chris Sides (birthday: December 1969)
- Cason Thomas (birthday: April 1955)²¹

The first three individuals on this list—Coburn, Vaught, and Sides—were also listed as executives at KCN Infosys. The fourth individual, Cason Thomas, also appears to have a second tie to Eccie. Toward the bottom of eccie.net’s terms of use, the text states infringement claims can be sent to a “Carson Thomas” (note similar spelling to Cason Thomas).²²²³

¹⁸ <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/08175473/filing-history>

¹⁹ UBOs are the owners of a company.

²⁰ <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/08175473/filing-history>

²¹ <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/08175473/filing-history>; the birth month and years are included in the corporate filings, as per UK law.

²² <https://eccie.net/misc.php?do=tos>

²³ Thomas’s name is spelled slightly differently in different filings. It is the analyst’s opinion that this is an intentional tactic to avoid detection because Keith Coburn’s name also appears spelled slightly differently on different corporate filings.

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Email: dmcaagent@eccie.net

Carson Thomus
9393 N 90th Street
#102-594
Scottsdale AZ 85258
(415) 234-0478

The above Scottsdale address is for “The Mail Room,” not an Eccie or personal address.²⁴ Additionally, there are no relevant hits for the above phone number on TLO or Google.

To summarize, eccie.net’s privacy statement states the site is operated by Goldpass LTD. Goldpass LTD has four owners: Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, Chris Sides, and Cason Thomas. Therefore, it appears these four individuals are the owners of Eccie.

²⁴ <https://www.yelp.com/biz/the-mail-room-scottsdale>

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IV. Information on Eccie's probable owners

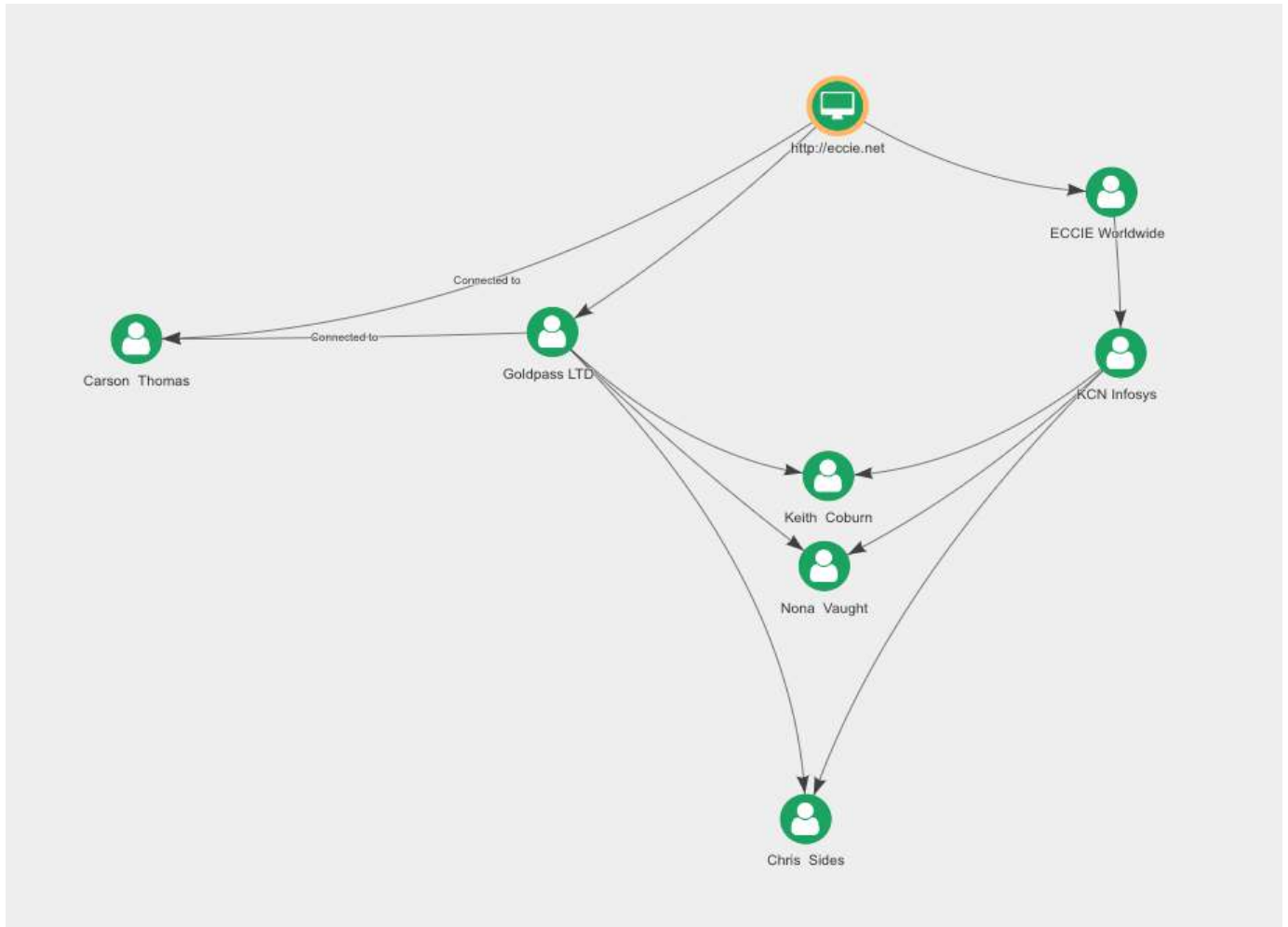
Based on all available information, the following is DeliverFund's best understanding of Eccie's ownership situation:

Eccie.net is a website that was run by an entity named ECCIE Worldwide. ECCIE Worldwide was an alias for the entity KCN Infosys. KCN Infosys, and in turn eccie.net, had three executives: Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, and Chris Sides. When KCN Infosys was dissolved in 2012, it appears a new entity was formed to run eccie.net: Goldpass LTD. Goldpass LTD, and in turn eccie.net, has four owners: Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, Chris Sides, and Cason Thomas. Therefore, it appears Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, Chris Sides, and Cason Thomas are the owners of eccie.net.

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Network map of Eccie's ownership and corporate structure.

Keith Coburn:²⁵

Full name: Keith Baron Coburn

DOB: 07/15/1951

SSN: 124-42-9314

Driver's License: Texas 11672352

Current Address: 5505 Sycamore Drive, Colleyville, TX 76034

Past address 1: PO Box 162, Bedford, TX 76095²⁶

²⁵ PHONEBOOK Report for SSN#: 124-42-9314

²⁶ This address was also the listed corporate address for ECCIE Worldwide

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Past address 2: 12436 Grey Twig DR, Fort Worth, TX 76244

Criminal record: None (other than speeding tickets).

In addition to being linked to KCN Infosys and Goldpass, Coburn's TLO report shows he is also linked to the entity K C Express, Inc. It appears K C Express was a Texas-based trucking company (no longer active). It also appears that the "K" and "C" in K C Express and KCN Infosys stand for Keith Coburn's initials. The N in KCN might stand for Nona—the first name of associate Nona Vaught.

Nona Vaught²⁷²⁸

Full name: Nona Jenno Vaught (or Nona Ann Vaught)

DOB: 11/25/1973 (or 11/25/1972)

SSN: 415-27-9744

Driver's License: Texas 15310488

Current Address: 9661 Stonehearth LN, Forney, TX 75126

Past address 1: PO Box 1557, Forney, TX 75126

Past address 2: 706 Ashley CT, Lewisville, TX 75077

Past address 3: 7777 Glen America DR, Apt 127, Dallas TX, 75225

Criminal record: Theft (1991), Theft (1992), Failure to Provide ID Class C (1994), Larceny (1992), Failure to Enter Maint. Agreement with Aerobic Co. (2016 x 2).

Possible Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nona.vaught>

In addition to her roles with KCN Infosys and Goldpass, Vaught's TLO report shows she is also linked to Dalton Flowers LLC and KCN Information LLC. Dalton Flowers LLC does not appear to have a connection to Eccie. KCN Information LLC was created in September 2012. Vaught and Keith Coburn

²⁷ PHONEBOOK report for SSN#: 415-27-9744

²⁸ This article (<https://gossip.thedirty.com/gossip/dallas/jon-haslett-a-k-a-shyster-jon-2/#post-1762435>) mentions Nona Vaught and Eccie's lawyer, John Haslett. The article claims Haslett routinely pays for young prostitutes. This could be a possible point of leverage for law enforcement.

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are listed as the company's managers.²⁹ Given the name of the entity and the two principals involved, it is likely KCN Information LLC is part of the web of shell companies Eccie's owners created to conceal their identities and possibly perform other illicit activities. However, KCN Information's exact role in this network is unclear at the present time.

Chris Sides³⁰

Full name: Chris Wayne Sides

DOB: 12/06/1969

SSN: 465-73-6992

Driver's License: Texas 14048453

Current Address: 8108 Belaire CT, North Richland Hills, TX 76182

Past address 1: 3001 McKnight East DR, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Past address 2: 593 Fulford Way (possibly Apt 105), Collierville, TN 38017

Criminal record: None (other than speeding, seat belt, and an open carry charge)

Sides' PHONEBOOK profile states that, in addition to his roles with KCN Infosys and Goldpass, he worked for Autozone on North Beach Street in Fort Worth in 2014.

Cason/Carson Thomas/Thomus

At this point, the fourth owner of Goldpass has not been positively identified. DeliverFund will continue to investigate the matter and provide an update when new intelligence has been uncovered. This fourth individual has been referred to as Cason Thomas (Goldpass corporate filings) and Carson Thomus

²⁹ https://opencorporates.com/companies/us_wy/2012-000629133

³⁰ PHONEBOOK report for SSN#: 465-73-6992

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(Eccie.net website terms of use). The Goldpass registration documents reveal Thomas has an April 1955 birthday. One Carson Thomas was found in the US with an April 1955 birthday. However, this individual died in May 2016. No individuals named Cason Thomas, Cason Thomus, or Carson Thomus were found in the US with an April 1955 birthday.

V. Eccie.net links to US and Netherlands

Eccie.net's IP address is: 77.245.52.4.³¹ This IP address has been resolved to both North Richland Hills, Texas, and the Netherlands.³² This means the website is hosted in either the US and/or the Netherlands. Both of these geographic links make sense:

As shown in section IV, multiple Eccie owners live in Texas, including in the North Richland Hills area. And multiple news reports have also concluded the website is based in Texas.³³

The Netherlands is a common safe haven for adult and illicit sites. For example, once they began facing media and legal pressure, the owners of Backpage.com relocated its site and business operations from Texas to the Netherlands. Historically, law enforcement in the Netherlands have been slow and hesitant to cooperate with US law enforcement in these types of cases.

DeliverFund will continue to conduct research on the specific whereabouts of Eccie's business operations and website hosting.

³¹ <https://domainbigdata.com/eccie.net>

³² <https://ipinfo.io/77.245.52.4>; <https://domainbigdata.com/eccie.net>

³³ <https://www.dallasobserver.com/news/eccie-texas-prostitution-review-web-site-is-suing-a-trash-talking-blogger-7144825>

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VI. Conclusion

Throughout eccie.net's history, its owners have taken significant measures to conceal their identities. However, the Eccie website (in the rarely read privacy policy and terms of use sections) reveals that two entities have owned and operated the site: KCN Infosys and Goldpass LTD. Both KCN Infosys and Goldpass LTD list Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, and Chris Sides as either executives or owners. Additionally, Goldpass lists Cason Thomas as a fourth owner. Therefore, due to the ownership and leadership of the entities that appear to own and operate eccie.com, it appears Keith Coburn, Nona Vaught, Chris Sides, and possibly Cason/Carson Thomas are the owners of Eccie. Coburn, Vaught, and Sides all appear currently to be in the United States. Thomas was not positively identified.