

## MadeiraMadeira + Axur: disrupting the “short-term rental fraud” scheme

### ⌚ Problem

Criminals were leveraging leaked information, such as compromised credit cards or credentials found in malware logs. Using this data, they were able to log in and place orders on the platform. They then rented short-term properties to create fictitious delivery addresses and receive the purchased items.

MadeiraMadeira required broad monitoring and, most importantly, Threat Intelligence capabilities to identify and disrupt fraud before chargebacks increased even further during Black Friday.



The largest online furniture and home décor retailer in Latin America. With more than 2,000 employees and 100 physical stores across Brazil, the company democratizes access to quality products and delivers a complete shopping experience to transform living spaces.

### 💡 Solution

Through Axur’s Deep & Dark Web monitoring, MadeiraMadeira gained visibility into early conversations among threat actors sharing fraudulent schemes. The team closely monitored mentions of the company for 30 days to fully address the issue.

In addition to automated detections, they used the Explore tool—an open search across thousands of cybercrime forums and groups—enabling a proactive investigation approach.

### Impact at a glance

-  905K signals monitored between Dec/2022 and Sep/2023
-  21.8K threats identified during the period
-  4.3K incidents recorded and handled
-  30 days of focused investigation to uncover the scheme
-  Scheme disrupted with a new security verification implemented

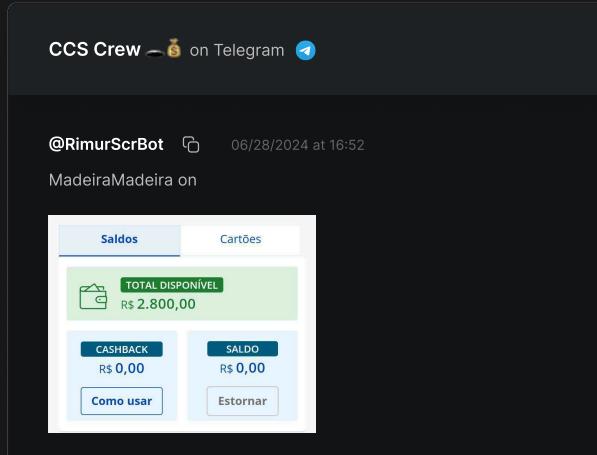


Image 1: Screenshots of a scammer discussing MadeiraMadeira before the partnership with Axur.

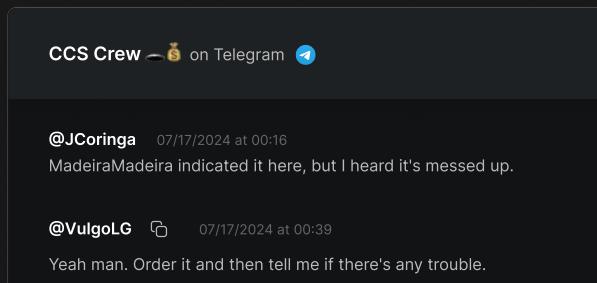


Image 2: Screenshots of scammers complaining after the partnership between MadeiraMadeira and Axur.



## From uncertainty to insight: tracing the root cause

With Axur's support, MadeiraMadeira identified the origin of a fraud scheme exposed on the Deep & Dark Web, where criminals shared instructions, addresses, and proof of approved fraudulent purchases. Previously, the company could only react after chargebacks occurred due to a lack of visibility into these conversations.



## Explore: proactive, real-time investigation

With the Explore tool, the team accessed Deep & Dark Web data in real time, investigated conversations with historical context, prioritized risks, and triggered immediate responses through intelligent alerts.



## Multimedia detection uncovers the full scheme

Using OCR on images and transcription of audio and video content, the team was able to map the entire fraud operation and implement a security verification for purchases delivered to short-term rental properties, proactively disrupting the scheme.



## Fraudster frustration validates effectiveness

After implementation, fraudsters began reporting difficulties in completing the scheme, validating the effectiveness of the strategy. MadeiraMadeira not only blocked the identified fraud operation but also strengthened continuous protection against future attempts, including during high-risk periods such as Black Friday.

The screenshot shows the Axur Explore interface with a dark theme. At the top, there's a search bar with the placeholder 'MadeiraMadeira' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the word 'Explore' is centered. The main area displays four detected messages:

- Message 1:** ACTIVE PREMIUM LOGINS – IMMEDIATE DELIVERY Fast, secure access at the best prices on Telegram. Bought → Received. Secure yours TODAY! (Detected on 02/03/2026 at 06:40 PM) by KauannyMartins via MENOR OLUAP CHKS LOGINS. Sources: Telegram, WhatsApp. Status: Detected in image.
- Message 2:** 🔥🔥 THE CENTRAL THAT SOLVES EVERYTHING FOR YOU HAS ARRIVED! 🔥🔥 (Detected on 02/02/2026 at 05:55 PM) by hacker22 via TROPA DO C4. Status: 8 identical messages.
- Message 3:** Available in Brazil (Detected on 06/19/2025 at 11:26 PM) by ProxyBurnings via BreachForum. Status: Forum.
- Message 4:** 50% APPROVAL\* 🎁 MADEIRAMADEIRA (MINIMUM ORDER \$300) (Detected on 05/07/2025 at 12:31 AM) by https://otherforum.vc/Thread-Ukrainian-Citizens-244-827-Records-Ph... via Forum.

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