Subject: Re: Arnold Schwarzenegger Commits Suicide Posted by kuyper on Tue, 27 Jul 2004 03:05:04 GMT

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"Alex Molochnikov" <NOBODY@NOSPAM.COM> wrote in message news:<0%8Nc.112911\$Mr4.61331@pd7tw1no>...

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- > The posting was done by a virus. But the downloadable file the post points
- > to comes from a specific website that deserves being attacked
- > (counterattacked?) and brought down for hosting and distributing the virus.

You can't be sure that it's actually responsible for hosting and distributing the virus. Some people attack a web site by making it appear to be the source for spam/viruses; the counterattacks performed by people like you are what actually kills the site.

Rule of thumb: you can't trust anything spam/viruses say about themselves, especially including any hint they might contain as to who was their source.

Commercial spam can be tracked down: in order to make a profit, sooner or later they have to hit you up for money. In some cases (not all), they will ask for payment in a manner that makes it possible to tracke them down. You might have to actually pay the money in order to track them down, but it is possible.

Viruses aren't usually greedy, at least not in that sense, so that approach won't work with them.