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To: The Hiring Team / Lead Security Engineer
Subject: Why I believe "Security is a process, not a product."

Dear Team,

I have been passionate about computer science since before I can even remember, but it wasn't until I discovered cybersecurity that I found my true calling. Why? Because while others look at a system and see a functional tool, I look at it and wonder: *"How can I break this?"*

This curiosity started early; as a kid, I was often more interested in hunting through local folders to find where game save files were stored so I could modify them, than in actually playing the game. I still remember the adrenaline of my first Linux boot, a simple Live USB that bypassed everything I knew, making me feel like an "hacker" at just 10 years old. Those moments taught me that rules often have a latch if you are curious enough to look for it.

As Kevin Mitnick once said, **"Security is not a product that can be purchased; it's a process."** I firmly believe that the best way to truly understand a process, or a system, is to deconstruct it, find its cracks, and push through them.

At 23, my greatest satisfaction doesn't come from just "finding a bug," but from reaching that exact point where everyone else thought I couldn't reach. Whether it's popping a root shell on a hardened machine or manipulating a web application in ways that shouldn't be possible, I live for that "eye-opening" moment. It's about that instant when people stop saying "our system is safe" and start saying "**wow, how did you even get in here?**", replacing a false sense of security with a much-needed wake-up call.

While I am currently completing my MSc in Cybersecurity with a research focus on Blockchain Security and Smart Contract Fuzzing, I consider these specialized fields as extensions of my broader mission: **Offensive Security**. My academic path has sharpened my analytical skills, but my mindset remains firmly rooted in penetration testing and the art of exploitation. I truly enjoy building security tools that can help me and the community work faster and smarter, turning repetitive tasks into automated, intelligent workflows.

I am not just looking for a job; I am looking for a playground where I can put my "hacker mindset" to the test and learn from the veterans I admire. My grandfather always tells me, **"you must be able to steal with your eyes"** (*Devi saper rubare con gli occhi*), meaning that one must be sharp enough to observe and absorb the craft from those who know more. I want to help your team find the cracks in the wall before someone else does, because, let's be honest, **"if you think technology can solve your security problems, then you don't understand the problems and you don't understand the technology."** (Thanks, Bruce Schneier).

I would love to hop on a call (or a shell) to discuss how my passion and technical skills can contribute to your offensive team.

Best regards,

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