

## Sony Will Not Release 'The Interview'

## North Korean hackers to Sony:

"We'll stand down if you never release the movie"

Sony Pictures has confirmed that they have no plans to EVER release The Interview, in theaters, on DVD or via online streaming. The hackers behind the devastating cyberattack at Sony Pictures have sent a new message to executives at the company, crediting them for a "very wise" decision to cancel the Christmas day release of "The Interview," a source close to the company told CNN. The FBI has officially linked the cyberattack at Sony to the North Korean government. The hacker message is effectively a victory lap, telling the studio, "Now we want you never let the movie released, distributed or leaked in any form of, for instance, DVD or piracy. And we want everything related to the movie, including its trailers, as well as its full version down from any website hosting them immediately."

It warns the studio executives that "we still have your private and sensitive data" and claims that they will "ensure the security of your data unless you make additional trouble." The email was titled "Message from GOP." The anonymous hackers have called themselves "Guardians of Peace." Sony is still reeling from the late November cyberattack that crippled its computer systems, and now it is under severe scrutiny for canceling the Christmas release of "The Interview," Seth Rogen and James Franco's comedy about an attempted assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un. In a statement last week when the film's release was scrapped, the company said "we stand by our filmmakers and their right to free expression and are extremely disappointed by this outcome."

