



spyware program called FinSpy, including evidence that it had accessed the plaintiff's Skype calls, e-mails and Web-browsing history in violation of U.S. wiretapping laws.

The case is the latest sign that the government of Ethiopia, an American ally with a history of repressing political opponents, journalists and human rights activists, has used sophisticated [Internet technology](#) to monitor its perceived enemies, even when they are in other countries.

"The Ethiopian government appears to be doing everything it can to spy on members of the diaspora, especially those in contact with opposition groups," said Nate Cardozo, a staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group based in San Francisco that prepared the suit.

I imagine working closely with the NSA teaches you a lot about how better to target its dissidents overseas.