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The Incident

Date and time discovered:
Feb, 13, 2024, 02:04 AM.

How was the incident detected? (E.g., user report, monitoring system alert)

A Low-level security alert was triggered in the Monitoring system under the rule "SOC257 - VPN Connection Detected from Unauthorized Country".

Detailed description of the incident (include what occurred, where, and how):

- An external IP address (113.161.158.12) successfully established a VPN connection to the destination address 33.33.33.33 (URL: https://vpn-letsdefend.io) using the credentials of the user monica@letsdefend.io (Hostname: Monica).
- Prior to the successful connection alert, between 01:50 AM and 01:58 AM on Feb 13, 2024, the firewall logged 21 events from this same source IP (113.161.158.12) connecting to various destination ports on 33.33.33.33 (e.g., ports 443, 11121, 31054).
- The Threat Intelligence feed indicates that this specific source IP (113.161.158.12) was previously flagged by AbuseCH for "Brute Force" activity on Dec 07, 2023.

Was the incident ongoing at the time of report?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have any files, accounts, or systems been compromised?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe:

The VPN account for the user monica@letsdefend.io has been compromised and accessed from an unauthorized external location.

Notification

Was your supervisor or manager notified?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Date/time of notification:
April 4, 2026

Was the IT/security team alerted?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who was contacted and how? (e.g., email, phone, ticket)
Escalated to the Incident Response team via Case Management for immediate containment.

Containment Measures

What immediate actions were taken to contain the threat? (E.g., system shutdown, network isolation)

- Terminated the active VPN session for user monica@letsdefend.io.
- Blocked the malicious source IP (113.161.158.12) on the external firewall.

Were any user accounts disabled, firewalls updated, or services suspended?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide details:

- Disabled the Active Directory/VPN account for user monica pending a mandatory password reset and Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) review.
- Firewall rules updated to drop all inbound traffic from 113.161.158.12.

Impacted Services Measures

List any systems, devices, or applications affected by the incident:

- VPN Gateway (https://vpn-letsdefend.io / IP: 33.33.33.33).
- User account: monica@letsdefend.io (Hostname: Monica).

Estimated number of affected users, if applicable:

1 user (Monica).

Was there any known data loss or exposure?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, describe the type of data (e.g., personal info, credentials, financial):

N/A

Preliminary Analysis *(Optional)*

Suspected cause or entry point (e.g., phishing email, unpatched software):

Compromised user credentials, highly likely obtained via a Brute Force attack, given the multiple firewall port connection attempts prior to login and the source IP's known history of Brute Force activities.

Was the threat internal, external, or unknown?

☐ Internal ☒ External ☐ Unknown

Submitted by:

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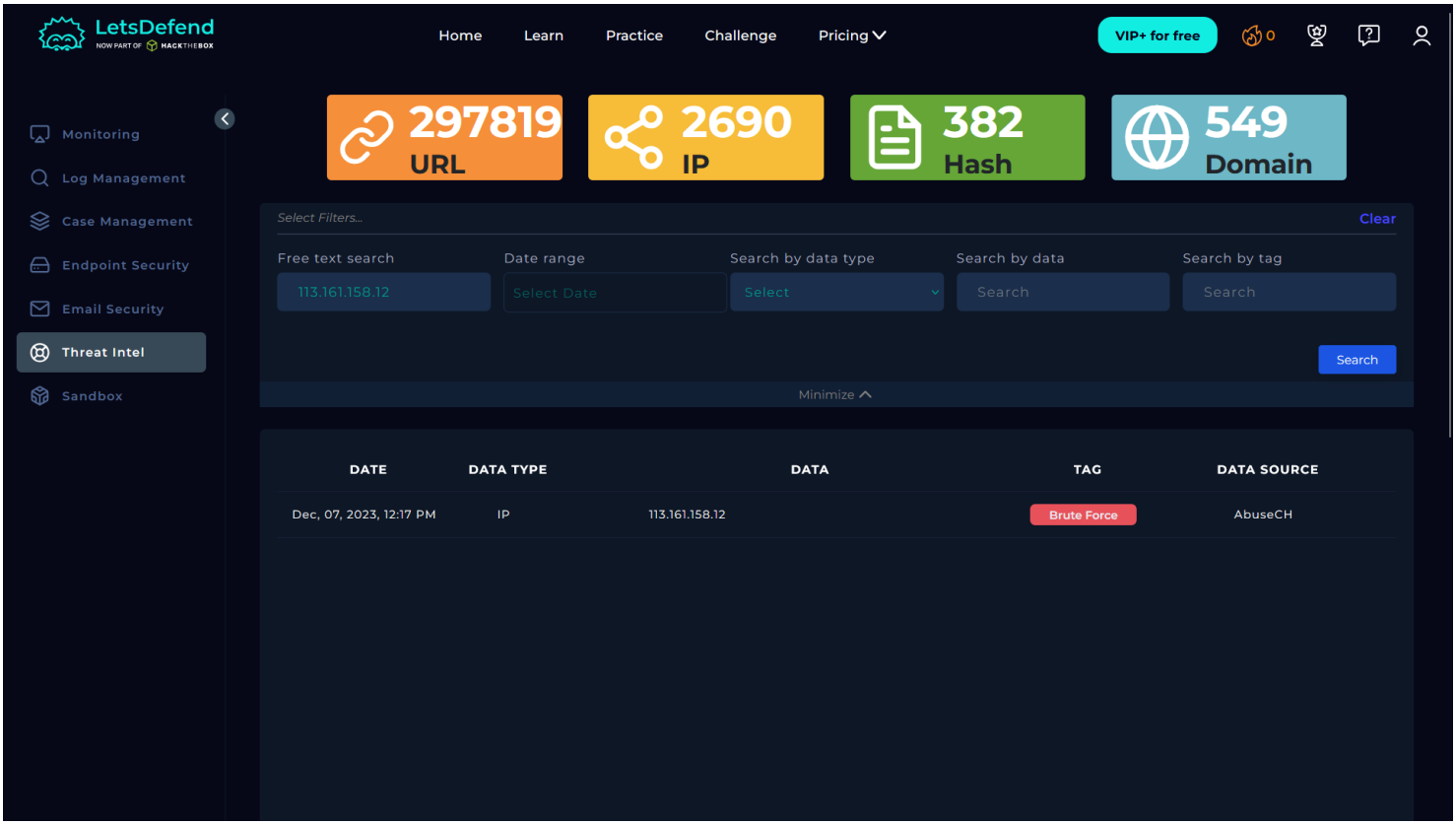
Name	**Signature**	**Date submitted**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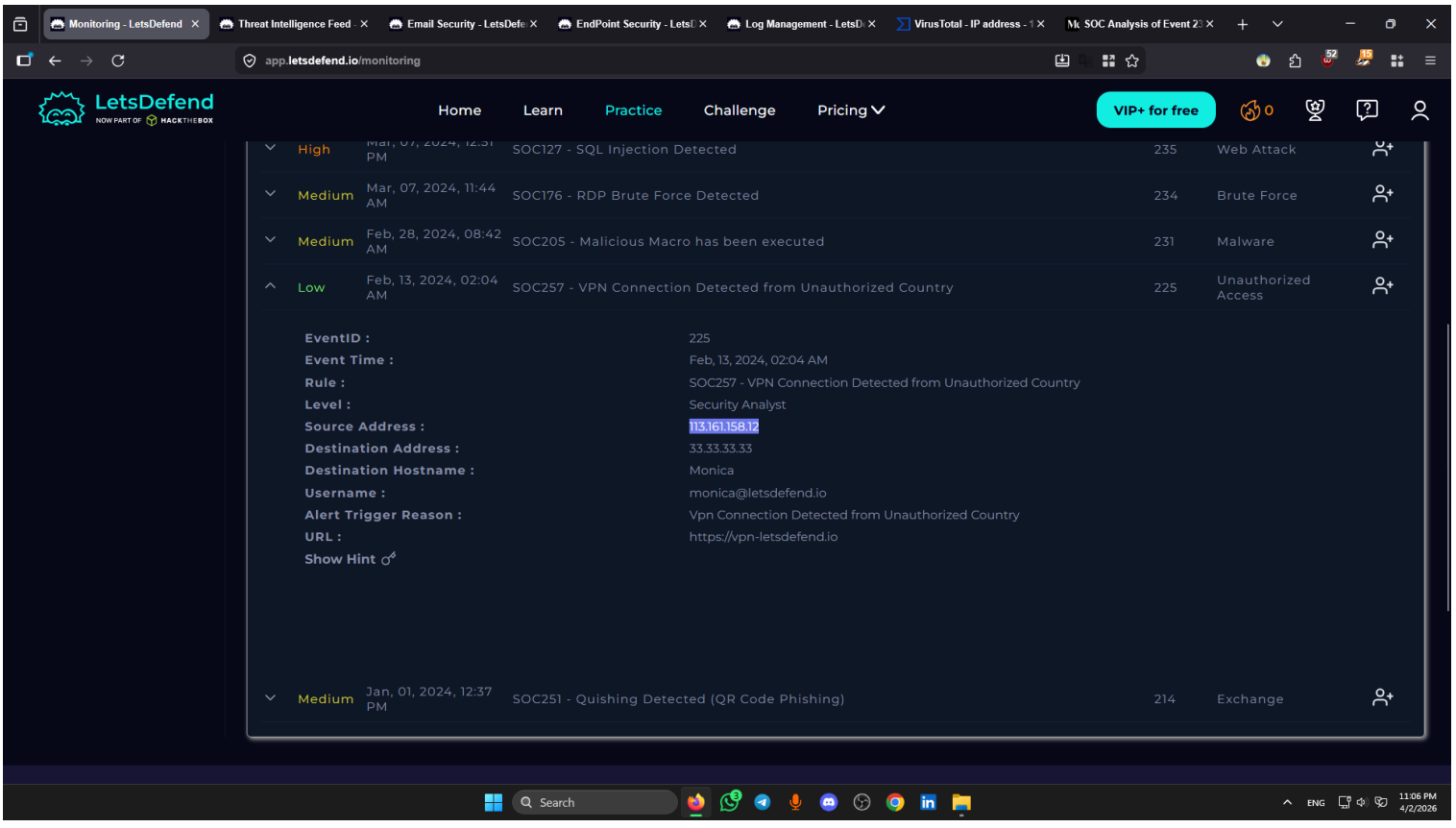
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SOC Analysis of Event 2
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SOC127 - SQL Injection Detected
235
Web Attack
Medium
Mar, 07, 2024, 11:44 AM
SOC176 - RDP Brute Force Detected
234
Brute Force
Medium
Feb, 28, 2024, 08:42 AM
SOC205 - Malicious Macro has been executed
231
Malware
Low
Feb, 13, 2024, 02:04 AM
SOC257 - VPN Connection Detected from Unauthorized Country
225
Unauthorized Access
EventID : 225
Event Time : Feb, 13, 2024, 02:04 AM
Rule : SOC257 - VPN Connection Detected from Unauthorized Country
Level : Security Analyst
Source Address : 113.161.158.12
Destination Address : 33.33.33.33
Destination Hostname : Monica
Username : monica@letsdefend.io
Alert Trigger Reason : Vpn Connection Detected from Unauthorized Country
URL : https://vpn-letsdefend.io
Show Hint
Medium
Jan, 01, 2024, 12:37 PM
SOC251 - Quishing Detected (QR Code Phishing)
214
Exchange
Search
ENG
11:06 PM
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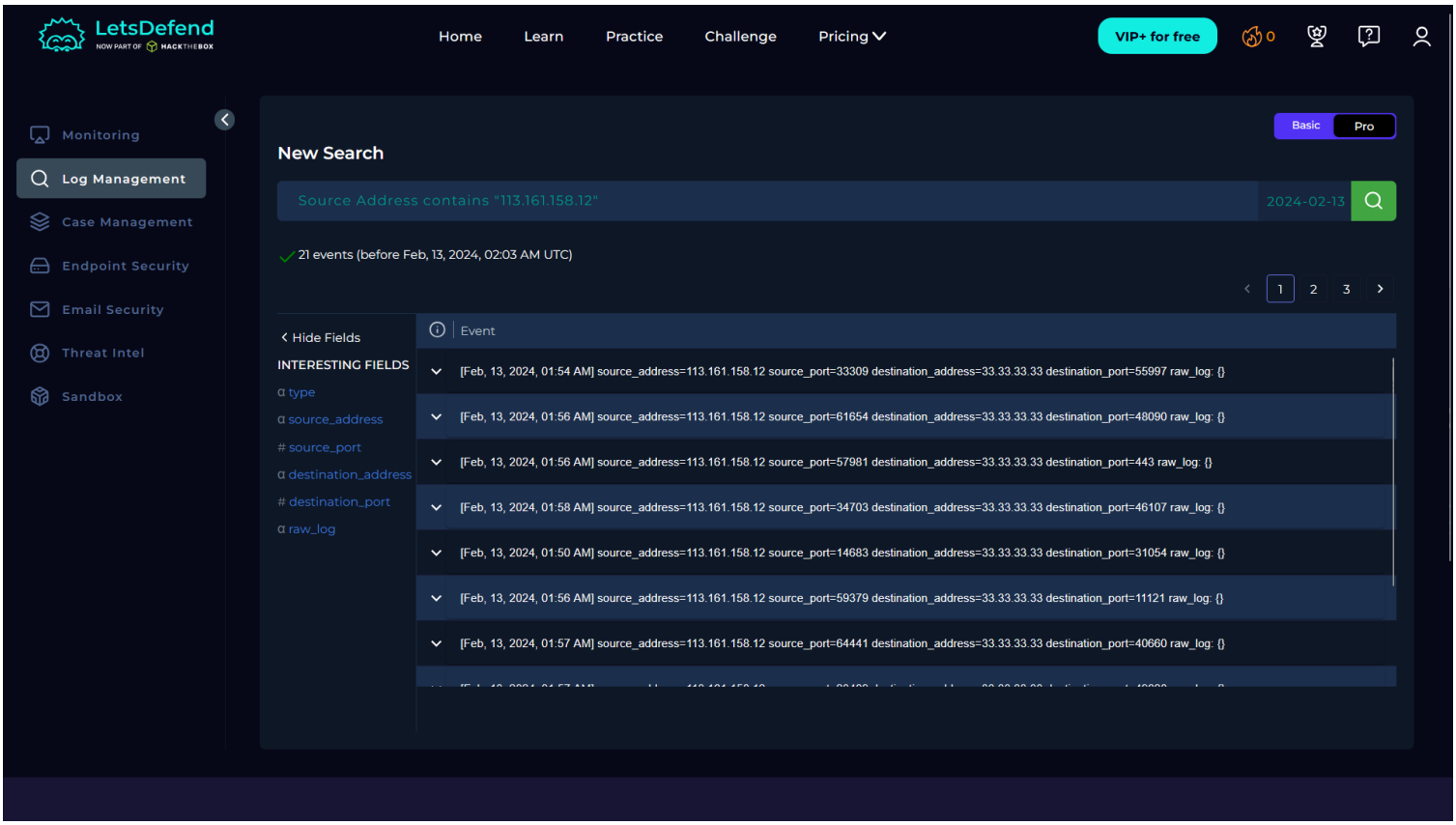
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21 events (before Feb, 13, 2024, 02:03 AM UTC)
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INTERESTING FIELDS
α type
α source_address
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[Feb, 13, 2024, 01:54 AM] source_address=113.161.158.12 source_port=33309 destination_address=33.33.33.33 destination_port=55997 raw_log: {}
[Feb, 13, 2024, 01:56 AM] source_address=113.161.158.12 source_port=61654 destination_address=33.33.33.33 destination_port=48090 raw_log: {}
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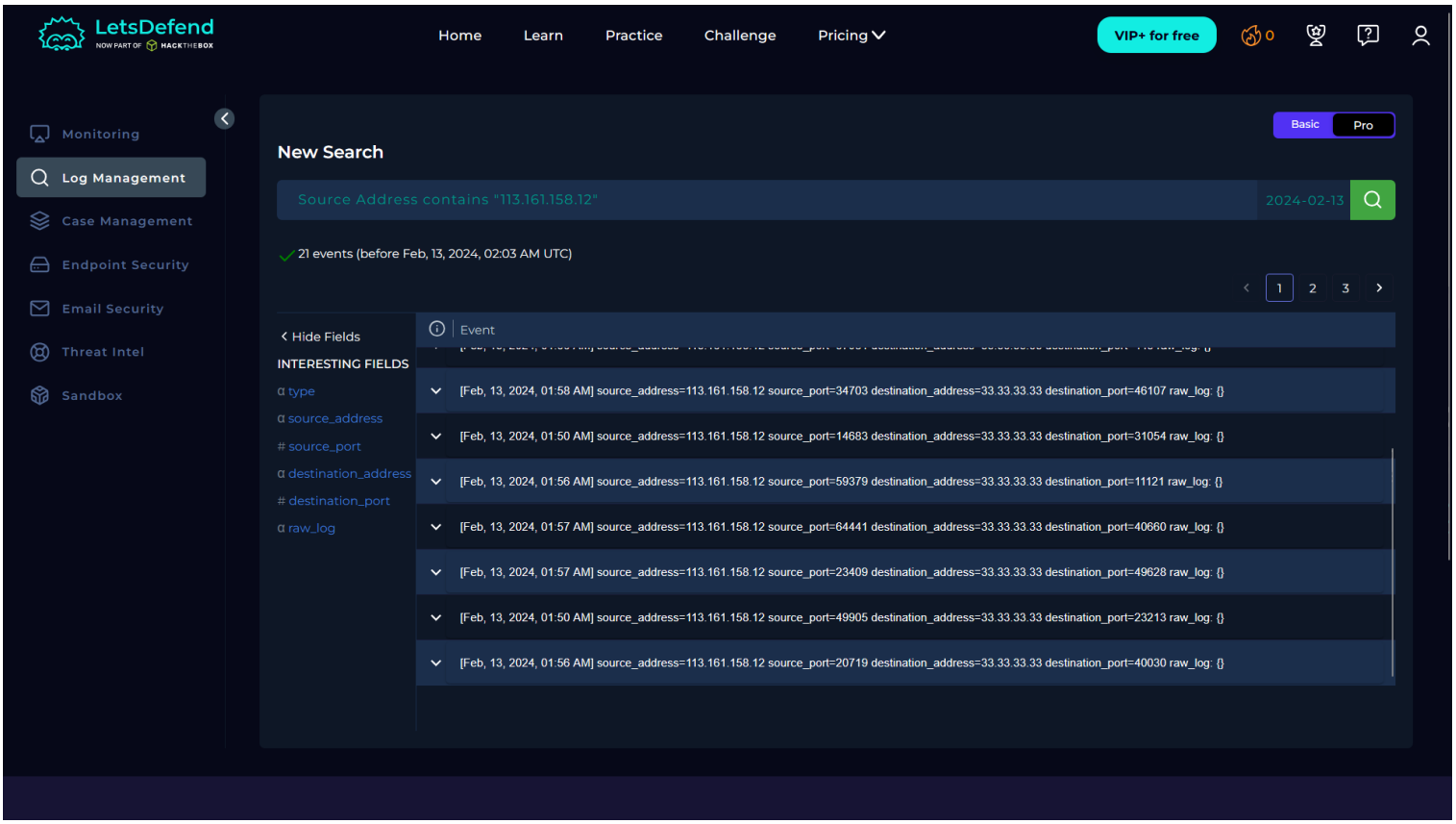
[Feb, 13, 2024, 01:50 AM] source_address=113.161.158.12 source_port=14683 destination_address=33.33.33.33 destination_port=31054 raw_log: {}
[Feb, 13, 2024, 01:56 AM] source_address=113.161.158.12 source_port=59379 destination_address=33.33.33.33 destination_port=11121 raw_log: {}
[Feb, 13, 2024, 01:57 AM] source_address=113.161.158.12 source_port=64441 destination_address=33.33.33.33 destination_port=40660 raw_log: {}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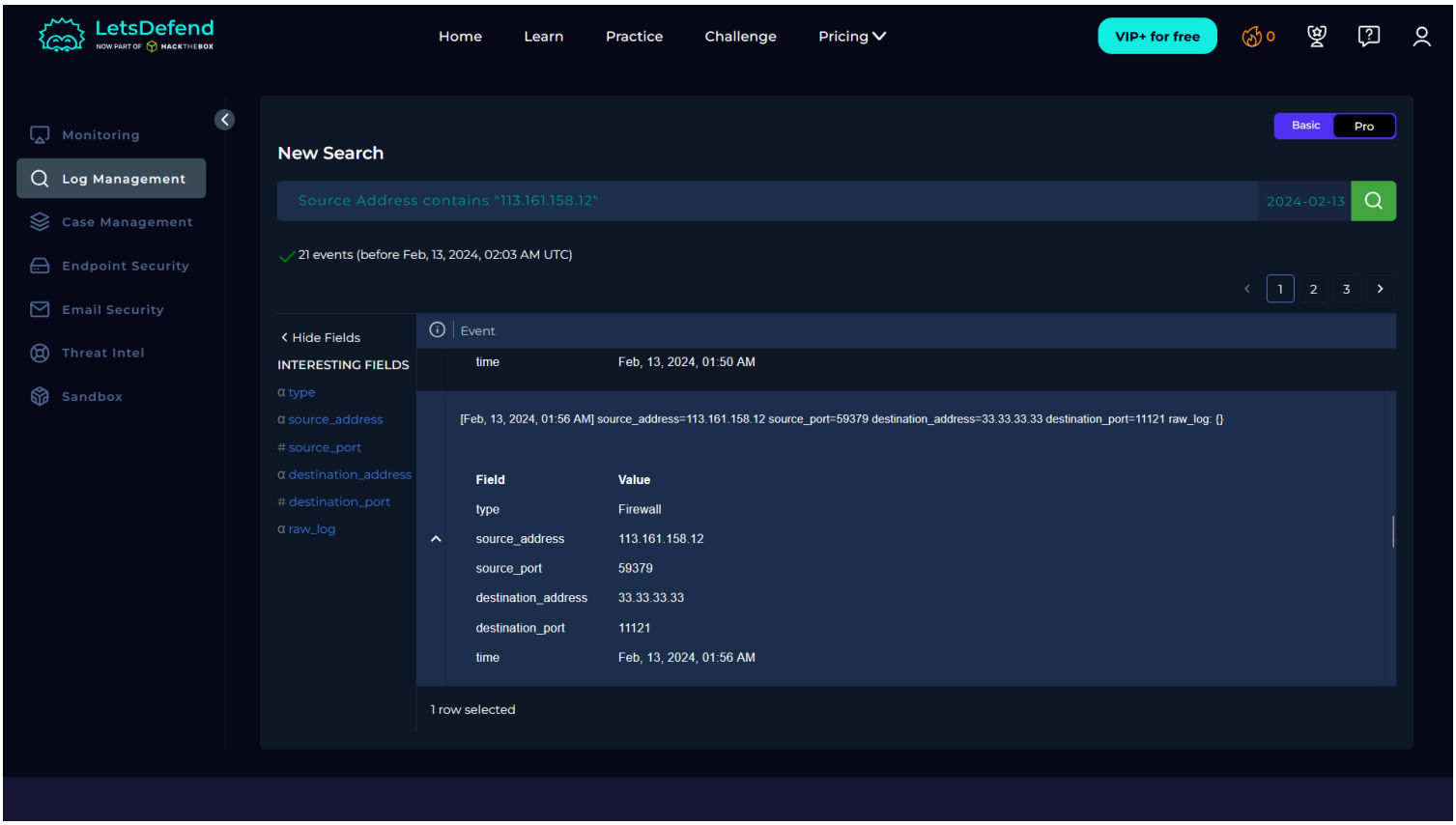
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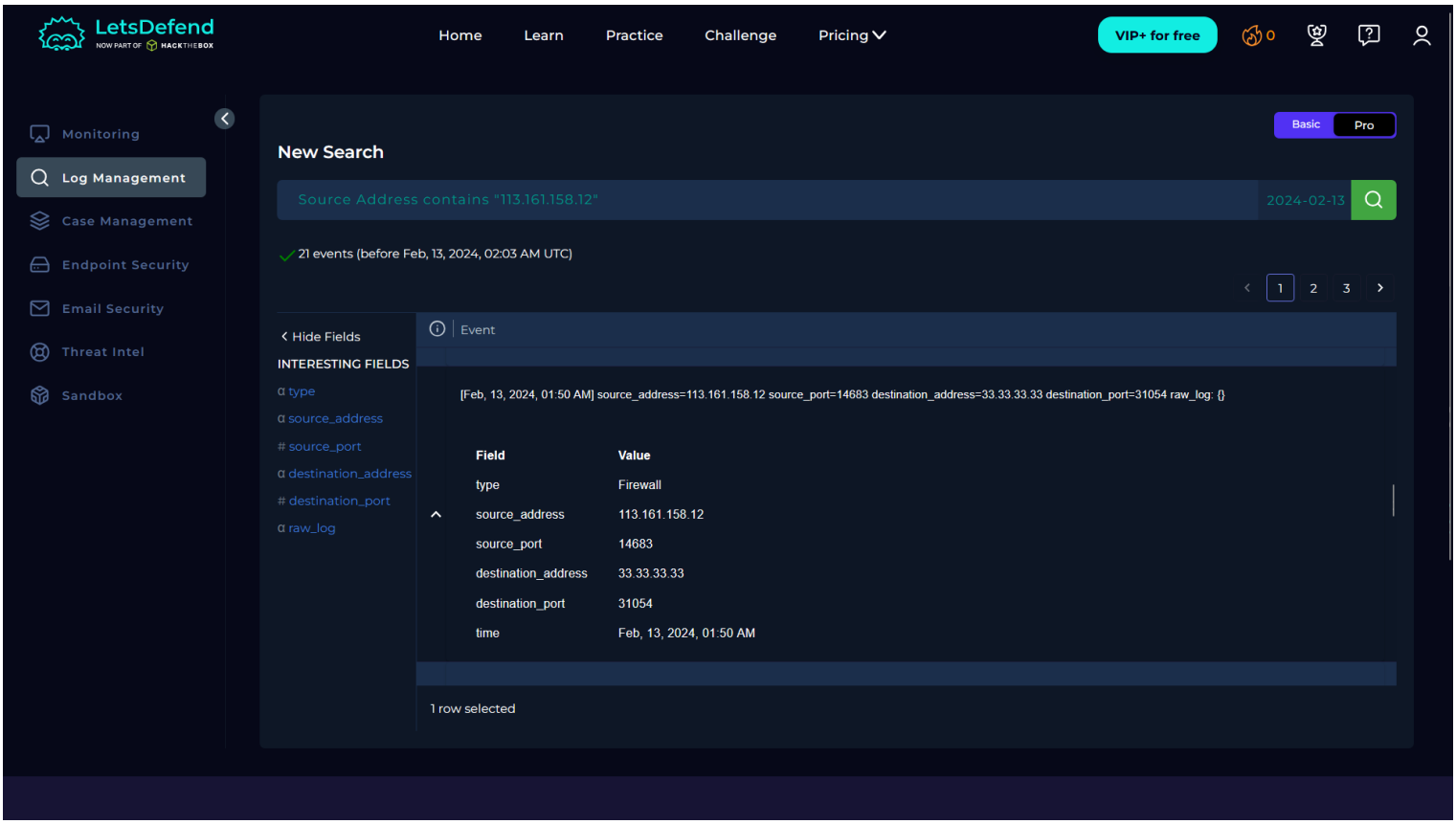
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