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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(Williston) Williston Airport Shuts Down over Suspicious Laptop. Authorities closed the Williston Airport Thursday afternoon after TSA agents identified a passenger going through security with what they believed was a suspicious laptop computer. They say the computer had wires coming out of it and when TSA agents asked the passenger to turn the laptop on, it would not work.

<http://www.kmot.com/story/26284782/williston-airport-shuts-down-over-suspicious-laptop?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=10474983>

(North Dakota) North Dakota senators meet with Canadian Pacific Railway head. North Dakota Sens. Heidi Heitkamp and John Hoeven are asking the head of Canadian Pacific Railway to improve agriculture shipping delays before harvest. The senators met Monday in Minot with company CEO E. Hunter Harrison and agriculture producers to discuss a backlog in railcars entering the upcoming harvest. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/north-dakota-senators-to-meet-with-canadian-pacific-railway-head/article_ec8806c8-215a-11e4-af52-001a4bcf887a.html

REGIONAL

(Montana) Wyoming man admits stealing Forest Service's explosives. A Wyoming man admitted August 14 to stealing over 500 pounds of explosives from a U.S. Forest Service bunker near Red Lodge, Montana, while looking for a campground in April 2013. <http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/wyoming-man->

(Minnesota) All nine people shot at Minneapolis nightclub expected to survive. Police are investigating after nine people were wounded by gunfire inside the 400 Soundbar nightclub in Minneapolis August 9. City officials revoked the nightclub's license and ordered it closed during the investigation. <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/270699791.html>

(South Dakota) Wastewater released into Big Sioux River. Officials continue to monitor the Big Sioux River after 9,000 gallons of treated biosolids spilled into the river August 10 when a bag ruptured during a contractor's dewatering process at the Water Reclamation Facility. Crews remained onsite for cleanup and South Dakota classified the Big Sioux through Sioux Falls as "impaired" for high bacteria

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levels. <http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2014/08/11/wastewater-released-big-sioux-river/13886473/>

NATIONAL

(Missouri) Police killing prompts rioting, looting near St. Louis. At least 60 additional police officers were called in and tear gas was used to contain a riot that broke out after a protest August 10 in Ferguson, Missouri, where individuals blocked traffic, vandalized at least 20 police vehicles, and looted or burned stores, including a Walmart, a grocery store, and a QuikTrip store.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2014/08/11/police-killing-prompts-rioting-looting-near-st-louis/>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Using a Tactic Unseen in a Century, Countries Cordon Off Ebola-Racked Areas. The Ebola outbreak in West Africa is so out of control that governments there have revived a disease-fighting tactic not used in nearly a century: the “cordon sanitaire,” in which a line is drawn around the infected area and no one is allowed out. http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/13/science/using-a-tactic-unseen-in-a-century-countries-cordon-off-ebola-racked-areas.html?_r=1

(International) Millions of computers have backdoor enabled by default. Researchers from Kaspersky and Cubica Labs presenting at the Black Hat conference demonstrated how the legitimate Computrace anti-theft solution can be used by attackers performing a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack to remotely execute arbitrary code on the target device due to the lack of encryption in Computrace traffic. Most computers come with Computrace already present, leaving millions of devices vulnerable to malicious use of the solution. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Millions-of-Computers-Have-Backdoor-Enabled-by-Default-454666.shtml>

(International) 50% of corporate passwords crackable within a few minutes. Trustwave released the results of research that analyzed 620,000 passwords compiled over 2 years and found that around 50 percent of U.S. corporate passwords could be cracked using a brute force method within a few minutes, while 92 percent could be cracked within 31 days. The research found that a

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longer password containing only letters took much longer to brute force compared to a shorter password that also includes numbers and special characters. <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/50-of-corporate-passwords-crackable-within-a-few-minutes/article/366470/>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

Nothing Significant to Report

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) ESL, Interlogix hard-wired smoke alarms recalled due to failure to alert consumers of a fire. Edwards issued a recall for around 154,000 ESL and Interlogix 400 Series and 500 Series smoke detectors in the U.S. and Canada due to the potential for radio frequency interference to cause the detectors to fail to alert consumers of a fire. <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2014/ESL-Interlogix-Hard-Wired-Smoke-Alarms-Recalled/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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(National) MCSO worker indicted for impersonation, distributing confidential info. A Maricopa County Sheriff's Office civilian employee was arrested after allegedly posing as a law enforcement officer and obtaining hundreds of sensitive documents from various law enforcement sites, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, and passing them along to individuals including an author based in New York City.

<http://www.wfsb.com/story/26261416/mcso-worker-indicted-for-impersonation-distributing-confidential-info>

(Ohio; Indiana) 911 outage affects mobile phones. Emergency 9-1-1 service was down for over 2 hours August 8 for cell phone users in Medina County due to an issue with Frontier Mobile. The sheriff's captain reported that the provider was working on equipment in Indiana which led to the outage.

<http://medinagazette.northcoastnow.com/2014/08/10/911-outage-affects-mobile-phones/>

ENERGY

(California) California regulators approve \$24.5M penalty against Edison for 2011 outages, electrocutions. The California Public Utilities Commission agreed August 14 to penalize Southern California Edison \$24.5 million for safety violations in a 2011 windstorm that knocked out power to 440,000 customers and caused a power line failure that electrocuted three individuals. The utility agreed to the penalty in March after an investigation determined they gave inaccurate information on power restoration and safety standards.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2014/08/14/california-regulators-approve-245m-penalty-against-edison-for-2011-outages/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Illinois) Grain dust causes explosion in northeastern Illinois. A driver delivering grain to a Heritage FS grain elevator in St. Anne, Illinois, was injured August 11 when dust from the grain caused an explosion. The explosion was confined to the grain pit, and one storage bin that was damaged by the blast is undergoing inspection. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/11/us-usa-grains-blast-idUSKBN0GB27H20140811>

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(Montana) Three food vendors closed at western Montana fair. Health officials ordered three Northstar food vendors to close August 8 after inspectors found that hundreds of pounds of food were improperly refrigerated for several days, among other health violations while the vendors visited a fair in Missoula County. <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2014/three-food-vendors-closed-at-western-montana-fair/>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Colorado) Mrachek Middle School evacuated, then closed after failed pipe bomb found outside school. Police are searching for suspects that attempted to detonate a pipe bomb outside Mrachek Middle School in Aurora, Colorado, prompting an evacuation and cancellation of classes August 11. Authorities determined the suspects tried to light a fire in order to ignite the bomb, which ended up burning itself out without further incident. <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/mrachek-middle-school-evacuated>

(Virginia) Navy contractor pleads guilty in bribery scheme. A former contractor with the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command pleaded guilty August 12 to accepting \$25,000 in bribes in exchange for awarding \$2.5 million worth of contracts to Miller Hardman Design, a Chesapeake telecommunications company. Another contracting official who was a co-conspirator in the scheme pleaded guilty and is serving a prison term. <http://hamptonroads.com/2014/08/navy-contractor-pleads-guilty-bribery-scheme>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) How Anonymous got it right and wrong in Ferguson. Hacking group Anonymous reveals identity of wrong person as shooter of Mo. teen Michael Brown. Shuts down Ferguson, MO city websites. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/08/14/how-anonymous-got-it-right-and-wrong-in-ferguson/>

(International) Smart Nest thermostat easily turned into spying device. An independent researcher and two researchers from the University of Central

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Florida presenting at the 2014 Black Hat conference demonstrated how Nest smart thermostats can be compromised quickly using a USB flash drive, potentially allowing attackers to obtain information on a victim's habits as well as network information such as WiFi credentials. Compromised thermostats could also be used to connect to the Internet and be used in a variety of malicious tasks. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17239>

(International) 15 new vulnerabilities reported during router hacking contest. A security contest held at the DefCon 22 conference resulted in researchers identifying and reporting 15 new vulnerabilities in 5 popular models of wireless routers. http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9250322/15_new_vulnerabilities_reported_during_router_hacking_contest

(International) Internet routers hitting 512K limit, some become unreliable. LastPass, Liquid Web, eBay, and other services reported outages or isolated disruptions August 12 that were believed to be related to the growth of routable networks lists, also known as border gateway protocol (BGP) tables, beyond 512K, overwhelming some older routers and switches. <http://arstechnica.com/security/2014/08/internet-routers-hitting-512k-limit-some-become-unreliable/>

PUBLIC HEALTH

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TRANSPORTATION

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WATER AND DAMS

(National) Southwest braces as Lake Mead water levels drop. An ongoing drought in southwestern States has caused a drastic drop in the water levels at Lake Mead in Nevada, prompting an \$11 million pilot project to pay farmers, cities, and industries to reduce river water use, in addition to regional authorities who strongly advised water conservation. The main reservoir in the Colorado River water system serves 40 million people and 4 million acres of farmland across several States. <http://news.msn.com/us/southwest-braces-as-lake-mead-water-levels-drop>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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