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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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NORTH DAKOTA

(North Dakota) \$200k to go to pipeline safety. North Dakota will receive more than \$200,000 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to maintain the safety of pipelines and protect the State from potential pipeline incidents.

<http://www.prairiebizmag.com/event/article/id/20919/>

(North Dakota) Dark Side of the Boom. North Dakota's oil rush brings cash and promise to reservation, along with drug-fueled crime.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/national/2014/09/28/dark-side-of-the-boom/>

(North Dakota) Oil Industry Leaders Discuss Regulating Oil Conditioning. Oil officials from across the state discuss the best way to market crude oil. The Department of Mineral Resources held a meeting to find out what oil companies are doing to condition their product for transport.

<http://www.kxnet.com/story/26610818/oil-industry-leaders-discuss-regulating-oil-conditioning>

REGIONAL

(North Dakota, Minnesota) Mark Dayton urges North Dakota to improve rail-shipped oil safety. Dayton wrote to North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring asking that they, as Industrial Commission members, require oil pumped in the western part of the state to be conditioned before being shipped.

http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_26592222/dayton-urges-north-dakota-improve-safety-rail-shipped

(Montana) Bomb scare defused at Superior Post Office. The Superior post office in Mineral County, Montana, was evacuated and closed for over 3 hours September 22 after an employee located a suspicious package. A bomb squad reported to the scene and rendered the package safe.

<http://www.kpax.com/news/bomb-scare-diffused-at-superior-post-office/>

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(Wyoming) 4 injured in natural gas tank blast in Wyoming. Two EOG Resources employees and two contractors were injured in an explosion at a natural gas storage tank in Lincoln County, Wyoming, September 23. The explosion occurred while the workers were cleaning out the tank at the Williams-owned plant and the cause remains under investigation. <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2014-09-24/4-injured-in-natural-gas-tank-blast-in-wyoming>

NATIONAL

(National) Transportation secretary announces nearly \$3.6 billion to make transit systems more resilient in New York, New Jersey, and beyond. The U.S. Transportation Secretary announced September 22 that \$3.59 billion in federal disaster relief funds will be distributed among more than 40 projects across several States to improve public transportation systems that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. The developments will work to make the transit systems more resilient in order to withstand the impact of future natural disasters. http://www.fta.dot.gov/newsroom/news_releases/12286_16152.html

(National) FAA orders review of Chicago air traffic snarl. The Federal Aviation Administration is reviewing security practices and how it deals with unexpected incidents throughout its air traffic control facilities following last week's fire at a Chicago-area air traffic facility, agency administrator Michael Huerta said Monday. <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/nation/2014/09/29/faa-weeks-reopen-chicago-area-control-center/16416397/>

(National) Jimmy John's confirms data breach at 216 shops, including in Longmont, Broomfield. Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches officials confirmed September 24 that stolen credentials were used by an undisclosed party to remotely log into the point-of-sale systems of about 216 of the company's stores nationwide between June 16 and September 5. Officials reported that breach affected transactions in which payment cards were swiped at the stores, and has since been contained. http://www.dailycamera.com/boulder-business/ci_26596775/jimmy-johns-confirms-data-breach-at-216-shops

(National) Iraqi PM: Plot to attack New York, Paris Subways. Iraq's prime minister said Thursday that captured Islamic State militants have told Iraqi intelligence agents of an alleged plot to attack subways in the United States and

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Paris, but French and American officials said they had no such information.
<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/iraqi-pm-plot-attack-york-paris-subways-25754366>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Red Cross team attacked while burying Ebola dead. A Red Cross team was attacked while collecting bodies believed to be infected with Ebola in southeastern Guinea, the latest in a string of assaults that are hindering efforts to control West Africa's current outbreak.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/09/24/ebola-guinea-red-cross-workers-attacked/16153887/>

(International) Customs and Border Protection in Philly intercepts destructive citrus black spot disease. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) representatives confirmed that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents intercepted an orange from a flight out of Doha, Qatar to Philadelphia International Airport July 16 which was infected with the fungus that causes Citrus Black Spot disease. Source:

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/09/24/customs-and-border-protection-in-philly-intercepts-destructive-citrus-black-spot-disease/>

(International) Bash bug “Shellshock” is as large as issue as Heartbleed. A researcher found a security vulnerability in the GNU Bourne Again Shell (Bash) command interpreter named Shellshock available through versions 1.14 and 4.3 and used in several Unix-based operating systems such as Linux and Mac OS X that poses the risk of remote code execution and can be executed in many ways by applications. A patch was issued for the vulnerability CVE-2014-6271 but remained incomplete, and a second vulnerability, CVE-2014-7169, that was issued as a result remains unpatched. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bash-Bug-Shellshock-Is-As-Large-An-Issue-As-Heartbleed-459913.shtml>

(Hong Kong) Hong Kong Democracy Protesters Look for Outside Support. Pro-democracy demonstrations in Hong Kong have been greeted mostly with silence by foreign governments, frustrating protest organizers. US: “We do not take sides”. <http://www.voanews.com/content/hong-kong-democracy-protesters-look-for-outside-support/2465930.html>

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BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(New Jersey) Bank teller admits role in tax check fraud scheme. A Middlesex woman pleaded guilty September 22 to her role in a tax check scheme that defrauded the U.S. Treasury Department out of more than \$900,000 while she worked as a teller at a bank in Perth Amboy. The former employee would receive income tax return checks from her conspirators and cash the checks against unknowing third-party accounts at the bank.

<http://www.nbc40.net/story/26595530/bank-teller-admits-role-in-tax-check-fraud-scheme>

(International) Digital currency tech chief pleads guilty in fraud. A former Liberty Reserve executive pleaded guilty in a New York federal court September 23 for his role in running an unlicensed online banking company that laundered over \$6 billion from more than 1 million individuals from 17 countries, including more than 200,000 people in the U.S, between 2006 and 2013. The executive was one of seven individuals charged in what is believed to be the largest money laundering prosecution in history. <http://www.securityweek.com/digital-currency-tech-chief-pleads-guilty-fraud>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Alabama) 3 people dead in Alabama UPS shooting. Two employees were shot and killed by a recently-terminated UPS worker who opened fire at a facility in Inglenook, Alabama, September 23 prior to taking his own life. Authorities are investigating the incident. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/23/justice/alabama-ups-shooting-deaths/index.html>

(Florida) Two suspects in Florida store shooting die in car crash. The Osceola Square Mall and adjoining Florida Technical College in Kissimmee were evacuated September 23 following a shooting at a Ross Dress for Less store inside the mall that left two individuals wounded. The two suspected gunmen were killed in a car

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crash as they fled the scene. <http://news.yahoo.com/florida-mall-tech-college-evacuated-shooting-010814054.html>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(Washington) Frontier has restored 99 percent of customers' FiOS services; no copper services have been restored. Nearly all television, telephone, high-speed Internet, FiOS broadband, and 9-1-1 services were restored September 23 after a construction crew working on the Redmond Way Stormwater Treatment Facility project cut through fiber and copper cables and disrupted Frontier Communications services for roughly 6,000 residential and business customers in Redmond September 20. Copper-wired services remained down with repair work expected to continue through the weekend of September 27.

<http://www.redmond-reporter.com/news/276197281.html>

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(International) Chrysler recalls 230,000 SUVs for fuel pump issue. Chrysler Group LLC announced a recall for 230,760 model year 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango vehicles, including an estimated 188,723 in the U.S., due to the potential for the fuel pump to fail which could cause the vehicles to fail to start, to stall, or could result in the fuel pump staying energized after shutdown.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/chrysler/2014/09/20/chrysler-recalls-suvs-fuel-pump-issue/15952859/>

(International) GM recalls 221,000 cars for braking problem. General Motors Co., announced a recall September 20 for 221,000 model year 2013-2015 Cadillac XTS and model year 2014-2015 Chevrolet Impala vehicles, 205,000 of which are in the U.S., due to the potential for the vehicles' electronic parking brake's piston actuation arm to fail to fully retract, which could cause the brake pads to remain partially engaged to the rotors resulting in excessive heat and poor performance.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/general-motors/2014/09/20/gm-recalls-cars-braking-problem/15950569/>

(Texas) 8 employees, 1 other charged in theft of diesel injectors from Texas Caterpillar plant. Police in Seguin arrested 8 Caterpillar employees and one other individual September 19 for allegedly stealing 107 diesel injectors worth at least

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\$160,000 from a Texas Caterpillar plant. Police and Texas Rangers stated that the suspects allegedly started stealing equipment from the plant in July.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/09/19/8-employees-1-other-charged-in-theft-diesel-injectors-from-texas-caterpillar/>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

(Michigan) Enbridge crews begin restoration work. Enbridge announced September 22 that work on the new Enbridge pipeline in St. Clair County is complete and that construction crews will remain on site to finish land restoration. Work on the 30-inch pipeline in St. Clair County began in the fall of 2013 as part of a \$1.3 billion project to replace Line 6B, which carries crude oil from Griffith, Indiana, to Sarnia and cuts through Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties in Michigan.

<http://www.thetimesherald.com/story/news/local/2014/09/21/enbridge-crews-begin-restoration-work/16017653/>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Georgia) Guilty verdicts in Peanut Corporation of America trial. Two former Peanut Corporation of America executives and a broker to the company were found guilty in a Georgia federal court September 19 on charges related to a 2009 Salmonella outbreak that sickened more than 700 individuals and was linked to 9 deaths.

http://www.foodbusinessnews.net/articles/news_home/Food_Safety_News/2014/09/Guilty_verdicts_in_Peanut_Corp.aspx?ID={C0335C4E-2895-4871-BC8C-256E692D3EA7}

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(Florida) Clay in packages prompts hazmat response at Bay Pines VA Medical Center. Twenty-two people were decontaminated at the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Medical Center in St. Petersburg September 24 after a suspicious package was found containing an unknown substance. The emergency room was shut down for 4 hours while a HAZMAT crew analyzed the substance and deemed it safe. <http://www.wfla.com/story/26616903/22-exposed-to-substance-at-bay-pines-va-medical-center>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Washington, D.C.) Accused White House intruder to appear in court. A Texas man was charged after allegedly scaling the White House perimeter fence, running across the lawn, and entering the Washington, D.C. building September 19 before being apprehended by U.S. Secret Service guards. <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/accused-white-house-intruder-to-appear-in-court>

(Georgia) 3 court reporters charged with stealing nearly \$500,000. Three Cherokee County court reporters were charged with stealing nearly \$500,000 from the county by intentionally rearranging court records and billing the county for pages of reports that did not exist. Authorities found irregularities in billing dating as far back as 2006. <http://www.cbs46.com/story/26607952/3-court-reporters-charged-with-stealing-nearly-500000>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Payment card info of 880k Viator customers compromised. Viator representatives confirmed September 19 that the company was made aware September 2 that its network was breached and the encrypted personal and financial information of about 1.4 million customers may have been compromised. Customers were advised to update their Viator online account information, including passwords. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17391>

(International) Serious vulnerabilities found in wireless thermostats. Researchers found that UK-based Heatmiser Wi-Fi thermostats contain at least

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nine vulnerabilities that can be controlled remotely by forwarding port 80 for Web control and port 8068 for mobile apps. Heatmiser announced that it is looking into the findings and recommended customers close port 80 on their thermostats. <http://www.securityweek.com/serious-vulnerabilities-found-wireless-thermostats>

(International) DDoS attackers turn fire on ISPs and gaming servers. NSFOCUS researchers determined gaming hosts and Internet service Providers (ISP) have been the focus for distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks in 2014, rising in the first half to 10 percent and nearly 15 percent of attacks respectively. <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2687127/security/ddos-attackers-turn-fire-on-isps-and-gaming-servers.html>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Texas) More than 700 patients and 40 employees exposed to employee with active case of tuberculosis at West El Paso hospital. Providence Memorial Hospital in El Paso notified 706 patients and 43 employees after they were exposed to an employee with an active case of tuberculosis between September 2013 and August 2014. The employee was diagnosed August 25 and removed from duty. <http://www.kvia.com/news/more-than-700-patients-and-40-employees-exposed-to-employee-with-active-case-of-tuberculosis-at-west-el-paso-hospital/28150022>

(North Carolina) Police: Man bought 6,000 stolen pills worth \$180K. Authorities arrested and charged 3 individuals for stealing, selling, and buying 6,000 Roxycodone pills worth \$180,000 which were taken from a pharmacy in Monroe. Police reported that one of the suspects stole bottles of pills for over a year while they were employed. <http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/police-man-bought-6000-stolen-pills-worth-180k/nhTGz/>

TRANSPORTATION

(Washington) Train diesel spill south of Pasco contained. Between 2,000 to 2,500 gallons of diesel fuel spilled September 19 when a BNSF Railway train hit a rock in the center of the track near Pasco causing the line to close for nearly 4 hours while crews worked to clean up the contained a fuel and clear the site.

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<http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today/2014/09/train-diesel-spill-south-of-pasco-contained/>

WATER AND DAMS

Nothing Significant to Report

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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