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(North Dakota) Public Service Commission approves new 23-mile Bakken oil pipeline. The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved October 14 NST Express LLC's \$60 – \$80 million bid to build a 12-inch diameter crude oil pipeline in McKenzie County by late 2016. The 23-mile pipeline would transport oil from NST Express Alexander Facility to its NST Transload East Fairview Facility with a maximum capacity of 100,000 barrels per day.

<http://www.inforum.com/news/3861366-public-service-commission-approves-new-23-mile-bakken-oil-pipeline>

REGIONAL

(Montana) Crews making headway on Cottonwood Gulch fire. Crews reached 15 percent containment October 12 of the 8,300-acre Cottonwood Gulch Fire burning north of Logan in Gallatin County. Authorities are investigating the fire, which is believed to be accidental and human-caused.

<http://www.kbzk.com/story/30243805/crews-making-headway-on-cottonwood-gulch-fire>

NATIONAL

(National) IRS can't update woefully out-of-date Windows server because it can't find some of them. The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at the U.S. Department of the Treasury released a report which found that the Internal Revenue Service was unable to locate 1,300 workstations during its attempt to update its Microsoft software from Windows XP to Windows 7. The report also determined that the bureau had several thousand servers still running Windows Server 2003 and lacked proper oversight, among other security risks.

<http://www.nextgov.com/cio-briefing/2015/10/irs-cant-update-woefully-out-date-windows-servers-because-it-cant-find-some-them/122770/>

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(International) America's thrift store hit by cyber attack, Birmingham-based company says credit card data exposed. Birmingham-based America's Thrift Store reported October 12 that cyber criminals from Eastern Europe accessed its systems through a third-party provider and installed malwares onto its system, allowing unauthorized access to customers' payment card numbers from September 1 – September 27. Officials reported the malware has since been removed and the U.S. Secret Service is investigating the breach.

http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2015/10/americas_thrift_store_hit_by_c.htm
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(International) Authorities seize servers to disrupt Dridex botnet. U.S. and European authorities worked with private cybersecurity organizations to disrupt the activities of the Dridex information-stealing botnet by poisoning the peer-to-peer (P2P) network of each sub-botnet, redirecting infected systems' communications from the botnet to a sinkhole. The botnet resulted in estimated losses of \$10 million in the U.S., and authorities are seeking to extradite one of its administrators who was arrested in Cyprus in August.

<http://www.securityweek.com/authorities-seize-servers-disrupt-dridex-botnet>

(International) Adobe Flash Player zero-days used by hackers linked to Russian government. Security researchers from Trend Micro warned that attackers in the Operation Pawn Storm cyber-espionage campaign are exploiting unpatched zero-day vulnerabilities in Adobe Flash Player in an effort to trick members of overseas government departments and ministries to access Web sites hosting malicious code. The group previously targeted high-profile government targets worldwide, as well as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the U.S. White House. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/adobe-flash-player-zero-days-used-by-hackers-linked-to-russian-government-494509.shtml>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(National) Dow Jones suffers data breach. Dow Jones & Company alerted customers October 9 after discovering that hackers targeted contact details of current and former subscribers between August 2012 – July 2015, and may have accessed financial information belonging to 3,500 individuals. There is reportedly no direct evidence that any information was stolen or misused, and law

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enforcement officials believe that the attack was linked to a broader hacking campaign. <http://www.securityweek.com/dow-jones-suffers-data-breach>

(National) E-Trade notifies 31,000 customers that their contact info may have been breached in 2013 hack. E-Trade notified about 31,000 customers in the week of October 5 that their personal information including email account names and physical names and addresses may have been compromised in a 2013 cyberattack. The company reportedly warned customers out of an abundance of caution and found no fraud or losses resulting from the incident.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-switch/wp/2015/10/09/e-trade-notifies-31000-customers-that-their-contact-info-may-have-been-breached-in-2013-hack/>

(Massachusetts) ATM 'skimmer' admits ripping off \$121,000 from TD Bank customers in 5 Western Massachusetts communities. A Washington resident pleaded guilty October 9 to charges that he and a co-conspirator used ATM skimming devices to steal over \$121,000 from dozens of TD Bank customers in Chicopee, Ludlow, Springfield, Agawam, and East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, in August and September 2014.

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2015/10/atm_skimmer_pleads_guilty_in_s.html

(Rhode Island; Connecticut) Feds pursue Greenwood Credit Union ATM skimmer in Ecuador. U.S. officials indicted 2 New York men October 14 on charges that they skimmed \$709,597.50 from 1,329 ATM accounts at Greenwood Credit Union, Bank Newport, First Niagra Bank, and Fairfield City Bank locations in Rhode Island and Connecticut. Authorities are seeking to extradite one of the men from Ecuador.

<http://warwickpost.com/feds-pursue-greenwood-credit-union-atm-skimmer-in-ecuador/9441/>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

(Missouri) Employees evacuated from explosives plant after alarms sound. Fire officials reported October 13 that employees at the explosive plant Dyno Nobel were evacuated from its Carthage plant after an alarm sounded due to a small fire

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that was extinguished by the sprinkler system. Production and processes have been shut down until officials find the cause of the incident.

<http://www.carthagepress.com/article/20151013/NEWS/151019618>

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(North Carolina) 4 treated and released after SouthPark mall evacuation.

Officials reported October 8 that the SouthPark Mall in Charlotte, North Carolina, reopened after a carbon monoxide leak prompted an evacuation October 7 and also sent four individuals to a local hospital for treatment. Air quality levels returned to normal and all hazards were removed by firefighters.

<http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/local/southpark-madison-park/2015/10/08/southpark-mall-evacuated-due-to-hazardous-conditions/73625016/>

(California) Bomb threat prompts evacuation of Pleasanton Home Depot. The Pleasanton Square Shopping Center, housing several stores including a Home Depot, were evacuated for about 2 hours October 11 while police crews searched for a suspicious item after a Home Depot employee allegedly received a bomb threat via phone. Bomb crews responded to the call and found no explosive device. <http://patch.com/california/pleasanton/bomb-threat-prompts-evacuation-pleasanton-home-depot-0>

(New York) Possibly dangerous flaw found in 60 NYC buildings' elevators. The Department of Buildings issued a warning October 12 requiring owners of a specific brand of elevators found in 60 buildings across New York City, to operate the lifts manually or shut down the elevators after an October 2 accident killed a man while trying to escape a stalled elevator. Owners of the affected buildings have been advised to hire their own independent inspector to certify the safety of the machines. <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/possibly-dangerous-flaw-found-in-60-nyc-buildings-elevators/ar-AAfnZPg>

(National) Dallas Zoo gift shop among several affected by security breach.

Service Systems Associates, Inc., reported October 14 that its credit card payment system, used in gift shops in several zoos including the Dallas Zoo, Houston Zoo, and Detroit Zoo was compromised from March 24 – May 20 after malware

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breached its systems. The malware was removed and the company advised customers to contact their bank for any fraudulent activity.

<http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2015/10/dallas-zoo-gift-shop-among-several-affected-by-security-breach.html/>

(National) Uber accidentally leaks personal information of hundreds of U.S drivers. Uber Technologies Inc., reported October 16 that the personal information of 674 drivers, included driver's license scans, Social Security numbers, and tax forms, among other confidential data was accidentally leaked October 13 from the new Uber Partner app designed to provide service information to the company about its drivers. Uber resolved the issue and alerted drivers of the breach through online forums such as Reddit.

<http://www.techtimes.com/articles/95617/20151016/uber-accidentally-leaks-personal-information-of-hundreds-of-us-drivers.htm>

(National) Payment card breach at Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno.

Officials reported October 16 that a breach at the front desk of the Reno, Nevada-based Peppermill Resort Spa Casino may have compromised an undisclosed number of individuals' personal information, including card numbers, expiration dates, and credit card security codes from October 2014 -- February 2015. Peppermill Resort Spa Casino implemented new policies and procedures to mitigate future incidences.

<http://www.scmagazine.com/payment-card-breach-at-peppermill-resort-spa-casino-in-reno/article/447433/>

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Kia recalls 377,000 SUVs to fix shift lever problem. Kia announced plans October 15 to recall over 377,000 model year 2011 – 2013 Sorento vehicles

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beginning November 24 due to an issue in which pushing the gear shift lever too hard can crack the shifter, causing the vehicle to roll out of park when a driver's foot is not on the brake.

http://www.mercurynews.com/california/ci_28973527/kia-recalls-377-000-suvs-fix-shift-lever2011

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Wisconsin) Police search for two escapees from Winnebago Correctional Center. Authorities are searching for two inmates who escaped from the Winnebago Correctional Center in Oshkosh October 9. Officials believe that the men escaped from a fenced area in the yard.

<http://fox11online.com/news/local/fox-cities/oshkosh-police-searching-for-two-escapees-from-winnebago-correctional-center>

ENERGY

(Louisiana) Police: 3 dead, 2 in serious condition after Gibson plant explosion.

An October 8 explosion at a Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company-owned natural gas pipeline in Gibson, Louisiana, killed three workers and injured two others. Company officials stated that the pipeline was not operational during the incident, and that the cause of the explosion remains under investigation.

<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/explosion-reported-at-natural-gas-pipeline-in-gibson/35726080>

(Michigan) 25 Michigan coal plants are set to retire by 2020. Additional restrictive environmental regulations and old age prompted the closure of 25 coal units at Michigan power plants, which are scheduled to be shut down by 2020.

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Michigan officials were ordered to submit a detailed plan in September 2016 on how the State will come into compliance with the Clean Power Plan.

<http://www.freep.com/story/money/business/michigan/2015/10/10/25-michigan-coal-plants-set-retire-2020/73335550/>

(Texas) Pipeline explosion in Encinal causes school closure. An October 16 explosion and fire at a Lewis Energy Group-owned pipeline in Encinal, Texas, prompted the closure of Encinal Elementary School while crews worked to contain the fire. No injuries were initially reported and the cause of the explosion is under investigation.

<http://www.ksat.com/news/oil-rig-explosion-in-encinal-texas>

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Iowa) 3,000 gallon liquid manure spill reported at Iowa farm. Iowa officials reported that 3,000 gallons of manure was spilled at the Ring Valley hog confinement on a farm near Oskaloosa October 7, after a valve on a manure loading tank system failed to close properly. Some manure that seeped into a small tributary of the South Skunk River was contained and officials are monitoring the area. <http://www.kcci.com/news/3000-gallon-liquid-manure-spill-reported-at-iowa-farm/35726306>

(National) Dole Fresh Vegetables announces precautionary recall of limited number of spinach salads. Monterey, California-based Dole Fresh Vegetables issued a voluntary recall October 13 for a limited number of cases of its bagged spinach after random sampling revealed positive traces of Salmonella. The product was shipped to several States nationwide.

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm466811.htm>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

(Arizona) Northern Arizona University shooting followed confrontation, police say. Police took a gunman into custody after one person was killed and three

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others were injured when the suspect attacked students in a parking lot next to the Mountain View residence hall at Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff October 9. Officials alleged that the shooting was the result of a confrontation between two groups of students. <http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/09/us/northern-arizona-university-shooting/index.html>

(Arizona) Bomb threat clears courthouse. A bomb threat forced the evacuation of the Cochise County Superior Courthouse and nearby buildings in Bisbee for approximately 3 hours October 12 while police searched the structure and cleared the scene. http://www.douglasdispatch.com/news/update-bomb-threat-clears-courthouse/article_d1db981e-7134-11e5-8967-6f03f19cebad.html

(Ohio) Bomb threat: Madison evacuates schools. Madison Local Schools in Mansfield were evacuated and classes were dismissed October 14 due to a bomb threat called into the 9-1-1 center. Officials responded to the threat and are searching the buildings for any suspicious items. <http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/story/news/2015/10/14/bomb-threat-madison-evacuates-schools/73917934/>

(Missouri) 2 students arrested; superintendent: Map had classrooms circled and labeled bomb, bomb, bomb. Two students from Ava Middle School in Missouri were arrested October 13 after the school was evacuated and searched following the discovery of a note in the hallway that mapped out the school with markings of bombs and circled classrooms. Classes were dismissed and police cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found. http://www.ky3.com/news/local/2-students-arrested-superintendent-map-had-classrooms-circled-and-labeled-bomb-bomb-bomb/21048998_35828424

(National) Computer glitch temporarily knocks out U.S. Customs processing system. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced that it experienced a 90-minute outage October 14 with its processing systems at airports of entry in the U.S. International travelers were processed with substitute procedures while the technical disruption was addressed. <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2015/10/14/computer-glitch-temporarily-knocks-out-u-s-customs-processing-system/>

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(International) Officials: Hacker who ID'd U.S. military members for ISIS arrested. The U.S. Department of Justice reported October 16 that a Kosovo citizen will be extradited to the U.S. from Malaysia for allegedly hacking into the computer systems of a U.S.-based company and stealing the personal information of 1,351 U.S. military and other government personnel in order to share it with ISIS militants between June and August 2015. The suspect is believed to be the leader of the Kosova Hacker's Security Internet hacking group.
<http://abc13.com/news/officials-hacker-who-idd-us-military-members-for-isis-arrested/1035894/>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Attackers compromise Cisco Web VPNs to steal login credentials, backdoor target networks. Security researchers from Volexity discovered that attackers are continuing to leverage unpatched vulnerabilities or finding ways to gain administrator access to networks via Cisco Clientless secure sockets layer (SSL) virtual private network (VPN) portals in order to harvest employee credentials by injecting malicious JavaScript code on login pages to the VPN. The attackers are reportedly targeting academic institutions, medical facilities, electronics and manufacturing businesses, and government organizations.
<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18958>

(International) Cisco IOS rootkits can be created with limited resources: Researchers. Security researchers from Grid32 released research revealing that cybercriminals could easily create a basic Cisco IOS rootkit within a month or less which could rival the effectiveness of the SYNful Knock malware designed to replace router firmware. Cisco has implemented several new security technologies in current devices to help mitigate threats.
<http://www.securityweek.com/cisco-ios-rootkits-can-be-created-limited-resources-researchers>

(International) Thousands of Zhone SOHO routers can easily be hijacked. A security researcher from Vantage Point Security revealed a number of recently patched vulnerabilities, including a remote code execution (RCE) flaw in Zhone Technologies Small Office/Home Office (SOHO) routers, and reported - 6 -

that some users could not access the products' administration panels to apply the corresponding firmware update.

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18967>

(International) Kaspersky Antivirus fixes bug that allowed attackers to block Windows Update and other services. Kaspersky Antivirus fixed a flaw in its Internet Security package's Network Attack Blocker component that could have allowed an attacker to spoof traffic and to use the product to block services such as Microsoft Windows Update, Kaspersky's update servers, or other services that would enable a system to be compromised further. The company reported that the flaw had never been exploited in the wild.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/vulnerability-open-to-abuse-fixed-in-kaspersky-internet-security-antivirus-494280.shtml>

(International) DDoS attacks can bypass mitigation services by taking aim at a website's origin IP. Security researchers from the U.S. and Belgium released research revealing that most Cloud-Based Security Providers' (CBSP) distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) mitigation can be bypassed by attackers who discover targeted Web site's origin Internet protocol (IP) addresses either by analyzing outbound connections, Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificates, via sensitive files hosted on the server, or during migration or maintenance operations that expose the site. Researchers found that 71.5 percent of 17,877 scanned Web sites revealed origin IP addresses.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/ddos-attacks-can-bypass-mitigation-services-by-taking-aim-at-a-website-s-origin-ip-494273.shtml>

(International) Netgear publishes patched firmware for routers under attack. Netgear published firmware updates addressing a remotely exploitable authentication bypass vulnerability that hackers had exploited to take over up to 10,000 routers, most of which were in the U.S. The flaw allowed an attacker to access the device's administration interface without knowing the router password. <https://threatpost.com/netgear-publishes-patched-firmware-for-routers-under-attack/115006/>

(International) Attackers can use Siri, Google Now to secretly take over smartphones. Security researchers from the French Network and Information Security Agency discovered that attackers could use a laptop running GNU Radio,

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an amplifier, a universal software radio peripheral (USRP) software-defined radio, and antenna to take over smartphones with headphones plugged in via the Google Now and Siri personal assistants. The attack utilizes the device's headphone cord as an antenna, and can enable hackers to force phones to send emails and messages, visit malicious sites, or become an eavesdropping device.

<http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18984>

(International) Nuclear EK generates Flash exploits on-the-fly to evade detection. Security researchers from Morphisec discovered that the Nuclear exploit kit (EK) is generating different variations of an Adobe Flash exploit on-the-fly throughout the day and changing host Web sites that victims are being directed to hourly in an effort to bypass detection. The EK also tracks victims' Internet protocol (IP) addresses to prevent the same exploit combination being served to the same victim twice.

<http://www.securityweek.com/nuclear-ek-generates-flash-exploits-fly-evade-detection>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Maryland) Audit: Maryland health-insurance site failed to protect patient information. The Maryland Office of Legislative Audits released a report October 9 which found that the operators of Maryland Health Benefit Exchange's Web site improperly stored Social Security numbers and other customer information, while awarding over \$100 million in contracts without ensuring that the money was being properly spent. The exchange stated that it took steps to increase security measures and safeguards to help protect consumer information.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/audit-maryland-health-insurance-site-failed-to-protect-patient-information/2015/10/09/68f70a14-6e9f-11e5-9bfe-e59f5e244f92_story.html

(California) California bans 'microbeads' in victory for environmentalists. The governor of California signed legislation October 15 banning products containing tiny exfoliating microbeads, which will be imposed in 2020, after it was determined that the beads pass through water filtration systems without disintegrating. The plastic beads were found in the San Francisco bay, as well as in open oceans, rivers, and the Great Lakes.

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<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/10/15/california-bans-microbeads-in-victory-for-environmentalists/>

TRANSPORTATION

(West Virginia) Officials: Broken rail caused West Virginia train derailment. The Federal Railroad Administration reported October 9 that CSX Corp., and a contractor were each fined \$25,000 after an investigation of a February train derailment where 27 rail cars derailed, leaked crude oil, and caught fire in West Virginia, revealed that the derailment was caused by a broken rail that was missed by 2 separate inspections months prior to the accident.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/officials-reveal-west-virginia-train-derailment-34366184>

(California) EPA singles out trucking company for first-ever air violations. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced October 8 that Estes Express Lines trucking company was issued a \$100,000 fine for allegedly violating the California Truck and Bus Regulation dozens of times between 2012 and 2014 by not installing diesel particulate filters in commercial heavy diesel trucks and buses operating in California. The company agreed to contribute to two supplemental environmental projects relate to improving air quality in the San Joaquin Valley, and only operates new trucks in the State.

<http://www.thebusinessjournal.com/news/transportation/19698-epa-singles-out-trucking-company-for-first-ever-air-violations>

(National) Outdated technology likely culprit in Southwest Airlines outage. Southwest Airlines issued a statement October 12 that technical systems were repaired after a computer glitch prevented passengers from checking in and caused 836 delays out of 3,355 flights scheduled October 11. The cause of the failure is believed to be from outdated technology.

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/travel/outdated-technology-likely-culprit-southwest-airlines-outage-n443176>

(California) Rancho Cucamonga: Couple victimized hundreds in mail theft operation, police say. A Rancho Cucamonga couple was arrested October 8 for allegedly stealing hundreds of pieces of mail after a month long investigation

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revealed stolen pieces of mail, homemade mailbox keys, computers and printers used to make fraudulent checks, and dozens of fraudulent checks. The investigation remains ongoing October 13.

<http://www.pe.com/articles/cucamonga-783315-rancho-couple.html>

(Nebraska) Railcar was unsafe for entry before deadly blast killed two workers, injured a third at Omaha cleaning facility. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Nebraska Railcar Cleaning Services October 13 with more than 30 violations after an April explosion prompted an investigation at its Hickory Street, Pierce Street and South 30th Street sites, following an incident in which 2 employees died in a rail car due to the company's lack of air monitoring for explosive hazards. Proposed penalties total \$963,000.

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28893

WATER AND DAMS

(South Carolina) After the flood, a rush to preserve drinking water. Officials worked to preserve water in Columbia, South Carolina, October 8 after a canal that serves as the main source of drinking water for about 375,000 customers collapsed in 2 places following recent storms and flooding, forcing crews to build a rock dam to plug holes, drop sandbags into rushing waters, and place orange pumps on the banks of the canal to pump water into the reservoir.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/receding-floodwaters-lead-homecoming-heartbreak-34333048>

(Washington) 6 utility employees injured in Washington state dam explosion on Columbia River. Grant Public Utility District reported October 8 that six employees were injured in an explosion at Priest Rapids Dam in Central Washington due to faulty electrical equipment. The structure of the dam is stable and officials reported there were no threats to the public.

<http://www.570news.com/2015/10/08/6-utility-employees-injured-in-washington-state-dam-explosion-on-columbia-river/>

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(South Carolina) Failed Richland dams had flaws, inspection records show. South Carolina officials released records October 12 that 11 of the 17 dams that failed in Richland County following historic rains throughout the month of October, were cited repeatedly over several years in State inspection reports according to South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Officials also reported that they had no record for two of the dams that breached and two others were not under the agency's jurisdiction.

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38896089.html>

(Tennessee) State-contracted mower causes 5,000-gal. sewer spill in Surgoinsville. An estimated 5,000 gallons of sewage spilled into Surgoinsville Creek and ran into the Holsten River at Surgoinsville October 13 after a tractor operation for a North Carolina firm providing right-of-way mowing services for the Tennessee Highway Department accidentally ran into a box containing a sewer pressure-release valve. The contractor left the scene without informing authorities and no charged have been filed at the time.

http://www.therogersvillereview.com/news/article_75849562-7412-11e5-9d78-3b4e3f6ea150.html

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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