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# NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Foul play suspected in North Dakota man's disappearance.** With evidence of a violent confrontation outside the home of a missing Williston-area rancher, law enforcement officers and family members have been continuing an air and ground search in the vicinity.

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/foul-play-suspected-in-north-dakota-man-s-disappearance/article\\_63398b04-b1b1-11e2-8d4a-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/foul-play-suspected-in-north-dakota-man-s-disappearance/article_63398b04-b1b1-11e2-8d4a-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Bismarck school evacuated due to grenades.** Bismarck's Pioneer Elementary School was evacuated Wednesday afternoon when a student brought two World War II-era hand grenades to school to show classmates. Source:

[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/bismarck/bismarck-school-evacuated-due-to-grenades/article\\_59d7d658-b29f-11e2-9a4d-0019bb2963f4.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/bismarck/bismarck-school-evacuated-due-to-grenades/article_59d7d658-b29f-11e2-9a4d-0019bb2963f4.html)

## **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Fire mostly extinguished after Shakopee energy plant explosion.** Koda Energy officials announced areas of lingering fire at a biomass energy plant, caused by an explosion April 25 in 2 silos containing wood chips and oat hulls, were extinguished April 29. The plant is closed indefinitely while the cause of the explosion is under investigation. Source:

<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s3015919.shtml>

## **NATIONAL**

**(Massachusetts) FBI: 3 removed backpack from Boston suspect's room.** Three friends of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect were arrested and accused of trying to protect him by going into his dorm room and getting rid of a backpack filled with fireworks three days after the April 15 attack. Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/fbi-3-removed-backpack-from-boston-suspects-room>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**42 Syrian soldiers dead in reported Israeli strike, opposition group says. Damascus, Syria (CNN)** -- Concern about the possibility of broader war in the Middle East grew Monday after reported airstrikes on Syrian military installations. Source:

[http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/06/world/meast/syria-civil-war/index.html?hpt=hp\\_c2](http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/06/world/meast/syria-civil-war/index.html?hpt=hp_c2)

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**FBI: DDoS botnet has been modified.** The FBI warned that the Brobot botnet used in a campaign of hacktivist attacks against U.S. banking institutions has been updated in an attempt to circumvent banks' countermeasures. Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/fbi-ddos-botnet-has-been-modified-a-5719>

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**Ramnit sleeping malware targets UK financial sector.** A new variant of the Ramnit malware with advanced detection-evading characteristics was found attacking online banking customers in the U.K., according to Trusteer researchers. Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2264999/ramnit-sleeping-malware-targets-uk-financial-sector>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

See **Emergency Services** section, item #2 for related information.

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**2007-2013 Toyota FJ Cruiser with light kit recalled for excessively bright headlights.** Toyota announced a recall of 11,489 2007-2013 model year FJ Cruiser vehicles fitted with the Toyota Auxiliary Driving Lamp Kit due to the equipped 55-watt bulbs being excessively bright for road use. Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2007-13-toyota-fj-cruiser-with-light-kit-recalled-for-excessively-bright-headlights.html>

**Subaru recalls more than 10,000 Forester wagons.** Subaru announced the recall of around 10,000 model year 2014 Forester wagons due to floor mats that may curl when exposed to heat. Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2013/04/29/us-subaru-recall.html>

**Nissan recalls over 123,000 Altimas in U.S. for spare tire issue.** Nissan announced the recall of more than 123,000 model year 2013 Altima vehicles that may have over- or under-inflated spare tires which could fail. Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-nissan-recallbre93s0de-20130429,0,6369636.story>

**Honda recalls almost 46,000 Fit cars in U.S., Canada.** Honda announced the recall of around 46,000 model year 2012 and 2013 Fit Sport vehicles in the U.S. and Canada due to problem in the vehicles' stability control system software. Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/honda-recalls-almost-46-000-fit-cars-u-120745774.html>

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

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### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**Ford Crown Victoria, Porsche 911, Dodge Viper probed by NHTSA.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration opened 3 separate defect investigations which include 195,000 model year 2005 to 2008 Ford Motor Co Crown Victoria police vehicles. A connection between upper and lower shafts of the steering wheel column may have failed, causing separation of their shafts, which could lead to a steering issue. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/30/autos-safety-idUSL2N0DH2O420130430>

**(Wyoming) Communications Outage.** Communications Company Century Link announced that a mile of fiber optics line was damaged and needed to be repaired after a third party cut the fiber optic line April 29, causing a blackout which affected emergency services dispatch centers. Source: <http://www.mybighornbasin.com/Communications-Outage/16220517>

**(Utah) Man wounded after pulling gun in Utah police lobby.** An officer shot a man April 29 that entered a Salt Lake City police station and pointed a gun at an officer and a records clerk. The man was wounded and treated before being arrested. Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/man-wounded-after-pulling-gun-in-utah-police-lobby>

### **ENERGY**

**(Kansas) Copper theft up: Westar says customers will pay for replacements.** Westar Energy officials determined 31 of their Kansas substations have been hit in April by thieves who caused damage related to copper thefts. The company will replace the stolen copper with materials that have no scrap value and increased costs will eventually be passed on to customers. Source: <http://www.kmuw.org/post/copper-theft-westar-says-customers-will-pay-replacements>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**Wisconsin firm recalls frozen pizzas due to possible foreign matter contamination.** An undetermined amount of frozen pizzas was recalled by Nestle Pizza Company, a Little Chute establishment, because the products may be contaminated with extraneous materials after small fragments of plastic were found in one of the products. Source:

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News\\_&\\_Events/Recall\\_031\\_2013\\_Release/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_031_2013_Release/index.asp)

**USDA announces recall of several Real Pasta frozen brands; cites high health risk.** New Jersey-based pasta company Real Pasta Inc. recalled several brands of frozen pasta products sold in Massachusetts after learning some 25,000 pounds of the pasta was shipped without being inspected. Source:

[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2013/05/usda\\_announces\\_recall\\_of\\_sever.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2013/05/usda_announces_recall_of_sever.html)

**FDA to investigate foods with added caffeine.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration launched an investigation to review added caffeine to food products and its effects on children and adolescents in response to a caffeinated gum called Alert Energy Gum being introduced the

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week of April 29 by Wrigley. Source: <http://news.msn.com/science-technology/fda-to-investigate-foods-with-added-caffeine>

**E. coli O121 outbreak associated with Farm Rich expands.** Five victims in 4 States were added to the list of confirmed cases in the rare Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli O121 outbreak associated with 2 Farm Rich brand frozen products, bringing the total number of individuals infected to 32. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/04/e-coli-o121-outbreak-associated-with-farm-rich-expands/#.UX5fKLWkr44>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Louisiana) State of Louisiana website hacked, spreads Sirefef malware.** Avast researchers reported the official Web site of the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana was hacked and hosted Sirefef malware, likely through spam distributed by malicious links. The peer-to-peer botnet has infected over 300,000 devices. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/State-of-Louisiana-Website-Hacked-Spreads-Sirefef-Malware-350944.shtml>

**Computer glitches derail school tests in 4 States.** Problems with CTB/McGraw-Hill and ACT Inc., computer systems have caused school districts in several States to postpone vital online tests for the students. The issues have since been fixed and individual school districts are conducting investigations. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/computer-glitches-derail-school-tests-in-4-states>

**U.S. Department of Labor website discovered hacked, spreading PoisonIvy.** Researchers found that the U.S. Department of Labor's Web site was infected and used to spread malware May 1, though the malware was later removed. The attack collects system information from the victim's computer and then a malicious payload is downloaded via an Internet Explorer vulnerability, and appeared similar to some previous intelligence-gathering campaigns. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/us-department-of-labor-website-discover/240153967>

**(Mississippi) Miss. man gets bioweapon charge in ricin case.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced the arrest and charge of a man believed to have sent the U.S. President and 2 other public officials letters laced with ricin. Authorities arrested him April 27 at his home in Tupelo. Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/miss-man-gets-bioweapon-charge-in-ricin-case>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Android virus scanners are easily fooled.** Researchers at North Carolina State University and Northwestern University developed a tool that modifies existing Android malware apps in minor ways and found that ten antivirus programs tested could be tricked into registering the

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malware as harmless. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Android-virus-scanners-are-easily-fooled-1856133.html>

**Bitdefender experts identify new TDL malware variants.** Researchers at Bitdefender found new variants of the often-undetected TDL malware designed to infect computers' master boot records. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bitdefender-Experts-Identify-New-TDL-Malware-Variants-350177.shtml>

**Printers, routers used as bots in DDoS attacks.** A report from Prolexic warned that various Internet-connected devices such as printers and IP cameras are being used in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks. Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9238833/Printers\\_routers\\_used\\_as\\_bots\\_in\\_DDoS\\_attacks](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9238833/Printers_routers_used_as_bots_in_DDoS_attacks)

**Cybercriminals register more fake SourceForge domains to distribute trojans.** Researchers have found several fake SourceForge Web sites that were established to spread the ZeroAccess trojan. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Register-More-Fake-SourceForge-Domains-to-Distribute-Trojan-349918.shtml>

**Vulnerabilities in D-Link IP cameras can be used to capture video streams.** Several vulnerabilities in D-Link IP cameras can be exploited to access video streams, execute arbitrary commands, bypass authentication, and other purposes, according to research from Core Security. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vulnerabilities-in-D-Link-IP-Cameras-Can-Be-Used-to-Capture-Video-Streams-349669.shtml>

**Dutchman arrested in Spamhaus DDoS.** A Dutch national was arrested by authorities in Spain in connection with the massive distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against Spamhaus in March. Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/04/dutchman-arrested-in-spamhaus-ddos/>

**11 "Guardian" Twitter accounts hijacked by Syrian Electronic Army.** Members of the Syrian Electronic Army hacktivist group hijacked several Twitter accounts belonging to the U.K. newspaper The Guardian using phishing emails to gather the information needed. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/11-Guardian-Twitter-Accounts-Hijacked-by-Syrian-Electronic-Army-349343.shtml>

**Hackers access personal data of 50 million LivingSocial users.** The operators of LivingSocial contacted about 50 million customers and asked them to change their passwords after attackers may have compromised encrypted passwords and personal information. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Hackers-access-personal-data-of-50-million-LivingSocial-users-1851667.html>

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## **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(Wyoming) Yellowstone National Park's Black Sand Basin closed for boardwalk repair.** The National Park Service temporarily closed off Yellowstone National Park's Black Sand Basin for repairs after 120 feet of the boardwalk was damaged by thermal water. The re-opening is date will be announced in May. Source: [http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/yellowstone-national-park-s-black-sand-basin-closed-for-boardwalk/article\\_4ad229b7-b91e-5e36-840c-4fcad5c23e84.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/yellowstone-national-park-s-black-sand-basin-closed-for-boardwalk/article_4ad229b7-b91e-5e36-840c-4fcad5c23e84.html)

## **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(Washington) Wash. hospital hit by \$1.03 million cyberheist.** Chelan County Public Hospital No. 1 in Washington was the victim of a \$1.03 million breach that moved the money out of the hospital's payroll system. Organized hackers in Ukraine and Russia used a work-at-home scheme to carry out the attack with the help of 100 different accomplices in the U.S. Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/04/wash-hospital-hit-by-1-03-million-cyberheist/>

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**(Texas) Man dead after Houston airport shooting sparks panic.** Terminal B of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston was on a security lockdown and flights were temporarily suspended after a man pulled out a gun and shot into the air. Officials are investigating whether the shooter was killed by the authorities or committed suicide. Source: <http://www.ndtv.com/article/world/man-dead-after-houston-airport-shooting-sparks-panic-362094>

**(New Jersey) Jersey City man charges with having explosives on train 8 days before Marathon bombings: cops.** A man from Jersey City carried 2 homemade explosives on a New Jersey Transit train April 5. Authorities charged the man after they also found explosive devices in his home. Source: [http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2013/04/jersey\\_city\\_man\\_arrested\\_on\\_tr.html](http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2013/04/jersey_city_man_arrested_on_tr.html)

## **WATER AND DAMS**

**Army Corps database on dams compromised.** Unauthorized access to the National Inventory of Dams (NID) was given to a user in January, before being revoked, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said in a statement. The NID contains information on more than 8,000 U.S. dams. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/050113-army-corps-database-on-dams-269330.html>

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## **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](mailto: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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