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# NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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### NORTH DAKOTA

**(North Dakota) Violent crime in North Dakota up more than 7 percent again.**

While statewide crime increased in 2013, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said the crime numbers for the year contained some positives: fewer rapes and murders. [http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/violent-crime-in-north-dakota-up-more-than-percent-again/article\\_c620d506-0c4b-11e4-ba1f-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/violent-crime-in-north-dakota-up-more-than-percent-again/article_c620d506-0c4b-11e4-ba1f-001a4bcf887a.html)

**(North Dakota) 760 barrels of oil reported stolen in North Dakota oil patch.**

Authorities are investigating after about 760 barrels of crude oil worth an estimated \$80,000 were stolen from tanks at two Cornerstone Natural Resources-owned well sites near Dunn County. K&R Roustabout reported the theft after a worker maintaining the tanks reported that the amount of oil calculated came up short. [http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci\\_26137613/760-barrels-oil-reported-stolen-north-dakota-oil](http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci_26137613/760-barrels-oil-reported-stolen-north-dakota-oil)

**(North Dakota) North Dakota regulators give OK to pipeline.** The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved July 14 an estimated \$7.9 million 20-mile pipeline project that will have a total capacity of more than 100,000 barrels of oil per day. The project will provide 80,000 barrels to the Bakken Oil Express and the remaining oil will supply Dakota Prairie Refining, which is under construction. [http://billingsgazette.com/business/north-dakota-regulators-give-ok-to-pipeline/article\\_3ea4d7ec-025c-5765-a512-24f589ab6e83.html](http://billingsgazette.com/business/north-dakota-regulators-give-ok-to-pipeline/article_3ea4d7ec-025c-5765-a512-24f589ab6e83.html)

**(North Dakota) Sanford to launch air service base in Dickinson.** Bismarck-based Sanford AirMed announced Thursday that it plans to establish a base in Dickinson by late fall, according to a press release. The oil boom city will be home to a Sanford King Air B200 fixed-wing aircraft, along with a team of flight paramedics, flight nurses pilots and mechanics.

<http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/content/sanford-launch-air-service-base-dickinson>

**(North Dakota) More guns missing than originally thought.** Lawmakers were told Wednesday that 18 guns were still unaccounted for from a hunter education program through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and the total number of guns in its inventory was higher than originally reported.

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[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/more-guns-missing-than-originally-thought/article\\_5ec115e0-0d33-11e4-9a8d-001a4bcf887a.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/more-guns-missing-than-originally-thought/article_5ec115e0-0d33-11e4-9a8d-001a4bcf887a.html)

### **REGIONAL**

**(Montana) BNSF train derails near Worden; 13 cars off track.** Thirteen cars from a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) coal train derailed about 35 miles east of Billings July 10, closing the rail line. The cause for the derailment is under investigation and the rail line was scheduled to reopen July 12.

<http://www.greatfallsribune.com/story/news/local/2014/07/11/bnsf-train-derails-near-worden-cars-tracks/12543891/>

**(Minnesota) US settlement with Minnesota coal-fired utility to reduce emissions, fund projects to benefit environment and communities.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice announced July 16 that Minnesota Power, an ALLETE company based in Duluth reached a settlement to install pollution control technology and meet emission rates to resolve claims that the company violated the New Source Review provisions of the Clean Air Act. The company will spend over \$500 million to implement the required measures, pay a civil penalty of \$1.4 million, and spend at least \$4.2 million on environmental projects.

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/8EDE3E667860955D85257D17006FCAF2>

**(Minnesota) E. coli O111 outbreak under investigation in Minnesota.** State health officials are investigating a potential E. coli O111 outbreak in Minnesota after confirming 13 cases of the infection. Seven of the individuals reported eating at Applebee's restaurants in the State between June 24 and 27, while the remaining 6 cases have demonstrated no link to the restaurants.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/07/e-coli-o111-outbreak-under-investigation-in-minnesota>

**(Minnesota) Fort Snelling State Park to reopen after flooding.** Fort Snelling State Park in St. Paul will reopen July 16 after the beach was groomed and water was tested since its closing June 22 due to damage caused by flooding, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announced July 15. <http://wjon.com/fort-snelling-state-park-to-reopen-after-flooding/>

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### NATIONAL

**(National) Risk of earthquake increased for about half of US.** A new federal earthquake map dials up the shaking hazard just a bit for about half of the United States and lowers it for nearly a quarter of the nation.

<http://news.yahoo.com/risk-earthquake-increased-half-us-190531276.html>

**(National) FedEx charged with assisting illegal pharmacies.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced an indictment July 17 against shipping company FedEx Corp., for allegedly conspiring with two online pharmacies to ship prescription medications to customers who lacked valid prescriptions between 2000 and 2010. FedEx disputed the charges and stated that it planned to plead not guilty.

<http://news.msn.com/us/fedex-charged-with-assisting-illegal-pharmacies>

**(National) Washington wildfire burns through alp-like terrain.** Fire crews worked to contain wildfires burning in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, and Utah that combined, has burned tens of thousands of acres and prompted the evacuation of hundreds of homes, the closure of a 35-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 2 in Leavenworth, Washington, and caused the governor's offices in both Washington and Oregon to declare states of emergency.

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/washington-firefighters-battle-heat-high-winds-24587836>

**(National) Debilitating case of mosquito-borne chikungunya reported in U.S.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported July 17 that a man in Florida who had not recently traveled outside the country was diagnosed with the first locally acquired case of chikungunya, a mosquito-derived virus, in the U.S. Health officials are monitoring and working to control the virus from spreading throughout the country. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/07/17/health/mosquito-disease-chikungunya-u-s-/index.html>

### INTERNATIONAL

**(International) Government-grade stealth malware in hands of criminals.**

Sentinel Labs researchers reported that a piece of malware likely originating from a state-sponsored espionage campaign known as Gyges is being repurposed by

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cybercriminals to conceal and protect various pieces of malware and ransomware. Gyges contains several sophisticated features to avoid detection and prevent reverse-engineering and appears to have originated in Russia.

<http://www.darkreading.com/government-grade-stealth-malware-in-hands-of-criminals/d/d-id/1297362>

**(International)** **Israel targets top Hamas leader as cease-fire collapses.** Israel resumed its air strikes in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday a day after holding its fire in deference to an Egyptian-proposed cease-fire deal that failed to get Hamas militants to halt rocket attacks. <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/15/us-palestinians-israel-idUSKBN0FI04420140715>

**(International)** **Keyloggers found at hotel business centers, US Secret Service warns.** U.S. officials issued an advisory to hospitality industry companies encouraging them to secure their public computers and limit guest accounts to non-administrator accounts following the arrest of a group of individuals that are suspected of compromising computers in Texas hotel business centers. The suspects allegedly used stolen credit cards to register as hotel guests and used the hotel's business center to download and execute key logging software, which was used to capture the information of other guests. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17110>

**(International)** **FBI: We found US MILITARY AIRCRAFT INTEL during raid on alleged Chinese hacker.** A Chinese man was arrested by Canadian authorities at the request of the FBI for working with two other uncharged suspects and allegedly hacking into several defense contractors' networks in the U.S. and Europe in order to steal information on 32 U.S. projects, including the U.S. Lockheed F-22 and F-35 aircraft and Boeing's C-17 cargo plane. Authorities alleged the suspects were able to extract several thousand digital files and attempted to sell the information off to State-owned companies in China. [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/14/us\\_military\\_aircraft\\_intel\\_captured\\_in\\_alleged\\_chinese\\_hacker\\_raid/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/14/us_military_aircraft_intel_captured_in_alleged_chinese_hacker_raid/)

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**(California)** **California bank robbery ends in 3 deaths.** Three robbers armed with assault rifles robbed a Bank of the West branch in Stockton July 16 and then took

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three hostages and fled in a stolen vehicle, starting a chase and exchange of fire that resulted in two robbers and one hostage being shot and killed. The other two hostages were also injured and several police cars and nearby homes were also hit by bullets. <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/3-dead-after-california-bank-robbery-gunbattle>

**(International) 63% of businesses don't encrypt credit cards.** SecurityMetrics found in a study that 63.86 percent of businesses surveyed store unencrypted 16-digit payment cards on their systems, and 7 percent store magnetic stripe data, providing easy targets for fraud, among other findings. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17135>

**(International) Kronos: New financial malware sold on Russian underground forum.** Researchers with Trusteer reported July 11 that a new piece of banking malware known as Kronos has recently been advertised on a Russian underweb forum in a pre-release sale. The malware contains HTML injection and form-grabbing capabilities, allegedly works with modern and older Web browsers, and is compatible with the Zeus trojan. <http://www.securityweek.com/kronos-new-financial-malware-sold-russian-underground-forum>

**(National) Citi to pay \$7 billion in Justice settlement.** Citigroup announced July 14 that it would pay \$7 billion to settle U.S. Department of Justice charges that the financial institution knowingly sold risky mortgage-based securities prior to the 2008 financial crisis. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/07/14/justice-citi-7-billion-dollar-settlement/12616741/>

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(California) Explosive device detonates in Pacific Grove.** An explosive device detonated in a parking lot outside EnviroTemp Heating and Cooling in Pacific Grove July 12, shattering windows and breaking light fixtures inside the business. Authorities recovered a homemade, mortar-like device as evidence and continue

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to investigate the incident.

[http://www.montereyherald.com/localnews/ci\\_26147440/explosive-device-detonates-pacific-grove](http://www.montereyherald.com/localnews/ci_26147440/explosive-device-detonates-pacific-grove)

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**(International)** BMW recalls 1.6M 3-Series cars for air bag problem. BMW announced that it is recalling 1.6 million model year 2000-2006 3-Series vehicles, including 574,000 in the U.S., due to faulty airbag inflators manufactured by Takata. The airbag inflators could rupture during deployment and create shrapnel. <http://www.wlms.com/story/26031860/bmw-recalls-16m-3-series-cars-for-air-bag-problem>

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

Nothing Significant to Report

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Florida)** Prison guard guilty of stealing inmates' IDs. A former Zephyrhills Correctional Facility prison guard pleaded guilty July 9 to charges associated with stealing personal information from Florida Department of Corrections databases and using it to file 182 fake income tax returns seeking more than \$500,000. Source: [http://www.naplesnews.com/news/state/prison-guard-guilty-of-stealing-inmates-ids\\_19623000](http://www.naplesnews.com/news/state/prison-guard-guilty-of-stealing-inmates-ids_19623000)

### **ENERGY**

**(New York)** Perry man dies from injuries suffered during burglary attempt at NYSEG substation. The New York State Electric and Gas Corporation substation in Perry suffered nearly \$100,000 in damages and continued repairs July 15 after two men attempted to burglarize the substation July 10. One man died from injuries sustained during the incident while the other was arrested and charged.

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[http://www.thedailynewsonline.com/news/article\\_94704316-0c37-11e4-b5d5-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.thedailynewsonline.com/news/article_94704316-0c37-11e4-b5d5-0019bb2963f4.html)

**(Texas) State of Texas spent \$14.3 million plugging and cleaning up abandoned oil wells.** The Texas Railroad Commission, overseeing oil and gas activity in the State, plugged 428 abandoned wells and conducted 117 site remediation and cleanup projects in its current fiscal year ending August 31, spending \$14.3 million. <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/blog/eagle-ford-shale-insight/2014/07/state-of-texas-spent-14-3-million-plugging-and.html>

**(Iowa) No one injured in Arthur, Iowa, ethanol plant explosion.** A Flint Hills Resources ethanol plant in Arthur, Iowa, was closed until further notice after an explosion in a grain dryer July 17 prompted authorities to evacuate and shut down the plant while they investigate the extent of damage and make repairs. [http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/no-one-injured-in-arthur-iowa-ethanol-plant-explosion/article\\_6ae5f5e3-5115-5ff6-8b3c-60d6453cfe80.html](http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/no-one-injured-in-arthur-iowa-ethanol-plant-explosion/article_6ae5f5e3-5115-5ff6-8b3c-60d6453cfe80.html)

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Kansas) BNSF railway contractor dies in KCK grain car accident.** A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway contractor died July 14 after he fell into a train car full of grain during the transfer process of moving the product to a semi-truck at a railroad yard in Kansas City, Kansas. <http://www.kctv5.com/story/26014975/bnsf-railway-worker-dies-in-kck-grain-car-accident>

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

**(Louisiana) Search continues for possible explosives on UL campus.** The University of Louisiana at Lafayette evacuated its campus and cancelled all classes and events July 16 due to a bomb threat that was called into a local news station. Police conducted a search of the campus and found two suspicious devices, while residents were taken off-campus and two nearby businesses were also evacuated. <http://www.theadvertiser.com/story/news/local/2014/07/16/ul-evacuated-due-bomb-threat/12722833/?sf28594632>

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**(Utah) Two former Utah attorneys general arrested for corruption.** Two former Utah attorneys general were arrested by FBI agents in Salt Lake City July 15 and charged with felonies after a 2-year investigation into claims of bribery and corruption. The pair is accused of taking bribes or offering protection when political campaign donors ran into trouble, as well as establishing a pay-to-play culture in office. <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/two-former-utah-attorneys-general-arrested-for-corruption>

**(International) Mississippi dad pleads guilty to helping Army son launder bribes from Afghanistan contractors.** A Mississippi man pleaded guilty July 16 to his role in a money laundering scheme and working with two former members of the U.S. Army who accepted \$250,000 in bribes in exchange for steering work to favored contractors in Afghanistan. The man accepted a hope chest containing \$100,000 in cash from a co-conspirator and deposited the money into his bank account so both individuals could use the funds for personal use. <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/07/16/mississippi-dad-pleads-guilty-to-helping-army-son-launder-bribes-from/>

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**(International) New Android ransomware locks device completely.** Researchers at Lookout identified a new piece of Android ransomware dubbed ScarePackage that infects devices by posing as a legitimate app on third-party Android markets and then locks the device and demands a ransom. The ransomware uses a Java TimerTask to kill other processes and a wave lock mechanism to prevent the phone from entering sleep mode. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Android-Ransomware-Locks-Device-Completely-451125.shtml>

**(International) Attackers use keyloggers, email to steal data in “NightHunter” attacks.** Cyphort researchers reported identifying a cybercriminal operation known as “NightHunter” that has been active since 2009 and uses various pieces of malware and keyloggers to target organizations in the energy, education, health, insurance, and charity industries. The campaign distributes the malware through phishing emails that are usually sent to finance, human resources, and sales departments. <http://www.securityweek.com/attackers-use-keyloggers-email-steal-data-nighthunter-attacks>

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### **(International) Google's Dropcam monitoring device open for video hijacking.**

Researchers with Synack found that the Google Dropcam home monitoring cameras contain vulnerabilities which could allow the camera's video and sound content to be intercepted by attackers. The vulnerabilities stem from an old version of OpenSSL that is vulnerable to the Heartbleed flaw and other issues, and from an old version of BusyBox that contains exploitable flaws.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-s-Dropcam-Monitoring-Device-Open-for-Video-Hijacking-450737.shtml>

### **(International) CNET attacked by Russian hackers, user database stolen.**

CBS Interactive confirmed that media Web site CNET was compromised after attackers claiming affiliation with the Russian hacker group W0rm stated that they were able to obtain databases containing usernames, emails, and encrypted passwords for over 1 million users. The attackers stated that they used a flaw in the site's implementation of the Symfony PHP framework and claimed that the attack was performed for security demonstration purposes and the information would not be sold. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17117>

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(Maryland) FDA found more than smallpox vials in storage room.** Authorities continue to investigate after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced July 16 that officials found an additional 12 boxes and 327 vials holding several pathogens in a storage room on the National Institutes for Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland, after vials of smallpox were found in July. The vials contained microbes of influenza, dengue, and rickettsia, among others, and showed no signs of leakage. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/fda-found-more-than-smallpox-vials-in-storage-room/2014/07/16/850d4b12-0d22-11e4-8341-b8072b1e7348\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/fda-found-more-than-smallpox-vials-in-storage-room/2014/07/16/850d4b12-0d22-11e4-8341-b8072b1e7348_story.html)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Nothing Significant to Report**

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## **WATER AND DAMS**

**(California)** California approves fines for water wasters. California water regulators approved fines July 15 of up to \$500 a day for wasteful outdoor watering after previous conservation measures failed to achieve a targeted reduction in water use amid the State's continuing drought. The new regulation will begin to take place in early August. <http://news.msn.com/us/california-approves-fines-for-water-wasters>

## **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](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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