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(North Dakota) Fake bomb threat causes Walmart evacuations. Walmart evacuated both of its stores in Bismarck after receiving bomb threats, which turned out to be a hoax. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/fake-bomb-threat-causes-walmart-evacuations/article_fcbe52d3-fc53-51c0-904c-b092cb7ddfd4.html

(North Dakota) Former worker says lake at risk of oil leak, pipeline contractor defends workmanship. A former crew member on an oil pipeline under construction in North Dakota claims that pipe installed under Lake Sakakawea was not properly inspected and he fears the lake could be at risk. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/former-worker-says-lake-at-risk-of-oil-leak-pipeline/article_37636560-3d35-541c-a48c-51dfde7e5210.html

(North Dakota) Preliminary work underway on \$250 million hospital in Minot. Soil testing is underway at the 76-acre site in southwest Minot where Trinity Health is planning its new medical park. Trinity vice president Dave Kohlman says initial groundwork should start in the fall, with foundation work beginning late next spring. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/preliminary-work-underway-on-million-hospital-in-minot/article_132c8ede-fa0a-5d47-a072-3db3100d0855.html

(North Dakota) Grand Forks app allows residents to submit anonymous tips. The Grand Forks Police Department has a new mobile application to help residents find information on police matters. The tip411 app is designed to help residents view alerts and submit anonymous tips to police. The program's technology removes all identifying information before tips are relayed to law enforcement. http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/grand-forks-app-allows-residents-to-submit-anonymous-tips/article_8bcaa8a5-f738-5837-bcaa-4ff06f135ccf.html

REGIONAL

(IOWA) Arson Targets Bakken Oil Pipeline in Iowa, Causes Millions in Damages. Fire ripped through three separate job site locations causing millions in damages along the Dakota Access` Bakken oil pipeline early Sunday and Monday morning

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near the cities of New Sharon, Newton, and Reasnor.

<http://whotv.com/2016/08/01/arson-targets-bakken-oil-pipeline-in-iowa-causes-millions-in-damages/>

(Montana) 'Roaring lion' fire burns 2K acres, evacuates 500 homes in Montana.

Crews worked July 31 to contain the Roaring Lion Fire burning in Ravalli County, Montana, which has burned through 2,000 acres, destroyed several structures, forced the evacuation of 500 homes, and threatens an estimated 200 more. The American Red Cross was assisting those displaced by the fire.

<http://www.wthr.com/article/roaring-lion-fire-burns-2k-acres-evacuates-500homes-in-montana>

(National) Montana E.coli outbreak sickens 36 people from 9 states. Officials from the Dawson County Health Department in Montana reported August 2 that over 36 people across 9 States have been sickened by an E.coli O157 outbreak after eating an unknown food item at an all-class reunion held in Richey July 15 – 17. Officials were testing food samples from the event to determine the source of the bacteria. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/08/129941/#.V6HYxfkrKUK>

(Minnesota) Man dies after being pulled from grain bin. A Fergus Falls man who was trapped in a grain bin died Saturday. The Otter Tail County Sheriff's office says it happened around 12:45 p.m. Friday off of County Road 82, about a mile south of Fergus Falls. <http://www.inforum.com/news/4089571-man-dies-after-being-pulled-grain-bin>

NATIONAL

(National) Delta warns of large-scale flight cancellations. Delta Air Lines is warning passengers of "large-scale" flight cancellations Monday due to computer system issues stemming from a power outage in Atlanta, where the carrier is headquartered. Many flights were already being delayed.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/delta-warns-of-large-scale-flight-cancellations/ar-BBvntst?li=BBnb7Kz&ocid=edgsp>

(National) Comey Calls For National Discussion On Encryption Vs. Safety.

The AP reported FBI Director Comey "said Friday the agency is collecting data to present next year in hopes of sparking a national conversation about law

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enforcement's increasing inability to access encrypted electronic devices.

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/C/CA_FBI_DIRECTOR_ENCRYPTION?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

(National) Administration Plans To Strengthen Pentagon's Cyber Command.

Current and former officials told Reuters the Administration "is preparing to elevate the stature of the Pentagon's Cyber Command, signaling more emphasis on developing cyber weapons to deter attacks, punish intruders into U.S. networks and tackle adversaries such as Islamic State."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-cyber-idUSKCN10G254?il=0>

(National) D.C. transit police officer accused of trying to support Islamic State.

A DC Metro Transit Police Department officer was arrested and charged Wednesday with providing support to ISIL. The Washington Times reports that according to the Justice Department, Nicholas Young, a 13-year veteran of the department, "provided advice to a person he believed was a US military reservist who wanted to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/aug/3/dc-area-police-officer-charged-trying-help-isis/>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) US Offers Counterterrorism Training To Brazil Ahead Of Rio Olympics.

The New York Times reports Brazil is working closely with American law enforcement and intelligence agencies to identify threats and avoid potential terrorist attacks at the Games.

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/02/world/americas/rio-de-janeiro-olympics-terrorism-brazil.html?_r=0

(International) 58% of orgs have no controls in place to prevent insider threats.

Veriato and other firms released the Insider Threat Spotlight Report which found that nearly half of the 500 cybersecurity professionals surveyed experienced an increase in insider attacks since 2015, 58 percent of organizations lack appropriate control to prevent insider attacks, and 44 percent of those surveyed were unaware if their organization had experienced an insider attack. The survey also found that the endpoint is the most common point for a malicious actor to

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launch an insider attack, followed by mobile devices.

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/08/05/prevent-insider-threats/>

(International) Iran says it executed a nuclear scientist for spying. Iran has executed a nuclear scientist who mysteriously turned up in the United States six years ago and returned to Tehran a few months later, authorities said Sunday, in the first official confirmation of the researcher's fate since he arrived back in his homeland. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/iran-says-it-executed-nuclear-scientist-for-spying/2016/08/07/cc2cdf62-5ca3-11e6-8e45-477372e89d78_story.html

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(Rhode Island) Police: ATM skimming device used to steal \$110k. Rhode Island police are investigating August 2 after a card-skimming device was found on an ATM at the Navigant Credit Union in Cumberland August 1 and the skimmed payment information was used to steal more than \$110,000 from ATMs across the State. <http://wpri.com/2016/08/02/police-atm-skimming-device-used-to-steal-110k/>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

(Illinois) Cops investigate suspicious materials after Rosemont hotel fire. The Hampton Inn and Suites in Rosemont, Illinois, was evacuated for over 6 hours August 4 after authorities discovered suspicious materials in a guest room while responding to reports of a fire in the room. HAZMAT crews responded to the scene and one guest was transferred to an area hospital with injuries. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-rosemont-hotel-hazmat-criminal-investigation-20160804-story.html>

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

(International) Android trojan SpyNote leaks on underground forums.

Researchers from Palo Alto Networks reported a new Android trojan dubbed SpyNote has been leaked on several underground forums and allows hackers to steal users' messages and contacts, record audio using the devices built-in microphone, listen in on an user's calls, and control the device's camera, among other illicit actions. Researchers stated the trojan, which prompts users for a long list of permissions on installation, is capable of updating itself and installing other rogue applications on the device.

http://www.computerworld.com/article/3102107/security/android-trojanspynote-leaks-on-underground-forums.html#tk.rss_security

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

(National) Car Thieves Use Hacking Software To Steal More Than 100 Vehicles.

The AP reports two men were arrested in Houston and accused of stealing more than 100 vehicles using hacking software. The suspects "allegedly used a laptop computer to reprogram the targeted vehicles' electronic security so their own key worked." <http://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/2016/08/06/police-thieves-use-computers-start-steal-jeeps/88336694/>

(National) 2016 Chevrolet Cruze recalled to fix headlight problem. General Motors issued a recall July 30 for 32,913 of its model year 2016 Chevrolet Cruze vehicles sold in the U.S. due to potentially improperly manufactured headlamps after the manufacturer's etching software failed to mark the lamps with an identifier code used to properly aim the headlights, thereby causing reduced nighttime visibility and increasing the risk of an accident.

http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1105293_2016-chevrolet-cruzerecalled-to-fix-headlight-problem

(International) Ford recalls 830,000 2012 –2016 Ford and Lincoln vehicles to fix latches. The Ford Motor Company issued a recall August 4 for 766,682 of its model years 2012 – 2016 vehicles in select makes sold in the U.S. due to faulty side door latches that could unlatch when driving, thereby increasing the risk of

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injury. The recall affects an additional 61,371 vehicles sold in Mexico.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/08/04/ford-recalls-830000-2012-2016-ford-andlincoln-vehicles-to-fix-latches.html>

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

(Idaho) Pioneer Fire grows to 38,000 acres, drones interfere again.

Approximately 1,300 firefighters reached 30 percent containment August 1 of the 38,072-acre Pioneer Fire burning near Idaho City, Idaho. State Highway 21 was closed from north of Idaho City to south of Lowman as a precaution.

<http://www.ktvb.com/news/local/pioneer-fire-grows-drones-interfereagain/284735393>

(National) Study: Police Body Camera Programs Lack Governance, Transparency.

Reuters reports that a Tuesday study by the Leadership Conference of Civil and Human Rights found that police forces in 50 US cities are not protecting the civil rights and privacy of residents due to a lack of governance about how officers use body-worn cameras. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-police-cameras-idUSKCN10D2AC>

ENERGY

(Louisiana) As much as 4,200 gallons of crude oil spill into mouth of Mississippi

River. The U.S. Coast Guard reported that approximately 4,200 gallons of crude oil spilled from a Texas Petroleum Investment Co. well into the Main Pass of the Mississippi River in Louisiana August 2 and 840 gallons spilled from the company's pipeline into the river's South Pass July 28.

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2016/08/as_much_as_4200_gallons_of_cr_u.html

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(National) Texas puts Blue Bell Creameries on a short leash; imposes fine. The Texas Department of State Health Services announced July 30 that Blue Bell Creameries, L.P. agreed to pay an \$850,000 fine after a *Listeria monocytogenes* outbreak that hospitalized 10 people and killed 3 others from January 2010 – January 2015 was traced to 3 of the company’s production plants in Texas, Oklahoma, and Alabama. As part of the agreement, Blue Bell must continue testing ingredients, is required to hold finished products from distribution until negative test results are returned, and must hire independent experts to assess its production plant, among other requirements.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/07/texas-puts-blue-bell-creameries-on-a-short-leash-imposes-fine/#.V596RfkrKUk>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

Nothing Significant to Report

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Major cyber-crime campaign switches from CryptXXX to Locky ransomware. Researchers from Palo Alto Networks reported that Afraidgate, the largest source of ransomware infections via exploit kits (EK), stopped delivering the CryptXXX ransomware and began distributing the Locky Zepto variant after switching from Angler to the Neutrino EK. Researchers stated that Afraidgate relies on malicious actors hacking Websites and adding malicious code to the site to redirect users to the Neutrino EK, which are easy to discover due to the “.top” domain extensions. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/major-cyber-crime-campaign-switches-fromcryptxxx-to-locky-ransomware-506801.shtml>

(International) Data of 200 million Yahoo users pops up for sale on the Dark Web. Yahoo is investigating a potential data breach after cybercriminal Peace_of_Mind (Peace) published a listing on TheRealDeal Dark Web marketplace

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that reportedly offers data on over 200 million Yahoo users for 3 bitcoin, or approximately \$1,800, including usernames, MD5-hashed passwords, dates of birth for all users, and in some cases, backup email addresses, country of origin, and ZIP codes for U.S. users. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/data-of-200-million-yahoo-users-pops-up-forsale-on-the-dark-web-506864.shtml>

(International) 36,000 SAP systems exposed online, most open to attacks.

ERPScan released a comprehensive SAP Cybersecurity Threat Report which revealed the average number of security patches for SAP products per year has decreased, while the amount of vulnerable platforms has increased and now includes modern cloud and mobile technologies such as HANA. The report also found that SAP's Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Enterprise Portal (EP), and Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) products are most vulnerable to flaws, and that the U.S. is one of the three countries with the most exposed services, among other findings.

<https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/08/02/sap-cybersecurity-report/>

(International) Critical flaws found in Cisco small business routers. Cisco released patches for its small business RV series routers after researchers discovered a critical flaw affecting the Web interface that allows remote, unauthenticated attackers to execute arbitrary code with root privileges, a high severity flaw that can be exploited remotely to perform a directory traversal and access arbitrary files on the system, and a medium severity command shell injection flaw that could allow a local attacker to inject arbitrary shell commands that are then executed by the device, among other vulnerabilities.

<http://www.securityweek.com/critical-flaws-found-cisco-small-businessrouters>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(Florida) Florida health officials confirm Zika transmission. Officials from the Florida Department of Health reported July 29 that 4 individuals in Miami-Dade and Broward counties have been infected with the Zika virus transmitted through infected mosquitoes in the area, marking the first cases of mosquito-borne transmissions in the U.S. Health officials are collecting information and urine samples from residents in the area as part of an effort to determine how many

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people have been infected. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/29/health/florida-health-officials-confirm-localzika-transmission/>

(Florida) 10 additional Zika cases found in Florida outbreak; governor activates emergency response. Officials from the Florida Department of Health confirmed 10 more cases of locally contracted Zika virus in northern Miami August 1, prompting the governor to activate the emergency response team from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help stop the outbreak. Officials stated that of the 2,300 Florida residents tested for Zika virus, 372 have been confirmed to be infected with the virus. <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/10-additional-zika-cases-found-florida-outbreakgovernor/story?id=41043116>

(National) Banner Health says hackers may have gained access to patient data. Banner Health notified approximately 3.7 million patients, health plan members, physicians, and health care providers August 3 of a potential data breach after hackers may have gained unauthorized access to patient, physician, and beneficiary data in computer systems that process card data at food and beverage outlets at Banner Health locations in 7 States between June 23 and July 7. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-bannerhealth-cyberattack-idUSKCN10E2RY>

(National) Advocate to pay \$5.5 million over data breach: record HIPAA settlement. The U.S. Department Health and Human Services (HSS) Office for Civil Rights announced August 4 that Advocate Health Care Network agreed to pay \$5.55 million to resolve alleged violations of Federal patient privacy laws related to three separate data breaches in 2013 involving its subsidiary, Advocate Medical Group that compromised the electronic health information of about 4 million patients, including medical information, names, and credit card numbers, among other data. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-advocate-settlement-privacy-0805biz-20160804-story.html>

(Utah) DEA Challenging Utah Law Requiring Warrant To Access Prescription Drug Records. Modern Healthcare reports the Drug Enforcement Administration has filed a lawsuit seeking to gain access to Utah's prescription drug record database to further its investigation of a physician in the state who is suspected of having ties with an international drug cartel. <http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20160803/NEWS/160809994>

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TRANSPORTATION

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WATER AND DAMS

(Maryland) Maryland county official: 'Never seen such devastation'. Severe storms that moved through Ellicott City, Maryland, July 31 caused flash floods that damaged or destroyed at least 25 buildings, killed 2 people, damaged more than 170 vehicles, and prompted State officials to declare a state of emergency in Howard County. Authorities estimated the flood caused millions of dollars in damages. <http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/31/us/maryland-flooding/>

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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