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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- Alexandria Daily Town Talk reports four men were arrested for firing six bullets into the 1-million gallon Alexandria, Louisiana water tank, causing leaks and \$1,000 in damage. (See item [30](#))
- According to Reuters, three men suspected of planning a deadly attack on an office block on Copenhagen’s city hall square that houses a Danish newspaper were charged with an attempted act of terrorism and possession of weapons December 30. (See item [54](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED
 Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *December 30, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Small oil spill contained at Port Canaveral.** Fuel trickling from 10 barrels that fell during a ship-to-ship transfer was quickly corralled December 29 at Port Canaveral in Florida. The standard petroleum barrels, each containing 42 gallons of ship fuel, dropped to the deck of a barge after they were moved from a commercial ship about 3:10 p.m. A small amount of fuel

leaked into the water at the North Cargo Pier, forming a sheen on the surface. “Whatever the cause is, it’s going to be investigated thoroughly by the Coast Guard,” a Petty Officer First Class said. “Thankfully, no shipping or recreational boating has been impacted in any way.” The spill happened at the Seaport Canaveral terminal in the central portion of the facility. The Coast Guard and the company operating barge 302, Enterprise Marine, helped contain the spill with booms, absorbent pads, and vacuums. The National Response Center in Washington, D.C. — the Coast Guard’s point of contact for reporting spills — was notified of the incident.

Source:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20101230/NEWS01/12300322/1006/Small+oil+spill+contained+at+port>

2. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **2nd gas leak near blast prompts wider evacuation.** A new gas leak in the area of a store explosion in Wayne, Michigan has prompted the evacuation of a wider area and the Wayne City Hall December 29. A Consumers Energy spokeswoman said the utility ordered an expanded evacuation December 29 after finding the second gas leak in the Detroit suburb. The area covers about a block near the area previously evacuated around Franks Furniture, which exploded December 29. The spokeswoman said city officials decided to evacuate the nearby municipal offices as a precaution, though the site is outside the utility’s evacuation zone. She said crews expected to have the second gas main shut down by late afternoon. The blast killed two store employees and critically injured the store’s owner.
Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2010/12/29/1493300/2nd-gas-leak-near-blast-prompts.html>
3. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **8,000 still without power in storm at Lake Tahoe.** A winter storm in the Sierra Nevada left more than 10,000 homes and businesses without power around Lake Tahoe, Nevada most of December 29, and about 8,000 were still in the dark at nightfall. A NV Energy spokesman said crews were working to repair power lines that were downed overnight by high winds and tree limbs snapping under the weight of heavy snow. The biggest outage affected about 10,000 customers at South Lake Tahoe and the Meyers area. The spokesman said power was restored to about 2,000 customers December 29. Numerous smaller outages were reported around the lake, from Stateline, Nevada, to Tahoma on the west shore and near Tahoe City in the north. Power was restored earlier December 29 to 3,300 customers on the north shore between Tahoe City and Kings Beach.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16973373?nclick_check=1
4. *December 30, Associated Press* – (California) **Rains pass, but cold wind blasts in California.** A winter storm December 30 lashed Southern California with high winds that toppled trees and power lines, leaving thousands without power, and made roads treacherous with ice and snow. Wind gusts of more than 50 mph hit some mountains and canyons. One gust in Los Angeles County reached 94 mph. High wind warnings were in effect through the morning in some valleys. Gale warnings and high surf advisories were issued for the coasts. The winds knocked trees onto cars in the Los

Angeles area, and more than 35,000 Southern California Edison and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power customers were without electricity. On December 29, the acting governor of California sent a letter to the U.S. President asking for a major disaster declaration for the state. The governor said the damage wrought by 10 days of bruising storms was too much for state and local governments to handle.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/12/30/state/n025401S61.DTL>

5. *December 30, KSNW 3 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Hutch man survives crash into train car.** A Hutchinson, Kansas man is lucky to be alive after he escaped his truck being dragged by a train, and investigators say he's not the only one that narrowly avoided death the night of December 28. The man is recovering from his injuries. Police say he slammed into a parked train near a house, and then started to get dragged down the tracks. He hit a car filled with liquefied petroleum gas that could have easily exploded. The truck cracked through one of the car's two safety walls. "The house is right next to the tracks with people who they would've had no idea, they would've just been in their home and a fully loaded tank car like that the explosion would've been tremendous," a captain with the Reno County Sheriff's Department said. The only part salvageable from the man's 2001 Dodge pickup was the rear axle. It was torn apart after the train rolled down the tracks and dragged the truck nearly 5 miles. The truck driver escaped out of a window and limped to a nearby neighbor for help. Investigators say alcohol and drugs were likely not involved in the crash, but charges against the driver are coming. As of the morning of December 30, the driver's condition at a Wichita hospital had improved from serious to fair.

Source: <http://www.ksn.com/news/local/story/Hutch-man-survives-crash-into-train-car/mkFLXQd2VkGe1HDDQYvUqw.csp>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Minnesota sues 3M over chemical disposal.** The state of Minnesota is suing 3M Co. over its disposal of chemicals previously used to make Scotchgard and other products. The lawsuit filed December 30 in Hennepin County alleges 3M damaged the state's natural resources, as well as ground and surface water, by disposing of perfluorochemicals, or PFCs. Maplewood, Minnesota-based 3M has produced PFCs since the 1940s, and legally disposed of them in landfills until the 1970s. 3M stopped making PFCs in 2002. In 2004, traces of the chemicals were found in groundwater from Lake Elmo to Hastings. The state's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-12-30/minnesota-sues-3m-over-chemical-disposal.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *December 30, Bloomberg* – (National) **U.S. nuclear output little changed as plants operate at 97%.** U.S. nuclear output was little changed from December 29, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reported. Production fell 63 megawatts to 98,058, or 97 percent of capacity, according to the report December 30 from the commission and data compiled by Bloomberg. Three of the 104 U.S. power reactors were offline. FirstEnergy Corp. slowed the 1,261-megawatt Perry reactor in Ohio to 95 percent of capacity from 100 percent December 29, according to the commission. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-12-30/u-s-nuclear-output-little-changed-as-plants-operate-at-97-.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *December 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Domain name of Russia's largest online payment processor hijacked.** Fraudsters have managed to hijack the domain name of ChronoPay, Russia's biggest online payment processor, and point it to a fake version of the site in order to steal credit card details. An analyst reports chronopay.com directed visitors to the phishing page for several hours during the night between December 25 and December 26. Criminals managed to steal credit card data from 800 customers during that period and then posted a message in the company's name saying the entire database of transactions from 2009 and 2010 was compromised. ChronoPay's CEO rejected this claim as untrue, and said the company is working with its domain registrar, Directnic, to determine how the hijack occurred. Apparently the attackers not only managed to change the domain's DNS records, but also transferred it from Directnic to Network Solutions. They also stole and leaked many private keys used to sign SSL certificates that protect ChronoPay transactions, however, according to the CEO, almost all of them are old.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Domain-Name-of-Russia-s-Largest-Online-Payment-Processor-Hijacked-175471.shtml>

9. *December 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Major cyber fraud syndicate dismantled in Asia.** Authorities in the Philippines and China have arrested more than 100 members of a crime syndicate involved in a variety of telecommunications, bank, and credit card scams. A total of 24 men were arrested December 28 during simultaneous raids coordinated by Philippines' National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) at six locations in Manila. One suspect resisted arrest and attacked an NBI agent with a knife. He was shot in the stomach and was taken to the hospital. The Philippine Star reports that, at first, authorities did not even know the nationalities of the suspects. Interrogators eventually got them to write down their names in Chinese characters, and the Chinese embassy sent a representative to help establish identities. The suspected leader of the gang apparently was not among the men arrested in Manila. But Chinese police detained 100 individuals believed to be part of the same crime syndicate, which stole more than \$130 million from people in China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. Aside from credit card counterfeiting, the gang resorted to intimidation to obtain money. Investigators said they impersonated judges, prosecutors and police officers to trick people into thinking they owed money to the government.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Major-Cyber-Fraud-Syndicate-Dismantled-in-Asia-175530.shtml>

10. *December 30, Longmont Times* – (Colorado) **Four suspected in nine bank robberies.** FBI investigators suspect that four people arrested December 28 on suspicion of robbing a Broomfield, Colorado bank are also responsible for up to eight other bank robberies, including one earlier during the evening of December 28 in Lafayette, Colorado. An FBI spokesman said Broomfield police arrested four suspects — two men and two women — after the TCF Bank in Broomfield at 4100 West 144th Ave. was robbed at 6:40 p.m. Federal prosecutors charged the four suspects with armed bank robbery and aiding and abetting. If convicted, they face up to 25 years in prison, \$250,000 in fines, 5 years of parole and \$4,492 in restitution.

Source: http://www.timescall.com/news_story.asp?ID=24701

11. *December 30, New York Post* – (National) **Insider probe nets new arrest.** The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York arrested a sixth person on charges of leaking secrets as part of his widespread crackdown on insider trading. The attorney first broke open the gang of trading cheats involving hedge funds, bankers, and consultants a year ago, snaring several executives and traders. On December 29, he arrested a Silicon Valley, California businesswoman accused of peddling technology company secrets to the highest bidders among portfolio managers going back to 2006. Federal prosecutors said the 43-year-old suspect managed to secure inside information on publicly traded tech companies, including chipmakers Marvell Technology Group Ltd. and Nvidia Corp. She allegedly sold her tips to numerous hedge fund players, including the founder of an unidentified New York fund.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/business/insider_probe_nets_new_arrest_yXlmW2dpzJOdy1lfssEUoJ

12. *December 30, Bank Info Security* – (National) **54 banking breaches in 2010**. There have been 54 reported banking-related data breaches so far in 2010, according to the Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC) — slightly fewer than the total of 62 breaches in 2009. But it is possible that additional 2010 breaches will be reported after the new year. Of the 54 breaches tracked by the ITRC: 9 are related to insider theft; 6 are related to missing paper documents; 8 were linked to card skimming attacks; 5 resulted from stolen or missing hardware; 8 are blamed on cyberattacks or outside network intrusions; 4 are related to the exposure of data on the Web; 6 are linked to an accidental breach; and 3 were of unknown origin. While some breaches were accidental or related to sloppy security, such as the improper disposal of paper files and documents, many involved a malicious or criminal element. Whether linked to an insider, a cyberattack or an ATM skimming device, the incidents prove criminals continue to target financial institutions.

Source: http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3220

13. *December 30, Times News of Burlington* – (South Carolina; Mississippi) **Man suspected of more bank robberies**. A man who police think robbed a bank in Mebane, North Carolina, and another in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the week of December 20, may be the same suspect who robbed a bank in Mississippi earlier in December. In all three cases, the man did not do anything to disguise his appearance. The robbery at Sun Trust bank in Horn Lake, Mississippi, happened at about 10:37 a.m. December 13. The bank was inside a Kroger grocery store, according to a Horn Lake Police Department news release. Authorities with the Horn Lake police said the man walked into the bank, indicated to the teller he had a weapon and then left with an undetermined amount of money. The suspect was described as a bald, white man, between 185 and 200 pounds and about 5 feet 10 inches tall. A close-up surveillance photo was taken of the suspect.

Source: [http://www.news-](http://www.news-record.com/content/2010/12/30/article/man_suspected_of_more_bank_robberies)

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14. *December 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Allstate sues Countrywide over investments**. Allstate has sued Countrywide Financial over \$700 million in toxic mortgage-backed securities the insurer bought beginning in 2005, only to see their value decline rapidly. Allstate maintains that beginning in 2003, Countrywide abandoned its underwriting standards and misrepresented crucial information about the underlying mortgage loans that made up the securities it sold. The suit, filed December 27 in federal court in Manhattan, New York, targets Countrywide, the co-founder and longtime chief executive, and other executives, as well as Bank of America, which bought the mortgage giant in 2008. Charlotte, North Carolina-based Bank of America, the nation's largest bank, said in an e-mail, "We are still reviewing the complaint, but this unfortunately appears to be a situation where a sophisticated investor is looking for someone to blame for a downturn in the economy and losses on an investment it made."

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/28/AR2010122804025.html>

15. *December 29, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Robbery attempt causes Maui bank scare.** A First Hawaiian Bank on the island of Maui in Hawaii closed temporarily December 29 after a man police said tried to rob the branch left a device. The attempted robbery happened at the Kahului branch at about 11:30 a.m. A man wearing camouflage jacket and pants entered the bank and handed a teller a note, demanding money be placed in a bag, police said. The man did not receive any money. When he exited, the man left a device and mentioned something about blowing the place up, police said. The bank closed and the Maui Police Department responded. Personnel made sure the device was safe. The FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is helping in the investigation.

Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/26316613/detail.html>

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Transportation Sector

16. *December 30, New York Post* – (New York) **Gov. David Paterson calls for snow slowdown probe.** The outgoing New York governor called December 30 for a criminal investigation into allegations that a slowdown by budget-squeezed plow operators contributed to New York City's blizzard woes. The New York Post reported December 30 that a group of guilt-ridden sanitation workers confessed their protest plot to a city councilman. The workers were fuming over recent job cuts and cutbacks, the councilman and other sources said. "This would be a very, very serious breach," the governor told WOR 710-AM, adding it "I just think the whole thing would be outrageous, if it's actually true." Two days after a blizzard pounded the city many of the city's streets remained unclear. Miles of roads remained unplowed as of December 29, days after the blizzard dumped nearly 2 feet of snow on the city.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/paterson_calls_for_snow_slowdown_qtaITjcrRg5kMILU1zz95N

17. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **I-40 closed across Northern Arizona.** The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) said Interstate 40 stretching through Kingman, Flagstaff, and Holbrook was closed in both directions the morning of December 30 due to winter driving conditions. Interstate 17 northbound remained closed north of State Route 179. Traffic was being diverted to southbound I-17. Drivers were advised to detour in advance or delay travel to avoid congestion at the turnaround. I-17 southbound was closed at Airport Road, about 2 miles south of Flagstaff. Traffic was being rerouted back to the north. Travel south from Flagstaff was not recommended. As of the morning of December 30, ADOT had not said when I-17 in the Flagstaff area would reopen. State Route 89-A remained closed through Oak

Creek Canyon. ADOT said December 30 State Routes 87 and 260 were closed in the Payson area to Heber-Overgaard because of snow.

Source: <http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=13758942>

18. *December 30, ABC News Radio* – (National) **Northeast blizzard could cost airlines \$150 million.** The blizzard that shook the Northeastern United States and put a halt to air travel in the region could cost the airline industry close to \$150 million, reports USA Today. Some industry experts, however, said it is too soon to assign a price tag. Analysts predicted cancellations and delays caused by the December 26 storm could continue for several days as airlines tried to rebook and regroup. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, more than 6,000 flights were canceled as a result of the storm. Airports in and around New York City were the hardest hit.
Source: <http://www.670kboi.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=114&itemid=29614974>

19. *December 30, Hamilton Journal-News* – (Ohio) **Bomb threat a hoax at regional airport.** A bomb threat forced the early closure of the Butler County Regional Airport in Hamilton, Ohio December 28, but no device was found on the premises. The Department of Homeland Security’s Columbus office received a phoned-in bomb threat for the airport at about 5:30 p.m. The information was forwarded to the Fairfield Police Department, said the police chief, who then contacted the airport. The airport shut down 90 minutes early because of the potential bomb threat. The general aviation terminal was closed, but no planes or personnel were at risk, the airport manager said. A search of the airport by police did not find any weapons. The police chief said the bomb squad was not called because no explosive device was found. “We have to take these things seriously. We did what we could but at this point in time nothing turned up,” he said. The call placed to DHS was not recorded and the chief said there are no leads on who called or why the threat was made.
Source: <http://www.journal-news.com/news/hamilton-news/bomb-threat-a-hoax-at-regional-airport-1041455.html>

20. *December 29, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **High winds, cold temps to move in as rain moves out.** The fast moving storm, that brought strong showers to the Southland, California December 29 is moving out but more high winds and low temperatures are moving in. The heavy rain caused some problems on local freeways and roadways. The southbound 110 Freeway was backed up at Redondo Beach due to flooding. The Pacific Coast Highway was shut down south of Las Posas to Deer Creek due to rock slides and mud slides. California Highway Patrol (CHP) officials said the road would remain closed until further notice. This has been one of the wettest Decembers in history and according to the state department of water resources, California’s mountain snow pack is 198 percent of normal. The week of December 20, California was deluged with heavy rains that resulted in tens of millions of dollars of damage, according to preliminary estimates. A state of emergency was declared in 11 counties, including Los Angeles, Orange, and Santa Barbara. There have been two deaths resulting from cars plunging into waterways and several other storm-related traffic fatalities.
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/ktla-rain-new-storm,0,2986699.story>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *December 30, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Man charged with setting fire at Bradenton post office.** A 51-year-old man was arrested after a witness saw him start a fire in a mail receptacle at the U.S. Post Office on 75th Street in Bradenton, Florida, according to the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. The suspect told investigators he lit a piece of paper with a lighter and tossed it through a mail slot inside the post office about 5:10 p.m. December 29 because he was upset his mail had been opened, according to a news release. A witness who saw the suspect alerted postal employees, and the fire was extinguished before it damaged any mail or the building. The witness wrote down the suspect's license plate number, and deputies were able to track him down at his nearby apartment. Witnesses identified the suspect and he was arrested on charges of arson, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia, the report said. The suspect was being held without bond at the Manatee County jail.

Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2010/12/30/2841201/man-charged-with-setting-fire.html>

22. *December 29, postalnews blog* – (Massachusetts) **OSHA proposes \$238,000 in fines against USPS for electrical hazards at Shrewsbury MA, mail processing facility.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for willful and serious violations of safety standards following an inspection at the Central Massachusetts Processing and Distribution Center in Shrewsbury. USPS faces \$238,000 in fines, chiefly for exposing workers to electrical hazards. OSHA's inspection, which began June 29 in response to a worker complaint, found unqualified employees were allowed to work on and test energized electrical circuits and equipment. Also, electrical equipment had not been de-energized prior to maintenance, and employees were not supplied with insulated tools and equipment. OSHA defines a willful violation as one committed with intentional knowing or voluntary disregard for the law's requirements, or with plain indifference to worker safety and health. OSHA issued four serious citations for lack of employee training in safety-related electrical work practices, lack of personal protective equipment, inadequate voltage meters, and failing to perform periodic inspections of energy control procedures. OSHA issues serious citations when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.

Source: <http://www.postalnewsblog.com/2010/12/29/osha-proposes-238000-in-fines-against-usps-for-electrical-hazards-at-shrewsbury-ma-mail-processing-facility/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *December 29, Omaha World-Herald News Service and Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Gothenburg elevator explodes.** A grain elevator damaged in an explosion December 29 in Gothenburg, Nebraska, had only recently returned to full operations after a 2008 blast. There were no injuries in this explosion at the All-Points Cooperative, but debris was found on nearby railroad tracks and on U.S. Highway 30. About 11:30 a.m., Dawson County Sheriff's Office deputies reported seeing a fireball shoot from a housing unit installed earlier this year on top of the elevator. Dawson County's emergency management director said the explosion happened while a rail car was being loaded. It blew the tops off two silos. The silos contained primarily corn, but wheat and soybeans also may be stored there. No homes in the town of 4,000 people were evacuated, but a nearby gas station was closed. Traffic was blocked off in a 2-block radius, however trains moving on Union Pacific Railroad tracks were still passing through. The explosion was caused by a spark in the dryers in the wet grain storage area. One employee was hospitalized with burns.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20101229/NEWS01/712309902>
24. *December 29, Associated Press* – (California) **Product recalls: beef jerky.** About 3,874 pounds of teriyaki beef jerky products have been recalled by Bach CÃ© Beef Jerky, Inc., of South El Monte, California, because they contain an undeclared allergen, wheat, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced. The products have been distributed nationwide. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-12-30/product-recalls-beef-jerky.html>
25. *December 29, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Restaurant files lawsuit over 2008 Aspen bomb threat that wrecked New Year's celebrations.** An Aspen, Colorado, restaurant is suing its insurance company over a bomb threat on New Year's Eve 2008 that forced evacuations and canceled dinner reservations in the ritzy resort. Jimmy's restaurant filed the lawsuit in Pitkin County District Court against the Homestate Companies to recuperate financial losses from its wrecked holiday party. The Aspen Daily News reported on the lawsuit December 29, and said court documents show it seeks an excess of \$100,000. Celebrations were canceled at the resort 2 years ago after a 72-year-old man planted four gift-wrapped bombs around downtown. No one was injured, but the man later committed suicide.
Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/sns-ap-co--aspenevacuations-lawsuit,0,733995.story>
26. *December 29, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Massive fire that destroyed business now considered arson.** Kentucky State Police now say a fire December 27 at Cook's Farm and Feed, in South Shore, was intentionally set. The store had chemicals, pesticides, and fertilizer inside. All of those things caused a series of explosions that rocked nearby buildings. Police have not made any arrests in the case.
Source: http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Massive_fire_that_destroyed_business_now_considered_arson_112606609.html

27. *December 26, Shelbyville Times-Gazette* – (Tennessee) **Alleged threat prompts more Tyson security.** Police in Shelbyville, Tennessee, are providing an armed off-duty officer for the Tyson Foods facility after alleged threatening messages reportedly were made. Nashville television station WSMV reported claims made by an unidentified woman that someone wrote “all Americans must die” on a bathroom wall — an act that was reportedly preceded by a fire in a woman’s restroom the week of December 20. However, while the Shelbyville police chief told the TV station that no official report has been made about the alleged incidents, the department is providing an armed off-duty officer after Tyson requested it. The police chief said it was his belief that Tyson had already removed the alleged message and is conducting its own investigation into the incident.

Source: <http://www.t-g.com/story/1690509.html>

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Water Sector

28. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Not guilty pleas in Ind. wastewater operation.** The former operator of the Gary, Indiana wastewater treatment plant and two of its employees have pleaded not guilty to charges that they violated the federal Clean Water Act. The Post-Tribune of Merrillville reported the two defendants and lawyers for United Water Services Inc. of Harrington Park, New Jersey, were in U.S. District Court in Hammond December 29 for an arraignment. A federal grand jury returned a 26-count indictment earlier this December. Both men, along with United Water, are accused of lowering the levels of chlorine from 2003 to 2008 at the Gary Sanitary District’s wastewater treatment plant to save money. A United Water spokesman has said the charges are unfounded. Both men were released on a \$20,000 bond. United Water operated the plant from 1998 until July 2010.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/8ec95ec74c654892bd9558989c079e4b/IN-Gary-Water-Charges/>

29. *December 30, Iowa City Press-Citizen* – (Iowa) **Sewer line break causes water leak.** A break in a sewer line December 29 caused an ongoing spill of untreated wastewater into Muddy Creek and the Iowa River, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reports. The sewer line break on the north side of Coralville was reported to the city about 3:30 p.m. December 28 after someone saw sewage coming out of a manhole. The leak is going into a stormwater basin and then into Muddy Creek along Oakdale Boulevard near First Avenue. City officials are not sure when the discharge began. According to the DNR, about 321,000 gallons of wastewater go through the pump station per day. The city is assessing damage to the lift station to determine what repairs are needed and how long the repairs will take.

Source: <http://www.press-citizen.com/article/20101230/NEWS01/12300343/Sewer-line-break-causes-water-leak>

30. *December 30, Alexandria Daily Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **4 men charged with damaging Alexandria water storage tank.** Four Rapides Parish, Louisiana men have been charged with damaging one of the city of Alexandria’s water storage tanks for shooting it with a high-powered rifle. The men turned themselves in and confessed their involvement in damaging the tank, which is near Castor Plunge Road in Woodworth, according to the Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Office. One 21-year-old suspect of Alexandria, Louisiana was charged with criminal damage between \$500 and \$50,000. Three other suspects of Woodworth, Louisiana, were charged with one count each of criminal mischief. The 1 million-gallon tank was hit by six bullets in early December. Five bullets penetrated the tank, causing leaks and damage estimated at \$1,000. Criminal damage, a felony offense, carries the punishment of up to a \$10,000 fine and between 1 and 15 years in prison. Criminal mischief, a misdemeanor offense, is punishable with a fine not to exceed \$500 and up to 6 months in parish jail. Source: <http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20101230/NEWS01/12300311/1002/4-men-charged-with-damaging-Alexandria-water-storage-tank>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *December 30, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Chlorine leak triggers Primate Center evacuation.** Workers at the Oregon National Primate Center cleared a building at the Hillsboro, Oregon campus shortly before 9 a.m. December 29 when it was discovered that a chlorine tank valve malfunctioned. An employee getting ready to disinfect a laboratory inside an animal services building sounded the alarm when she heard an unusual “pop” from the tank’s regulator and then smelled chlorine gas, authorities say. As people evacuated, primates were sheltered in areas protected by a ventilation system that prevented the gas from flowing into the rooms. Hillsboro firefighters and a hazardous materials team responded within minutes to shut off the faulty valve and remove the tank. Sensors monitored air quality until it was deemed safe. Workers were allowed to go back inside just before noon. Source: <http://www.kptv.com/news/26315266/detail.html>
32. *December 29, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Medical marijuana records found near dumpster.** A man discovered medical marijuana registry forms in a cardboard box near a dumpster in Denver, Colorado, December 29. The forms were inside plastic sleeves and contained Social Security numbers and dates of birth, along with patient names, addresses, and telephone numbers. The binder contained the personal and medical information of dozens of patients. The forms were on letterhead identified as Apothecary of Colorado, a Denver dispensary. An attorney for Apothecary of Colorado said patient records are “kept under lock and key to protect privacy of patients.” He said the current owners purchased the dispensary July 1 and it is possible the records are from before that. While the Colorado Department of Revenue is charged with overseeing medical marijuana dispensaries, they have no statutory authority regarding

the handling of patient records. The state legislature would need to pass a statute creating such authority. The binder containing the records will be delivered to the Denver Police.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=172201&catid=339>

33. *December 29, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Arrow Intra-Aortic Balloon (IAB) catheter products: Class 1 recall - catheters can become stuck in the sheath.** The Arrow Ultra 8 Intra-Aortic Balloon Catheters (IABS) 8 FR 30CC and 40CC Universal and Arrow Intra-Aortic Balloon (IAB) Catheter with a Fiber Optic Sensor and a Measurement System were recalled by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration because the catheters can become stuck in the sheath. When the IAB catheter becomes stuck, the user is unable to move it forward or backward, causing delay in therapy, bleeding, or arterial injury. The Arrow IAB products are used in the treatment of a variety of cardiac conditions, including heart failure, septic shock, and myocardial infarction. They are also used to support and stabilize high-risk patients undergoing diagnostic and non-surgical procedures.

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/SafetyInformation/SafetyAlertsforHumanMedicalProducts/ucm238408.htm>

34. *December 29, Associated Press* – (National) **Audit finds CDC misplaced \$8 million in equipment.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lost or misplaced more than \$8 million in property in 2007, losing track of items including computer and video equipment, government auditors said. Agency officials said December 29 they have corrected the lapses. The report was released the week of December 27 by the Inspector General (IG) for the Department of Health and Human Services, the CDC's parent agency. In 2007, auditors checked on 200 randomly sampled items and found 15 were lost or not inventoried, including a \$1.8-million, hard disk drive and a \$978,000 video conferencing system. The CDC Director wrote the IG that the CDC agrees with the report's conclusions and has now instituted better controls. He said 99 percent of the agency's property was accounted for in 2009. The agency still has not explained what happened to the 15 pieces of missing equipment from 2007. A CDC spokeswoman said all but four of the items have since been accounted for. This is the CDC's second audit. A 1995 audit found the agency was unable to account for more than \$5.5 million in property. The CDC is the only HHS agency to have had such an audit.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gK0oaFTT0FIdIf4eCQ24dP84asXg?docId=0ac0667883234bbdbc9821c9f04c77c8>

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Government Facilities Sector

35. *December 30, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Phoned bomb threat leads to Lockport man's arrest.** Lockport, New York, police arrested a man December 29 on Main Street

and charged him with phoning in a bomb threat to the Niagara County Social Services Department headquarters December 23. The 47-year-old suspect, who has no permanent address, was charged with second-degree falsely reporting an incident, a felony. The chief of detectives said the suspect called social services several times to complain about losing his temporary benefits, and all the calls were recorded. “On one he even gave his name,” the chief said. “On the last one, he laughed and said, ‘There’s a bomb in the building,’ and hung up.” The East Avenue headquarters was evacuated for 70 minutes, and several streets nearby were blocked off until police finished checking the building.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/communities/lockport/article297239.ece>

36. *December 30, United Press International* – (International) **Memory device holding secrets missing.** A U.S. Army major lost a USB memory drive containing military secrets and lied to superiors about the incident, officials in South Korea said. The drive has been missing for months, and authorities are refusing to launch an investigation and are trying to keep the case quiet, South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency reported December 30. The Defense Security Command (DSC) admitted an anonymous informant told it about the missing USB drive. The report said an officer at a front-line battalion in Gangwon Province lost the drive in July, then lied to superiors, telling them he had found it, but discarded it because it was damaged. “We received the information on December 13. It was dismissed because we thought the anonymous informant had little credibility,” an official from the command said. The device has level-2 classified information about strategic plans for the battalion, as well as a regiment, sources told Yonhap. “The military unit, the DSC, and ministry of defense were all informed of the case but never took action,” a source said in the Yonhap report. “It (the drive) contains confidential information on national security, but nobody knows where it is.”
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2010/12/30/Memory-device-holding-secrets-missing/UPI-77981293714259/
37. *December 29, Associated Press* – (International) **US says it may evacuate Ivory Coast embassy.** The United States has started planning for the possible evacuation of its embassy in Ivory Coast amid concerns postelection violence could escalate into full-blown conflict, the State Department said December 29. A spokesman said a team of eight Pentagon officials is now in Abidjan to weigh options, including evacuating embassy personnel, and to assess the damage caused by an errant rocket-propelled grenade that hit the outer wall of the compound the week of December 20. He said the military team arrived December 28. He also repeated U.S. calls for the Ivory Coast president to step down, and said he should control his supporters. The leader has refused to accept the results of the November 28 election that tallies show he lost to the opposition leader. Shortly after the rocket incident, the State Department ordered non-essential embassy personnel and the families of all American employees to leave Ivory Coast.
Source: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=131937323>
38. *December 29, Homeland Security Newswire* – (National) **Pentagon revamps security in wake of Wikileaks.** There are 2.2 million people in the United States with access to

one or more levels (confidential, secret, and top secret) of classified information; there are 854,000 people with top secret clearances — of which 265,000 are contractors; the 9/11 Commission recommended more sharing of information among agencies — but critics say too much sharing is as risky as too little sharing. The two massive Wikileaks releases in June and November 2010, as well as threats from the organization to force a major bank executive to resign, shows Wikileaks is far from relenting. This news has brought the U.S. federal government's safeguards and method of data sharing into question. The Department of Defense (DoD) has taken steps to increase security since documents were first disclosed by Wikileaks. They conducted an internal 60-day review of security procedures with recommendations sent to the Secretary of Defense. Some combatant commanders have taken individual measures for their commands. Removable storage media have been restricted or disabled as well as the capability to write or burn removable media on DoD classified computers. This is a temporary technical solution to mitigate future risks of personnel moving classified data to unclassified systems.

Source: <http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/pentagon-revamps-security-wake-wikileaks>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *December 30, Insurance and Financial Advisor* – (New York) **N.Y. fire dept. eyes emergency response fees insurers won't cover.** The New York Fire Department (FDNY) may implement fees, which may not be covered under auto insurance policies, for responding to emergency car crashes or fires. The FDNY will charge drivers \$490 for a car crash or fire when someone is hurt; \$415 for a car fire without injuries; and \$365 for a crash without injuries, according to the New York Daily News. The new policy could add \$1 million per year to FDNY's budget, although the agency will still close 20 fire companies at night to save \$15 million. The FDNY also wants to charge hospitals whose ambulances respond to emergency calls \$8.7 million per year for dispatch services. Automobile insurance policies would not cover the FDNY response charges, according to the New York State Insurance Department. Before the policy can go into effect, a public hearing is scheduled January 14, according to the New York Times. If passed, the policy would begin July 1. Last year, FDNY answered 14,000 calls for vehicle accidents, which would have amounted to \$5.5 million in revenue if FDNY charged each accident \$400, according to the New York Times.

Source: <http://ifawebnews.com/2010/12/30/n-y-fire-dept-eyes-emergency-response-fees-insurers-wont-cover/>

40. *December 29, WXXA 23 Albany* – (New York) **Hazmat team responds to suspicious substance.** Around noon December 29, a hazmat team was called to Albany, New York's police headquarters on Henry Johnson Boulevard after a man brought in a container with small ampules filled with liquid. The man said his son found them in a

safe and thought they may contain a hazardous substance. The state police bomb squad believes the liquid may be phosgene, a chemical gas used in World War I. No one was injured.

Source: http://www.fox23news.com/news/local/story/Hazmat-team-responds-to-suspicious-substance/i2YDMXGw80Wanadf_FuWKQ.csp

41. *December 29, Washington Post* – (National) **Terrorist watch list: One tip now enough to put name in database, officials say.** Officials said they have made it easier to add individuals' names to a terrorist watch list and improved the government's ability to thwart an attack in the United States. Senior counterterrorism officials said they have altered their criteria so that a single-source tip, as long as it is deemed credible, can lead to a name being placed on the watch list. The government's master watch list is one of roughly a dozen lists, or databases, used by counterterrorism officials. Officials have periodically adjusted the criteria used to maintain it. Officials insist they have been vigilant about keeping law-abiding people off the master list. The new criteria have led to only modest growth in the list, which stands at 440,000 people, about 5 percent larger than last year. The vast majority are non-U.S. citizens. The master watch list is used to screen people seeking to obtain a visa, cross a U.S. border, or board an airliner in or destined for the United States. The standard for inclusion on it remains that a person is "reasonably suspected" to be engaged in terrorism-related activity.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/12/29/AR2010122901584.html>

42. *December 28, KSBY 6 San Luis Obispo* – (California) **Coast Guard reports higher number of false flare sightings.** The Coast Guard in Morro Bay, California, said it has received three false alarms from people thinking they saw flares over the water. Flares are designed to signal an emergency. The last three sightings since December 24 have turned out to be a shooting star, fireworks, and a flashlight. The law requires all mariners to have flares on board for their safety. "It's the same as hearing someone on the radio yell mayday," said a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman. The Coast Guard gets about 70 percent of its reported flare sightings around the holidays. While many turn out to be false alarms, crews do respond to every sighting.

Source: <http://www.ksby.com/news/coast-guard-reports-higher-number-of-false-flare-sightings/>

43. *December 28, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **2.3 million Americans reentered without proper documents.** Despite new travel requirements, more than 2.3 million Americans reentering the country by land or sea from Mexico or Canada failed to produce a passport, birth certificate, or other secure document to establish identity and nationality, according to a report by the Inspector General for the Department of Homeland Security. Most people, including about 500,000 in California, were allowed to pass through ports of entry without the approved documents or without being sent to a secondary inspection post for a more in-depth examination. Many travelers were allowed to pass after undergoing extensive questioning and producing at least a driver's license, the report found. Overall, 96 percent of travelers arriving at the 39 busiest land

ports were in compliance with the new law, which took effect in June 2009. The audit concluded that if all those who skirted the rules were sent for a secondary inspection, the agency would not have the necessary staffing and infrastructure to handle the resulting increase in workload. U.S. Customs and Border Protection agreed with the report's findings and plans to follow the Inspector General's recommendations, an agency spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2010/dec/28/local/la-me-customs-audit-20101228>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *December 30, H Security* – (International) **Critical update for WordPress.** A critical update has been made available for WordPress in the form of version 3.0.4. The update fixes a security bug in WordPress's KSES library which performs HTML sanitization within the publishing platform. The update to the GPL licensed WordPress should be available in the WordPress dashboard or can be downloaded from Wordpress.org. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-update-for-WordPress-1161906.html>
45. *December 30, The Register* – (International) **PlayStation 3 code signing cracked.** Hardware hackers claim to have uncovered the private key used by Sony to authorize code to run on PlayStation 3 systems. The hackers uncovered the hack in order to run Linux or PS3 consoles, irrespective of the version of firmware the game's console was running. By knowing the private key used by Sony, the hackers are able to sign code so a console can boot directly into Linux. Previous approaches to running the open source OS on a game console were firmware specific and involved messing around with USB sticks. The same code-signing technique might also be used to run pirated or counterfeit games on a console. That is not the intention of the hackers even though it might turn out to be the main practical effect of the hack. The group, fail0verflow, who also run the Wii's Homebrew Channel, gave more information about the crack and a demo during the annual Chaos Communication Conference hacker congress in Berlin. Sony's weak implementation of cryptography was exploited by fail0verflow to pull off the hack. Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2010/12/30/ps3_jailbreak_hack/
46. *December 30, Columbus Dispatch* – (International) **Nationwide employee sentenced to 2 1/2 years for counterfeit video games.** The new monitoring software alerted Nationwide Insurance officials to a spreadsheet that an employee had sent from his personal e-mail account to his Nationwide e-mail account. The spreadsheet listed eBay accounts, credit-card numbers, and false identity information that he used in a lucrative counterfeiting scheme for 5 years. A U.S. District Judge sentenced the 36-year-old to 2-and-a-half years in prison December 29. Agents with the FBI Cybercrime Task Force and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service found he had sold more than 35,000 computer games with a retail value of \$700,000. Investigators found he sold the games from 2005 through December 2009 for \$10 rather than the \$20 retail price for an original new

game. He also allowed customers to download games purchased over the Internet, using a server he leased under the name TML Direct.

Source:

http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/12/30/nationwide-employee-sentenced-to-212-years.html?sid=101

47. *December 29, Computerworld* – (International) **Skype blames buggy Windows software, swamped servers for outage.** Skype December 29 blamed the previous week's outage on a combination of overloaded instant messaging servers, buggy software, and the failure of its "supernode" infrastructure. In a lengthy blog entry December 29, Skype's chief information officer provided more details on the outage that kept the instant message, Internet telephone, and video chat service offline for much of December 22 and parts of December 23. Previously, Skype had tapped its supernodes — the systems running Skype that also act as directories — for the outage. He said a bug in an older version of the Windows Skype client was at the root of the failure, although the flaw did not trigger the blackout. The bug in version 5.0.0152 caused Windows clients to crash when they received a delayed response from "a cluster of support servers responsible for offline instant messaging" that had been overloaded, he said. About 50 percent of all Skype users were running the buggy 5.0.0152 version of the Windows client the week of December 20. He did not explain how or why those servers — which triggered the Windows client crashes, and thus, the outage — became unresponsive December 22. When the Windows clients began crashing — at the peak, about 4 out of every 10 copies of version 5.0.0152 failed — they also took down as many as 30 percent of Skype's supernodes, which were also running the problem-plagued edition. The downfall of those supernodes eventually took all the rest offline as well, as users swamped the remaining supernodes with requests after experiencing a crash.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9202729/Skype_blames_buggy_Windows_software_swamped_servers_for_outage

48. *December 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Pharma spam led the trends this year.** According to a report from Trend Micro, junk e-mails with a medical theme were the most common type of spam observed in 2010, even though they did not always lead to rogue pharmacy Web sites. Medicine has always been among the top categories of spam, but even more so in 2010 as malware distributors and phishers also adopted the theme. "This spam type was not limited to selling pharmaceutical products online, the spammers also used these messages to disguise their phishing and malware attacks," Trend Micro researchers wrote. In addition, there were a lot of other cases where spam e-mails did not have a medical theme by themselves, however the links they contained led users to rogue pharmacy Web sites. Sometimes these rogue e-mails were part of combined attacks, where users were directed to pharma sites and drive-by download pages.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Pharma-Spam-Led-the-Trends-this-Year-175238.shtml>

49. *December 29, Infosecurity* – (International) **Phoenix Exploit hacker kit methodology explained.** Websense has posted a detailed analysis of the Phoenix Exploit kit, which is used by hackers to seed and infect users' PCs across the Internet, and then monitor the results for data harvesting. The kit, which was originally discovered by M86 Security in the summer of 2009, has been disassembled by a security researcher with Websense, who reported the kit's installation routines are hidden. This is, he explains, "probably an attempt by the developers to make it harder for security researchers to understand how to install the kits, especially if there is no 'readme.txt' file included." Looking at the PHP code, he said researchers can see it is Base64 encoded and a ZLIB compressed stream of data. "The PHP script uses an 'eval' statement with 'gzuncompress' and 'base_64decode' functions to decode the stream of data. The kit does not contain a current set of exploits, as users must contact the developer and activate the kit, presumably by paying a fee," Infosecurity noted. According to the Websense security researcher, the developers of the Phoenix Exploit kit are working on not only protecting their exploit code from being recognized, but also their installations.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/14855/phoenix-exploit-hacker-kit-methodology-explained/>

50. *December 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Old apps can pose privacy risks for Facebook users and their friends.** People who own a Facebook account since before April 2010 should remove older apps and install new versions, because they still have unrestricted access to a wealth of information about them and their friends. Back in April, Facebook announced a new data control system where users would be notified at install of how an application needs to interact with their account and information in order to work properly. This allows people to weigh the privacy versus functionality trade-off of certain apps, and was part of the company's work with the Canadian privacy commissioner. The new permissions dialog became mandatory starting June 1, 2010, but it did not affect the access granted to already installed apps. While Facebook was clear about this aspect with developers, it failed to include it in their announcement to users.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Old-Apps-Can-Pose-Privacy-Risks-for-Facebook-Users-and-Their-Friends-175370.shtml>

51. *December 29, IDG News* – (International) **Android mobile malware has botnet-like traits.** Hackers are aiming for users of Google's Android mobile operating system with a malicious application that harvests personal information and sends it to a remote server. The malware, which has been named "Geinimi," appears to be the first one that has botnet-like capabilities targeted at the Android platform, said the chief technology officer for Lookout Mobile Security, which develops mobile security software. Geinimi appears to target Chinese-speaking users of Android, and Lookout was tipped off to Geinimi after a user wrote a post concerned about it on a forum, he said. Lookout researchers, which posted a writeup on Geinimi, have found it has been wrapped into legitimate free and paid games for Android users with games' developers unaware their applications were being used as a lure. Those tampered applications are appearing on third-party Web sites offering Android applications that have not been vetted for security. Some programs have apparently been downloaded thousands of times. The

company is still analyzing Geinimi, and it is not clear what its creators are aiming to do with a victim's phone.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9202778/Android_mobile_malware_has_botnet_like_traits

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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

52. *December 30, Web Host Industry Review* – (Texas; National) **FBI raids Texas Web host in relation to ‘Anonymous’ attacks on PayPal.** According to a lengthy report published December 29 on investigative Web site The Smoking Gun, the FBI raided Texas-based Web hosting company Tailor Made Services, seizing a computer believed to be involved in the “Operation:Payback” denial of service attacks targeting PayPal in December. A second investigation may have led to the seizure of a machine hosted by Hurricane Electric, according to the report. PayPal was targeted in the attacks, organized by the association of Internet users known as “Anonymous” — which is based out of the community site 4chan — along with several other sites reported to have suspended services to the whistle-blowing Web site WikiLeaks. According to the affidavit published by The Smoking Gun, the FBI investigation began earlier in December, after PayPal contacted agents, supplying a list of IP addresses it believed were involved in executing the Operation: Payback attacks against the company.

Source: <http://www.thewhir.com/web-hosting-news/123010-FBI-Raids-Texas-Web-Host-in-Relation-to-Anonymous-Attacks-on-PayPal>

53. *December 29, H Security* – (International) **27C3: GSM cell phones even easier to tap.** At the 27th Chaos Communication Congress (27C3) hacker conference, security researchers demonstrated how open source software on a number of revamped, entry-level cell phones can decrypt and record mobile phone calls in the GSM network. Using a normal laptop and a homemade monitoring device, the team leader of Berlin's Security Research Labs explained that GSM mobile communications can be decrypted in “around 20 seconds.” He said his team was able to record and playback entire conversations in plain text. Last year, the team showed how they managed to crack the A5/1 encryption algorithm used in GSM in 3 months using 40 distributed computers. Since then, he said his team has considerably improved the rainbow tables needed for

the attack; the tables are once again available from the BitTorrent peer-to-peer network. The team leader said he has also made a lot of progress with the other hardware and software needed for the attack. Furthermore, the scenario for the attack has been redesigned and refined. If TMSI allows a cell phone to be precisely addressed, the data can then be collected from voice communication in the cell phone network and subsequently decrypted.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/27C3-GSM-cell-phones-even-easier-to-tap-1160200.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

54. *December 30, Reuters* – (International) **Danish court charges 3 men with attempted terrorism.** Three men suspected of planning a deadly attack on a Danish newspaper were charged with an attempted act of terrorism and possession of weapons December 30. Police detained four men in Denmark and one in Sweden, December 29, on suspicion of plotting an assault by January 1 on the office block on Copenhagen’s city hall square that houses Jyllands-Posten — the Danish daily that published cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad in 2005 — and another newspaper. The three — one Tunisian and two Swedish citizens — pleaded not-guilty to the charges, officials said. The Danish security police chief said the arrests prevented an “imminent terror attack” that aimed “to kill as many as possible” of the people present at the Copenhagen offices of the newspaper. A court in Glostrup ordered the suspects be held in custody for 4 weeks pending more investigations. A fourth man detained in Denmark, a 26-year-old Iraqi asylum-seeker, was released but remains a suspect, though police did not have evidence to hold him further. The fifth detainee, a 37-year-old Swedish citizen, was scheduled to appear before a court in Sweden December 30, and was also expected to be remanded in custody, a Swedish court official said. The men came to Denmark from Sweden the night of December 28. Police found plastic strips that could be used as handcuffs, a machine gun, a pistol, and more than 100 cartridges.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE6BT1QV20101230>

55. *December 30, Associated Press* – (California) **3 killed in apartment fire in Oakland.** Authorities said three people died and two others were injured in an apartment fire overnight in Oakland, California. The two-alarm blaze was reported around 1:55 a.m. December 30. An Oakland Fire Department battalion chief said crews pulled out a man, woman, and child who were trapped in a second-story unit where the fire originated. They were taken to Highland Hospital, where they were pronounced dead. They have not been identified. Two women in a second-story unit jumped to safety and suffered lower leg injuries. They were taken to Eden Medical Center. The battalion chief said four other people in the building were evacuated. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/12/30/state/n055448S68.DTL>

56. *December 30, CNN* – (Michigan) **2 found dead in Michigan gas explosion.** Search crews found a second body in the ruins of a furniture store destroyed by a gas explosion in Wayne, Michigan, the city's fire chief said December 30. The body of a 54-year-old woman, a store employee, was pulled from the rubble of Franks Furniture around 10:45 p.m. December 29, according to a Wayne fire chief. Earlier in the day, the body of a 64-year-old man was also recovered. He was also an employee. The store's owner was pulled from the wreckage shortly after the explosion, which occurred at about 9 a.m., the city manager said. He was in serious but stable condition at the University of Michigan Hospital's burn unit. Search and rescue crews, aided by heavy equipment, continued to remove huge amounts of rubble from the scene of the blast, which damaged several buildings in addition to the furniture store. The process was made more difficult by the removal of "thousands of pounds of concrete" from the store's roof trusses. As many as 300 people were evacuated after the explosion and a second reported leak in a neighborhood adjoining the furniture store. As of December 29, residents of all but nine homes were able to return. Before the explosion, a Consumers Energy gas worker was two blocks away investigating the reported gas leak, a spokesman said.
Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/US/12/30/michigan.explosion/>
57. *December 29, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Threat triggers bomb scare at Seattle park.** A man's threatening note prompted a scare over a suspicious bag December 29. Police said the situation began just before 3 p.m. when the man walked into a bank in the 2500 block of Beacon Ave. S. The man handed the teller a note and implied his bag contained explosives. When he was not given what he wanted, the man left the bank with the bag. That bag was later found at a park in the 2200 block of Martin Luther King Way S., triggering a response from the bomb squad. Investigators cordoned off the area, examined the item, and determined that it contained no explosives. The man who made the threat has not been identified and remains at large.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/112645379.html>
58. *December 29, Newark Post* – (Delaware) **Bomb threat leads to hotel evacuation.** Police in Middletown, Delaware, are investigating a bomb threat that led to a brief evacuation of the Hampton Inn December 29. Police were called to the Hampton Inn Hotel located at 117 Sandhill Drive. At approximately 7:30 a.m., an unknown male called the front desk of the hotel and advised the clerk who answered the phone that he was planning to kill everyone with a bomb. The staff evacuated the hotel and called police. New Castle County Police bomb dogs assisted by University of Delaware Police, and Delaware Technical & Community College Security Bomb Dogs came to the scene and conducted a search of the hotel and the surrounding grounds for a bomb with negative results.
Source:
<http://www.newarkpostonline.com/articles/2010/12/29/news/doc4d1bd3e59526a292166623.txt>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

59. *December 30, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Forest warns visitors of possible road closures.** Officials are warning that visitors to the Tonto National Forest near Payson, Arizona may face road closures during the weekend of December 31 as cold weather blows through Arizona. They said such road closures would be meant to ensure the safety of visitors and that drivers must respect road barriers. Visitors are urged to check the weather before leaving home, to be ready to adjust to changing conditions, and to pack plenty of supplies.

Source: <http://www.kswt.com/Global/story.asp?S=13758552>

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Dams Sector

60. *December 30, Salem Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Storm leaves high water, damage.** Heavy rain flooded a dammed culvert and washed out a roadway east of Salem, Oregon, December 29. The damage was reported as Mid-Valley public works agencies responded to problems that mostly occurred December 28 during a period of record rainfall. A 35-foot-wide section of Nusom Road NE, between Scism and North Howell roads NE, about 2 miles northwest of Silverton, was washed out, Marion County sheriff's officials said. A log that dislodged from a beaver dam and heavy rain created a block in the culvert and high water pressure. "None of the water was going through the culvert," an official said. "It kept backing up and backing up until it just blew the culvert." Officials identified the waterway that flows under Nusom Road as Pudding Creek, but some maps describe it as Prairie Creek. Barricades were in place to send drivers on a detour to Scism Road, Hazelgreen Road, and then Torvend Road NE. Marion County sheriff's officials said the road would remain closed for about a week. The water must recede before repairs can be made. The weather service recorded 1.7 inches of rain December 28, beating the previous record for that date of 1.61 inches of rain set in 1965.

Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20101230/NEWS/12300332/1001>

61. *December 29, Visalia Times-Delta* – (California) **Levee breached at Yokhol and Mehrten Creeks, one home and business flooded so far; several homes and school flooded in Seville.** The levee in Woodlake, California, has breached in two places at Yokhol Creek and at Mehrten Creek December 29. A home and a business is flooded at Road 220 and Avenue 304 in 2 to 4 feet of water, and 300 acres of orange orchards are under water. According to Caltrans, more than 1700 cubic feet of water per second was flowing from Yokhol creek. Mt. Whitney Pest Control also flooded on Road 220. Flooding occurred on Highway 245 through Woodlake from Avenues 304 to 312, said a California Department of Roads official at the scene. Efforts to shore up the levee failed. Officials said they hoped the flood water would stop at Road 204 on Lorts Drive. Lorts Drive (Avenue 312) was closed, said officials from the Exeter Fire

Department who are helping out in Woodlake. Highway 245 from avenues 304 to 312 was closed, the California Highway Patrol reported. County officials reported that five homes, and Stone Corral School at Avenue 384 and Road 156 in Seville have also flooded. Officials are also reporting flooding in Lindsay.

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