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- Two Canadian nationals were arrested in Thailand and face extradition to the U.S. for allegedly being part of a more than \$140 million penny stock fraud scheme that defrauded investors in several countries. – *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- Police arrested a gunman armed with an AK-47 and several other weapons August 20 after he barricaded himself with employees inside the front office of the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in Atlanta, Georgia, and exchanged gunfire with officers before surrendering. – *CNN* (See item [21](#))
- Officials are investigating an August 20 explosion and fire that injured 8 people at the Naval Weapons Station Earle in New Jersey. – *Reuters* (See item [26](#))
- Researchers at FireEye spotted the Poison Ivy remote access trojan (RAT) being used in three ongoing campaigns run by Chinese hackers which target financial research firms, higher education, health care, technology companies, the U.S. defense industry and international government agencies. – *Threatpost* (See item [35](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *August 21, Amarillo Globe-News* – (Texas) **Plainview ethanol plant owners plan to resume operations.** After sitting idle for nearly 7 months, White Energy announced their Plainview Ethanol plant in Lubbock will resume operations in October after drought forced the plant to go idle.

Source: <http://amarillo.com/news/latest-news/2013-08-21/plainview-ethanol-plant-owners-plan-resume-operations>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

2. *August 20, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Japan nuclear plant leaks 300 tons of highly radioactive water.** The operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan announced that it found that 300 tons of highly radioactive water had leaked from a storage tank at the site, though the leak posed no immediate danger of contaminating Pacific Ocean waters near the plant.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/world/worldnow/la-fg-wn-japan-nuclear-plant-radioactive-water-leak-20130820,0,2987707.story>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Financial Services Sector**

3. *August 21, Associated Press* – (International) **Thai cops arrest duo over 'one of the largest international penny stock frauds' ever.** Two Canadian nationals were arrested in Thailand and face extradition to the U.S. for allegedly being part of a more

than \$140 million penny stock fraud scheme that defrauded investors in several countries.

Source: <http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2013/08/21/20117212-thai-cops-arrest-duo-over-one-of-the-largest-international-penny-stock-frauds-ever>

4. *August 20, Associated Press* – (Florida; New York) **3 FL men arraigned in NYC investment scheme.** Three Florida men accused of running a precious metals investment fraud scheme were indicted in New York City on charges of fraudulently obtaining about \$8 million from 150 investors by pretending to be Wall Street brokers. Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/08/20/3123001/3-fl-men-arraigned-in-nyc-investment.html>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *August 21, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Cabot police shuts down part of Hwy 321.** A fallen high wire power line prompted authorities to close a section of Highway 321 in Cabot, Arkansas, for several hours August 21. Source: <http://www.thv11.com/news/article/276712/2/Cabot-police-shuts-down-part-of-Hwy-321->
6. *August 21, Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware) **Police identify motorcyclist critically injured in US 13 crash.** All U.S. Route 13 southbound lanes were closed and northbound traffic restricted to one or two lanes near New Castle for about 3 hours August 20 following an accident involving a motorcycle. Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20130821/NEWS01/308200085/Motorcyclist-critically-injured-accident-snarls-US-13-near-New-Castle>
7. *August 20, KSNV 3 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Pedestrian killed while crossing Boulder Highway.** Boulder Highway in Clark County was closed for more than 3 hours after a truck hit an elderly pedestrian attempting to cross the southbound lane of the roadway August 20. Source: <http://www.mynews3.com/mostpopular/story/Pedestrian-killed-while-crossing-Boulder-Highway/8kwtU9YuWE-TjdK10Vsifg.csp>
8. *August 20, WKEF 22 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Fatal accident on 35 EB, crews shutting down highway.** A fatal collision between a car and a semi-truck closed U.S. Route 35 East in Beavercreek for several hours August 20. Source: [http://www.abc22now.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/wkef\\_vid\\_15468.shtml](http://www.abc22now.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/wkef_vid_15468.shtml)
9. *August 20, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Passenger bus collides with vehicle:**

- Sycuan Casino bus involved in crash.** A head-on crash involving a car and a passenger bus closed Dehesa Road in Dehesa for nearly 3 hours August 20.  
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/passenger-bus-collides-with-vehicle-sycuan-casino-bus-involved-in-crash-082013>
10. *August 20, KMTV 11 Twin Falls* – (Idaho) **One person injured in multiple vehicle accident near Twin Falls.** A multiple vehicle crash closed U.S. Highway 30 near Twin Falls for approximately 4 hours August 20.  
Source: <http://www.kmvt.com/news/latest/One-Person-Injured-In-Multiple-Vehicle-Accident-Near-Twin-Falls-220356361.html>
  11. *August 20, Danbury News-Times* – (Connecticut) **Cyclist dies in Route 7 crash.** A fatal accident involving a motorcyclist closed Route 7 in New Milford for nearly 4 hours August 20.  
Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/policereports/article/Cyclist-dies-in-Route-7-crash-4746505.php>
  12. *August 20, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Motorcycle rider killed in Seneca County crash.** A fatal accident between a motorcycle and another vehicle shut down U.S. Route 23 in Seneca County for about 3 hours August 20.  
Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/311315/3/Motorcycle-rider-killed-in-Seneca-County-crash>
  13. *August 20, WKBN 27 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **1 dead in motorcycle accident.** A fatal accident involving a motorcycle shut down Interstate 680 in Youngstown for more than 2 hours August 20.  
Source: <http://www.wkbn.com/2013/08/20/1-dead-in-motorcycle-accident/>
  14. *August 20, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Accident closes part of I-35.** An accident involving a tractor-trailer and a Missouri Department of Transportation truck forced the closure of all lanes of Interstate 35 north of Cameron for nearly 6 hours August 20.  
Source: [http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local\\_news/article\\_8e464595-22c5-5fd2-876c-31d8f3b25b15.html](http://www.newspressnow.com/news/local_news/article_8e464595-22c5-5fd2-876c-31d8f3b25b15.html)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

15. *August 21, Food Safety News* – (National) **Nationwide tally for Cyclospora cases now at 613.** The nationwide total for Cyclospora infections is at 613. Texas reported 267 cases in its latest update, 20 more than the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention total for the State.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/tally-for-cyclospora-cases-now-at-613/>
16. *August 20, Food Safety News* – (Arizona) **Federico's E. coli outbreak in AZ hits 74.**

According to Maricopa County Public Health officials at least 74 people have fallen ill with E. coli O157:H7 after dining at Federico's Mexican Restaurant in Litchfield Park around July 18.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/federicos-e-coli-outbreak-in-az-hits-74/>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

17. *August 20, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **City of Fairmont Water Treatment Plant issues boil water advisory.** A water line break prompted the City of Fairmont Water Treatment Plant in West Virginia to issue a boil water advisory August 20 for several areas around Market Street.  
Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story/23197108/city-of-fairmont-water-treatment-plant-issues-boil-water-advisory>
18. *August 20, Lexington Dispatch* – (North Carolina) **12,000 gallons of untreated wastewater spill in Thomasville.** Heavy rains in the City of Thomasville caused a 12,000-gallon spill of untreated wastewater from manholes in and near the Pilot Pump Station which flowed into Jimmy Creek August 18.  
Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20130820/News/308209976/-1/news?Title=12-000-gallons-of-untreated-wastewater-spill-in-Thomasville>
19. *August 20, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **1,400 gallons of sewage spill into Butler Creek tributary.** The accumulation of grease and debris caused a sewer line to overflow and spill 1,400 gallons of sewage into Butler Creek tributary August 19. The spill was corrected after several hours.  
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2013-08-20/sewer-spill-pollutes-butler-creek-tributary?v=1377021078>
20. *August 20, Associated Press* – (Puerto Rico) **Puerto Rico to build \$54M water treatment plant.** The governor of Puerto Rico announced the start of construction of a \$54 million water treatment plant that will serve 22,000 families in the central eastern region and will begin operating by September 2016.  
Source: <http://www.kimt.com/2013/08/20/puerto-rico-to-build-54m-water-treatment-plant/>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

21. *August 21, CNN* – (Georgia) **Police: Gunman wielded AK-47 inside Georgia school; no one injured.** Police arrested a gunman armed with an AK-47 and several other weapons after a gunfire exchange at the Ronald E. McNair Discovery Learning Academy in Atlanta. The shooter entered the school August 20 and barricaded himself inside the school's front office with employees before exchanging gunfire with officers and eventually surrendering.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/20/us/georgia-school-gunshots/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2013/08/20/us/georgia-school-gunshots/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)
22. *August 21, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Rim Fire grows, Swedes Fire 90% contained.** Crews in California continued to battle several wildfires throughout the State including, the 10,170-acre Rim Fire burning west of Yosemite National Park, the 2,462-acre Swedes Fire reaching 90 percent containment by August 21, and the 15,738-acre American Fire near Foresthill, reaching 62 percent containment.  
Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2013/08/update-rim-fire-grows-swedes-fire-75-contained.html>
23. *August 21, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Pine, Featherville residents struggle after Elk Complex Fire.** Crews reached 75 percent containment August 20 of Idaho's Elk Complex Fire after burning roughly 130,000 acres. Fire officials have slowly reopened roads and allowed residents back into their homes.  
Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/Same-towns-different-fires-residents-talk-about-Elk-Complex-Fire-220452841.html>
24. *August 21, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Students injured in Louisville school bus crash.** An accident involving a Jefferson County school bus caused 5 children to be transported to an area hospital August 21 while the remaining 4 uninjured students were taken on to school.  
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/students-injured-in-louisville-school-bus-crash>
25. *August 20, KTVN 2 Reno* – (Nevada; California) **Brush fire southwest of Hawthorne continues to grow.** Firefighters reached 20 percent containment of the 14,000-acre Spring Peak Fire burning southwest of Hawthorne. A voluntary evacuation was given for the Borealis and Esmeralda Mines.  
Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/23168317/fire-near-hawthorne-continues-to-grow-now-14000-acres>
26. *August 20, Reuters* – (New Jersey) **Explosion rocks naval base in New Jersey.** Officials are investigating an August 20 explosion and fire that injured 8 people at Naval Weapons Station Earle, located near Colts Neck Township. The explosion occurred during routine maintenance on a utility boat and the damage was contained to the boathouse area and the vessel.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/08/20/us-usa-explosion-newjersey-idUSBRE97J0KI20130820>

27. *August 20, Associated Press* – (California) **Crews battling 400-acre Kern County fire.** U.S. Forest Service officials reported voluntary evacuations for homes in the Alta Sierra, Slick Rock, and Shirley Meadows areas while firefighters battled a 400-acre fire in the mountains of Sequoia National Forest, reaching 10 percent containment by August 20.  
Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/08/20/3175559/crews-battling-400-acre-kern-county.html>
28. *August 20, Hood River News* – (Oregon) **Government Flats Fire flares.** Firefighters continued to battle the nearly 7,000-acre Government Flats Complex Fire in Oregon, one of three area fires started by lightning strikes August 16.  
Source: <http://www.hoodrivernews.com/news/2013/aug/21/government-flats-fire-flares/>
29. *August 20, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Stinson Beach closed after White Shark attacks seal.** Officials closed Stinson beach in Marin County for five days following an August 19 sighting of a shark eating a seal. The ban was limited to swimming and surfing in the water.  
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/stinson-beach-closed-after-white-shark-attacks-sea/nZTM4/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

30. *August 21, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Hartford mayor to investigate city's dispatch center.** The Hartford Emergency Dispatch Center is under investigation by the city mayor after a series of high profile problems prompted him to inspect daily operations. The investigation will be complete by the end of the week of August 26.  
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Hartford-Mayor-To-Investigate-Citys-Dispatch-Center-220446501.html>
31. *August 21, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Investigators find stolen police guns.** Police found two guns that were stolen the week of August 12 from a Hammond Police Department vehicle in Kentwood, but are still searching for the suspects responsible for the crime.  
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/23203938/investigators-find-stolen-police-guns-suspects-remain-on-the-loose>
32. *August 20, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Detroit police communication system crashes for 2nd time in a month.** Detroit Police Department's communication system crashed August 20 for the second time in a month when corrupt data entered the system as crews were working on a system upgrade. The crash resulted in sporadic radio reception and while dispatchers were able to get information out, they were not able to respond to police.



Source:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130820/METRO01/308200052/1409/METRO/Detroit-s-communication-system-crashes-2nd-time-month>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

33. *August 21, Softpedia* – (International) **League of Legends hacked, North American players required to change passwords.** League of Legends publisher Riot Games advised North American players to change their passwords after some of the company's North American account information was compromised. The compromised information included names, usernames, emails, salted password hashes, and about 120,000 transaction records that contained hashed and salted credit card numbers.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/League-of-Legends-Hacked-North-American-Players-Required-to-Change-Passwords-377023.shtml>
34. *August 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Chinese ransomware changes Windows login password.** Symantec researchers analyzed a Chinese ransomware known as Trojan.Ransomlock.AF that infects a computer and then changes the Windows login name and password in an attempt to extort money from victims.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Chinese-Ransomware-Changes-Windows-Login-Password-377140.shtml>
35. *August 21, Threatpost* – (International) **Poison Ivy RAT spotted in three new attacks.** Researchers at FireEye spotted the Poison Ivy remote access trojan (RAT) being used in three ongoing campaigns run by Chinese hackers. The admin@388 campaign targets financial research firms, the th3bug campaign targets higher education, health care, and technology companies, while the menuPass campaign targets the defense industry and international government agencies.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/poison-ivy-rat-spotted-in-three-new-attacks/102022>
36. *August 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake web browser updates hide Sirefef/Shylock malware.** ThreatTrack Security researchers warned users of a Web site that attempts to trick users into installing Sirefef or Shylock malware by offering a browser update for Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Chrome.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Web-Browser-Updates-Hide-Sirefef-Shylock-Malware-376803.shtml>
37. *August 20, Threatpost* – (International) **Adware spotted spreading via Google App Engine sites.** Researchers at Barracuda Labs identified two sites pushing the Solimba adware disguised as Java or media player updates via Google's App Engine domains.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/adware-spotted-spreading-via-google-app-engine-sites/102041>



38. *August 20, Threatpost* – (International) **Google Chrome 29 fixes 25 vulnerabilities.** Google released the newest version of its Chrome browser, closing 25 security vulnerabilities and updating other functions.  
Source: <http://threatpost.com/google-chrome-29-fixes-25-vulnerabilities/102038>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *August 21, KFDX 3 Wichita Falls* – (Texas) **Cause determined in Wichita Falls apartment fire.** Maintenance crews cutting through a wire accidentally caused a three-alarm fire August 19 which spread throughout The Woodlands apartment complex in Wichita Falls causing \$520,000 in estimated damages and displacing almost a dozen families.  
Source: [http://www.texomashomepage.com/story/cause-determined-in-wichita-falls-apartment-fire/d/story/ETjp\\_d9ZV0mpSaRptJO6A](http://www.texomashomepage.com/story/cause-determined-in-wichita-falls-apartment-fire/d/story/ETjp_d9ZV0mpSaRptJO6A)
40. *August 21, WFTS 28 Tampa* – (Florida) **80 evacuated from Holiday apartment complex after storm damage.** Heavy thunderstorms August 20 caused over 80 people to be displaced from Park at Barrington Place Apartments in Holiday, Florida, after its roof began to collapse. The building will remain closed as residents move to another complex owned by the same company and officials investigate the damage.  
Source: [http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region\\_pasco/holiday/80-evacuated-from-holiday-apartment-complex-after-storm-damage](http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_pasco/holiday/80-evacuated-from-holiday-apartment-complex-after-storm-damage)

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