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- Toyota announced a recall of 803,000 vehicles due to the potential for an electrical issue that could cause a short circuit and turn on airbag warning lights or disable the airbags. – *Detroit Bureau* (See item [3](#))
- Police in Finland arrested a man believed to be part of an international cybercrime ring that has been using over 60,000 compromised servers to commit credit card fraud. – *Softpedia* (See item [4](#))
- A federal court issued a judgment fining HSBC \$2.46 billion due to a unit of the company that filed false and misleading statements and engaged in other practices that inflated its share price. – *Reuters* (See item [6](#))
- Costco's El Camino Real store in San Francisco added an additional 14,093 units of rotisserie chicken products to an ongoing recall due to potential contamination with a strain of Salmonella. – *Meat & Poultry* (See item [14](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *October 17, Reuters; Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **Tesoro detected anomalies on ND line before leak.** Tesoro Logistics LP announced October 17 that they detected anomalies during an inspection of its 20-year-old North Dakota pipeline days prior to the rupture and spill of 20,600 barrels of Bakken oil onto farmland September 29. The pipeline remains shutdown while regulators continue to investigate. Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/415551/group/News/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *October 18, Baltimore Sun* – (National) **GAO questions disparities in nuclear plant oversight.** A U.S. Government Accountability Office report on the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)'s oversight of nuclear power plants found regional disparities in the reporting of low-level safety violations, and that the NRC's record-keeping system was inadequate for use by the public and NRC inspectors. Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/green/blog/bal-gao-hits-regional-disparity-in-nuclear-plant-safety-oversight-20131017,0,1074584.story>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *October 17, Detroit Bureau* – (National) **Toyota recalls 803,000 vehicles over airbag problem.** Toyota announced a recall of 803,000 model year 2012 and 2013 Camry, Avalon, and Venza vehicles due to the potential for an electrical issue that could cause a short circuit and turn on airbag warning lights or disable the airbags. Source: <http://editorial.autos.msn.com/toyota-recalls-803000-cars-for-airbag-defect>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. *October 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Finnish police arrest man allegedly involved with international hacker group.** Police in Finland arrested a man believed to be part of a cybercrime ring that has been using over 60,000 compromised servers to commit credit card fraud. Police found information on 3,000 non-Finish payment cards on the suspect's computer and the man admitted to using the information to make purchases. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Finnish-Police-Arrest-Man-Allegedly-Involved-with-International-Hacker-Group-392362.shtml>
5. *October 18, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Feds arrest Romanian nationals accused of placing skimming devices in 2 Pittsburgh post offices.** Authorities in Pittsburgh arrested two Romanian nationals as they were allegedly retrieving skimming devices attached to an automated postal machine inside a post office, with a skimming device also reported in another post office. Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/2-men-accused-using-skimming-devices-stamp-machine/nbQ3w/>
6. *October 17, Reuters* – (National) **HSBC is fined \$2.46 billion in securities fraud case.** A federal court issued a judgment October 17 fining HSBC \$2.46 billion in a class action lawsuit filed against Household International, which was later bought by HSBC, due to the lender's leadership making false and misleading statements and engaging in other practices that inflated the company's share price. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/18/business/hsbc-is-fined-2-46-billion-in-securities-fraud-case.html>
7. *October 17, Dark Reading* – (International) **DDoS attack used 'headless' browsers in 150-hour siege.** Incapsula reported that an unnamed trading platform was subject to a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that employed around 180,000 IP addresses and lasted 150 hours. The attack used a version of the Phantom IS 'headless browser' developer tool to simulate traffic from actual users and was thus more difficult to mitigate. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/ddos-attack-used-headless-browsers-in-15/240162777>
8. *October 17, North Bay Business Journal* – (California) **FDIC seeks \$12 million from former Sonoma Valley Bank executives.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation filed a lawsuit against three former officers and directors of the failed Sonoma Valley Bank and is seeking \$12 million from them for allegedly knowingly acting in violation of State regulations and the bank's internal standards. Source: <http://www.northbaybusinessjournal.com/81603/fdic-seeks-12-million-from-former-sonoma-valley-bank-executives/>
9. *October 17, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Rhode Island* – (Rhode Island) **Computer technology firm CEO pleads guilty to bank fraud, money laundering.** The CEO and vice president of General Technologies Corporation, doing business as CompUtopia, October 15 pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in Providence to a bank

fraud and money laundering scheme that defrauded Rockland Trust Company of more than \$5 million.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/boston/press-releases/2013/computer-technology-firm-ceo-pleads-guilty-to-bank-fraud-money-laundering>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *October 18, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **One dead in small plane crash at Fairbanks airport.** A small plane that crashed off the south end of Fairbanks International Airport in Alaska killed one person and injured two others October 17. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the crash.
Source: http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/small-plane-crashes-at-fairbanks-airport/article_b3d83cf4-3799-11e3-b157-001a4bcf6878.html
11. *October 17, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (National) **Delta website functional after daylong glitches.** Delta Air Lines' Web site and Delta's mobile apps encountered unexpected server issues and outages for approximately 4 hours October 17.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/310206/40/Delta-website-back-up-and-running>
12. *October 17, WTVJ 6 Miami* – (Florida) **32 people injured in bus crash with tow truck in Pompano Beach.** An accident involving a Broward County Transit bus and a semi-truck in Pompano Beach injured 32 people October 17.
Source: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/26-Passengers-in-Bus-Crash-With-Tow-Truck-in-Pompano-Beach-228238771.html>
13. *October 17, Marquette Mining Journal* – (Michigan) **U.P. post office evacuated.** The Iron Mountain post office in Michigan was evacuated and closed for several hours before it was determined that there was no threat after an employee found a suspicious briefcase in the lobby October 15.
Source: <http://www.miningjournal.net/page/content.detail/id/591570/U-P--post-office-evacuated.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *October 17, Meat & Poultry* – (California) **Costco expands recall of rotisserie chicken.** Costco's El Camino Real store in San Francisco added an additional 14,093 units of Kirkland Farm and Kirkland Signature Foster Farms rotisserie chicken products to an ongoing recall due to potential contamination with a strain of

Salmonella. Officials are investigating the source of the contamination.

Source:

http://www.meatpoultry.com/articles/news_home/Food_Safety/2013/10/Costco_expands_recall_of_rotis.aspx?ID=%7BD3562143-3E43-441C-A2E9-B4D2F8EF37C9%7D

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *October 17, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Broken water main floods West Hollywood neighborhood.** The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power reported dozens of customers lost water services after a 12-inch main burst October 17 and sent 100,000 gallons of water into a residential neighborhood.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2013/10/17/broken-water-main-sends-100000-gallons-into-weho-neighborhood/>
16. *October 16, San Angelo Live* – (Texas) **Thousands of gallons of water flow down city streets.** Crews from the San Angelo Water Distribution Authority released 115,000 gallons of water from a water tank after piping in order to perform maintenance to piping leading to the main tank. City officials reassured the public that there was no need to be concerned about the water supply.
Source: <http://sanangelolive.com/news/2013-10-16/updated-thousands-gallons-water-flow-down-city-streets>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

17. *October 17, Bakersfield Californian* – (California) **VA says its patient records weren't compromised.** After several allegations that confidential patient records were removed and compromised from the Bakersfield Veterans Administration Clinic, the clinic announced that three separate investigations over the course of several months determined no patient information was released or mishandled in any way.
Source: <http://www.bakersfieldcalifornian.com/health/x196574180/VA-says-its-patient-records-werent-compromised>
18. *October 17, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Health officials probe hepatitis C outbreak in ND.** State and federal health officials identified 7 cases of hepatitis C and are investigating 28 others after the cases were linked to individuals who are former or current residents of ManorCare Health Services in Minot. Authorities are investigating how and where people were infected.
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/275954/group/homepage/>
19. *October 17, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **4 charged with stealing \$750K in merchandise using patients' stolen information.** Prosecutors charged four women for using the personal information of nearly 50 patients from medical offices where two of the women worked to take over credit accounts from department stores and steal over

\$750,000 in merchandise.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/4-charged-with-stealing-750k-in-merchandise-using-patients-stolen-information/2013/10/17/81f8efea-3789-11e3-89db-8002ba99b894_story.html

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *October 18, Harrisburg Patriot-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Damaged wiring causes power outage that cancels classes at two East Pennsboro Township schools.** Officials cancelled classes at East Pennsboro Area Middle School and East Pennsboro Elementary School October 18 after a damaged wire shorted and caused a power outage at the middle school. Crews worked to repair the damaged wire.
Source: http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2013/10/damaged_wiring_causes_power_outage.html
21. *October 17, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **2 SC women sentenced for Social Security fraud.** Two South Carolina women pleaded guilty to stealing nearly \$200,000 in fraudulent Social Security payments after falsely claiming to be blind. Authorities sentenced them to federal prison and ordered them to repay the government.
Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2013/10/17/2742973/2-sc-women-sentenced-for-social.html>
22. *October 17, Dark Reading* – (National) **New study: Half of federal agency security breaches caused by lack of user compliance.** A report conducted by a private-public partnership determined that cyber security professionals from federal agencies often fail to take user experience into consideration when deploying cyber security solutions, resulting in end users circumventing security measures and opening their agencies up to data theft, data loss, and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/government-vertical/new-study-half-of-federal-agency-security-breaches-caused-by-lack-of-user-compliance/240162773>
23. *October 17, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **Some DPS students medical records in hands of thief.** Denver Public Schools notified 100 students' parents after a suitcase containing a thumb drive with the student's medical history was stolen from a school nurse's car October 5.
Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2013/10/17/some-dps-students-medical-records-in-hands-of-thief/>
24. *October 17, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Students injured in Blue Summit school bus crash.** Two students were injured after an Independence District school bus crashed into a power pole October 17 in Blue Summit.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/23717752/students-injured-in-blue-summit-school-bus-crash>

25. *October 17, SC Magazine* – (National) **College networks hit with highest incidence of malware infections, firm finds.** Researchers from OpenDNS discovered that college and university networks were 300 percent more likely to contain malware than government organizations or business entities that faced the same cyberattacks, due to inadequate protection when students are off campus and connected to unsecure networks.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com//college-networks-hit-with-highest-incidence-of-malware-infections-firm-finds/article/316776/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

26. *October 18, Threatpost* – (International) **VMware patches flaws in ESX, vCenter.** VMware issued several patches for its products, including vCenter and ESX, closing a number of vulnerabilities that could be used for authentication bypass or denial of service.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/vmware-patches-flaws-in-esx-vcenter>

27. *October 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Video game forum NeoGAF hacked, user passwords reset.** Video game forum NeoGAF reset its users' passwords after an administrator account was briefly compromised and could have been used to steal user information.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Video-Game-Forum-NeoGAF-Hacked-User-Passwords-Reset-392448.shtml>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@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

28. *October 18, Yakima Herald* – (Washington) **Phone service restored after theft of**

1,000 feet of cable. Cellular phone, Internet, and landline services were restored to CenturyLink customers and 9-1-1- services in several areas near Yakima October 17 following the theft of about 1,000 feet of copper and fiber optic cable which caused the outage.

Source: <http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/latestlocalnews/1588352-8/phone-service-down-in-bleed-area-911-also>

29. *October 17, KGWN 2 Cheyenne* – (National) **New telemarketing laws aim to protect cell phone users.** New Federal Communications Commission rules will limit telemarketers' ability to call and text cell phones using automatic dialing systems and require written consent from consumers before contacting them using automatic systems.

Source: <http://kwgn.com/2013/10/17/new-telemarketing-laws-aim-to-protect-cell-phone-users/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *October 16, Manassas* – (Virginia) **4,000 feet of copper cable stolen from Manassas Park business.** Manassas Park Police are investigating the October 7 theft of 4,366 feet of copper wire from the lot of Lee Construction Company with a value of \$10,133.

Source: <http://manassas.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/4000-feet-of-copper-cable-stolen-from-manassas-park-business>

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