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- Authorities are continuing to investigate the incident a laptop theft that compromised 729,000 San Gabriel Valley, California-based AHMC hospital patient files. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [19](#))
- A student at a middle school in Sparks, Nevada, shot and killed a teacher and wounded two other students before shooting and killing himself. – *Associated Press* (See item [21](#))
- Eight officers and 13 enlisted members of an Arizona Air National Guard were indicted on charges they falsified military records to defraud the U.S. government for additional pay – *Reuters* (See item [22](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *October 21, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **Xcel's Sherco power plant Unit 3 is back online.** After suffering a disastrous failure November 2011, Unit 3 of Xcel Energy's Sherco power plant near Becker, Minnesota, was back online after 2 years and undergoing more than \$200 million in repairs. Investigators determined the unit's failure was a result of the design after stress corrosion prompted extensive cracking in one row of turbine blades.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/business/ci_24356569/xcel-sherco-power-plant-unit-3-is-back
2. *October 21, Reuters* – (North Dakota) **Tesoro says no date set to restart burst North Dakota pipeline.** Tesoro Logistics LP announced October 21 it still did not have a date to restart the oil pipeline in North Dakota that spilled 20,600 barrels of crude onto farmland after a portion of the 6 inch pipeline ruptured. The company has collected 3,400 barrels of the spilled oil, and removed and sent the ruptured pipeline for analysis.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-rt-us-tesoro-pipeline-spill-20131021,0,2456012.story>
3. *October 21, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **More than 20,000 Saginaw County Consumers Energy customers without power; restoration expected soon.** A problem with a primary electrical line caused approximately 20,800 Consumers Energy homes and businesses in Saginaw County to lose power October 21. Crews worked to restore service.
Source:
http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2013/10/more_than_20k_saginaw_county_c.html
4. *October 21, Associated Press* – (California) **Hundreds evacuated, 30 treated as mystery odor empties Southern California call center.** Nearly 300 people were evacuated from a Southern California Edison call center in Long Beach October 21, with 30 being treated after complaining of illness. A HAZMAT team cleared the scene several hours later without finding the cause of the odor.
Source:
http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/bdc78983637b498fa628c6ca4917a215/CA--Call-Center-Evacuated/#.Umab2_mkqM5

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *October 21, Green Bay Press Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Unclear which chemicals forced evacuation, street closures.** A chemical reaction at the Carboline Co., of Green Bay forced the evacuation of a business and closure of nearby streets while a hazardous-

materials team evaluated the scene October 21. Officials are investigating the cause of the incident.

Source: <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20131021/GPG0101/310210185/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *October 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Hyundai to recall Genesis cars to fix brakes.** Hyundai announced a recall of around 27,500 model year 2009-2012 Genesis vehicles due to an issue involving the vehicles' braking systems.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2013/10/22/hyundai-to-recall-genesis-cars-to-fix-brakes/>
7. *October 21, Renton Reporter* – (Washington) **Renton aerospace parts manufacturer pays \$24,000 Ecology fine.** AIM Aerospace Inc. was fined \$24,000 by the Washington Department of Ecology for three repeat violations at its Renton facility that involved failures to properly label and dispose of hazardous waste.
Source: <http://www.rentonreporter.com/news/228654911.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

8. *October 22, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC charges Diebold with FCPA violations.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged ATM and bank security systems manufacturer Diebold with violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by allegedly bribing government-owned bank officials in China and Indonesia and then recording the bribes as legitimate expenses, in addition to allegedly falsifying records to hide \$1.2 million in bribes to employees of private banks in Russia. Diebold agreed to pay more than \$48 million to resolve the charges and to resolve U.S. Department of Justice criminal charges related to the violations.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370539977273>

9. *October 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Eastern European banking systems targeted by hackers in Apollo campaign.** Trend Micro published a white paper on a cybercrime campaign dubbed Apollo that is using a variant of the Zeus trojan to steal banking credentials and other information from customers of major eastern European banks. The campaign also utilizes tools such as Pony Loader, Ann Loader, and the Bleeding Life exploit pack.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Eastern-European-Banking-Systems-Targeted-by-Hackers-in-Apollo-Campaign-393332.shtml>

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Transportation Systems Sector

10. *October 22, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Mokulele Express plane lands safely on Maui highway.** A Mokulele Express plane made an emergency landing on the northbound lane of Piilani Highway in Kihei due to engine trouble and caused the closure of the Piilani Highway between Kilohana and Wailea Ike Drive for 2 hours October 21. The Hawaii Department of Transportation is investigating the incident.
Source: http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20131021_None_hurt_as_plane_makes_emergency_landing_on_Maui_highway.html
11. *October 21, Omaha World-Herald* – (Iowa) **Spike in Council Bluffs copper thefts befuddles law enforcement.** Interstate 29 in and around Council Bluffs has been the target of several recent copper thefts, with 25,000 feet of wire stolen from lighting systems since July 1.
Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20131021/NEWS/131029818>
12. *October 21, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; New York; Pennsylvania) **Amtrak, NJ Transit service interrupted by accident.** A fatal Amtrak train accident near the Metropark station in Woodbridge Township suspended service in both directions on the Northeast Corridor and reduced speeds between Philadelphia and New York City for an undisclosed amount of time October 21.
Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20131021_ap_3bb49f87ed4043b7ae2759b6d20753f4.html
13. *October 21, Dickinson Press* – (North Dakota) **Butane leak in crash causes evacuation, highway shutdown east of New Town.** An accident involving a semi-truck carrying hazardous material at North Dakota Highways 8 and 23 caused the closure of the intersection and evacuation of a 1-mile radius east of New Town due to leaking butane October 18. The crash is still under investigation.
Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/73143/>
14. *October 21, NBC News* – (North Carolina) **Plane briefly detained in NC after suspicious note found on board.** A US Airways flight from Buffalo, New York made

an emergency landing at Charlotte Douglas International Airport October 21 after a suspicious note was found on board. The FBI is investigating the incident.

Source: http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2013/10/21/21066169-plane-briefly-detained-in-nc-after-suspicious-note-found-on-board?lite

15. *October 21, Chicago Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Metra train hits semi carrying cars on Milwaukee District West Line in Bartlett.** An accident involving a Metra train that collided with a semi-truck in Bartlett injured two and caused significant damage and rail delays October 21. Police are investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-metra-train-hits-semitruck-carrying-vehicles-on-milwaukee-district-west-line-20131021,0,2291874.story>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *October 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Price Chopper Supermarkets recalls coconut custard pies.** Price Chopper Supermarkets recalled Price Chopper eight inch and ten inch coconut custard pies due to a lack of ingredient information on the label that does not disclose that the pies contain milk, egg, soy, wheat, and tree nut.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm371614.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *October 21, KDRV 12 Medford* – (Oregon) **Red dye test causes plant shutdown.** The Grants Pass Water Treatment facility near White City briefly shut down October 17 after a non-toxic red dye plume used October 16 to measure dispersal at the upriver Medford Sewage Treatment Plant unexpectedly stayed intact and was visible in the Grants Pass plant's filters. Officials determined there was no risk to water quality.

Source: <http://www.kdrv.com/47238/>

18. *October 21, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Lexington upgrading sewers with dozens of projects.** The mayor of Lexington announced that the city has begun the first of over 80 sanitary sewer improvement projects agreed to in a deal with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The improvements are estimated to cost \$600 million and are intended to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows.

Source: <http://www.wtvq.com/content/statenews/story/Lexington-upgrading-sewers-with-dozens-of-projects/SBLqN0GmwkSf9BbIh30MSQ.csp>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *October 21, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Laptop theft compromise 729,000 hospital patient files.** San Gabriel Valley-based AHMC notified 729,000 patients that their personal and health information may have been compromised after two password-protected laptops were stolen from an office on a medical campus October 12. Authorities do not believe the information was accessed or used, and are continuing to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-hospital-theft-20131022,0,1936078.story#axzz2iSURjiZb>
20. *October 21, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **Official: 7 hospitalized after nursing center blaze.** The Marquis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Glen Cove was evacuated while 4 injured residents and 3 injured staff members were transported to area hospitals after a fire broke out October 21 in a resident's bedroom. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/official-7-hospitalized-after-nursing-center-blaze-1.6294422>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *October 22, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **Teacher called hero in fatal Nevada school shooting.** A student killed himself after he shot and killed a teacher and wounded two other students from Sparks Middle School in Nevada October 21 when he entered school grounds and began firing. The middle school and adjacent elementary school was closed for the remainder of the week while authorities investigate.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/teacher-called-hero-in-fatal-nevada-school-shooting>
22. *October 21, Reuters* – (Arizona) **National Guard members indicted on fraud charges.** Eight officers and 13 enlisted members of an Arizona Air National Guard unit in Tucson were indicted October 21 on charges they falsified military records to defraud the U.S. government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional pay meant for troops on deployment. The individuals allegedly used fake home addresses to collect extra pay from November 2007 through September 2010, earning over \$100,000.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/national-guard-members-indicted-on-fraud-charges>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *October 22, CNN* – (Florida) **Fake papers for Florida cons called ‘cottage industry.’** The commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement announced there were five other instances of using forged documents in an attempt to cut down time

from Florida inmate's sentences. Authorities determined an individual was paid \$8,000 to create fake documents, part of an organized illicit business.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/10/21/justice/florida-inmates-mistakenly-freed/index.html>

24. *October 21, Florence Times Daily* – (Alabama) **Ex-fire department treasurer admits guilt in funds theft.** The former treasurer of Cloverdale Volunteer Fire Department pleaded guilty and was sentenced in Florence, Alabama, after admitting to taking over \$39,000 by using the department's credit card for personal expenses.

Source: http://www.timesdaily.com/news/local/article_aa3ca418-3ad3-11e3-b362-001a4bcf6878.html

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Information Technology Sector

25. *October 22, The Register* – (International) **Google pulls all Android apps linked to adware badness THAT MUST NOT BE NAMED.** Google removed several Android apps from its Google Play store found to be using an unnamed mobile app library dubbed Vulna after it was reported that the library poses a major security risk. Google also canceled several Developer accounts associated with apps found to be exploiting the app library vulnerability.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/10/22/vulna_mobile_ad_threat_followup/

26. *October 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Cutwail cybercriminals replace BlackHole with Magnitude exploit kit.** Researchers at Dell's SecureWorks reported that a cybercriminal group that uses the Cutwail spam botnet to distribute malware has switched from using the BlackHole exploit kit to using Magnitude (Popads) following the arrest of BlackHole's alleged creator. Trend Micro also reported that all major campaigns utilizing BlackHole have ended following the arrest.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cutwail-Cybercriminals-Replace-BlackHole-with-Magnitude-Exploit-Kit-393271.shtml>

27. *October 22, The Register* – (International) **D-Link hole-prober finds 'backdoor' in Chinese wireless routers.** Security researchers reported finding a backdoor in Tenda wireless routers that could be used by attackers to take over the router and execute commands via a UDP packet with a special string.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/10/22/tenda_router_backdoor/

28. *October 21, The Register* – (International) **Facebook switches itself off and on again after GLOBAL meltdown.** Facebook suffered an outage October 21 that prevented users from posting comments and using other functions for around 2 hours.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/10/21/facebook_back_online_outage/

29. *October 21, The Register* – (International) **Now swallow: Microsoft hands out cure for Surface RT tabs killed by Win 8.1.** Microsoft released a recover image for Surface RT tablets that were affected by a faulty Windows 8.1 upgrade that caused

some tablets to boot to an error message.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/10/21/surface_rt_recovery_image/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

30. *October 21, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **70 people evacuated during Tucson hotel fire.** Authorities are investigating after a fire in a room prompted the evacuation of approximately 70 people from a 3-story hotel in Tucson.

Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/story/23744449/70-people-evacuated-during-tucson-hotel-fire>

31. *October 21, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Bomb squad clears apartment after explosion damages unit, blows refrigerator to pieces.** The 12-unit East Stuart Street apartment in Fort Collins was evacuated after an explosion occurred centered around a refrigerator in a ground-floor apartment October 21.

Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/article/20131021/NEWS01/131021012>

32. *October 21, American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Chlorine fumes at downtown YMCA send two to hospital.** Chlorine fumes caused by a blocked valve at a YMCA in Austin sent two people to the hospital and closed the pool area for a brief period October 21.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/chlorine-fumes-at-downtown-ymca-send-two-to-hospit/nbTR7/>

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