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- Two men pleaded guilty to using skimming devices on ATMs in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, charged as part of an investigation into \$5 million in bank fraud. – *NJToday.net* (See item [6](#))
- The Food and Drug Administration announced a ban on trans fats and will gradually require the food industry to phase out the use of the artery-clogging artificial fat. – *Associated Press* (See item [13](#))
- A U.S. Embassy official in Vietnam pleaded guilty to visa fraud and taking more than \$3 million in bribes for approving nearly 500 visitor visas to the U.S. – *ABC News* (See item [25](#))
- Two gunmen were involved in a barber shop shooting in Detroit that left 3 people dead and 8 others wounded. – *Reuters* (See item [37](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 6, Dallas Business Journal* – (Arkansas) **Exxon slapped with \$2.6 million fine for not reporting pipeline vulnerability.** The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued Exxon Mobil Corp.'s pipeline subsidiary with nine violations carrying a \$2.6 million penalty as a result of the March 29 Pegasus Pipeline rupture in Mayflower, Arkansas, that leaked 5,000 barrel of crude oil. The pipeline remains out of service.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/news/2013/11/06/exxon-slapped-with-26m-fine-for-not.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *November 7, Hagerstown Herald-Mail*– (Maryland) **Central Chemical Group agrees to pay \$250,000 to develop clean-up plan.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 5 that multiple companies will pay about \$250,000 to clean up the Central Chemical Superfund site in Hagerstown of contaminated soil and wastes from agricultural pesticides and fertilizers that were blended at the now closed plant from the 1930s to the 1960s.
Source: http://www.heraldmillmedia.com/news/local/central-chemical-group-agrees-to-pay-to-develop-clean-up/article_68a368de-4672-11e3-967e-0019bb30f31a.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *November 7, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader* – (Pennsylvania) **NRC downgrades safety status on reactor at Susquehanna plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission downgraded the safety performance rating of the Unit 2 reactor at the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Berwick to its “degraded cornerstone column” in a quarterly review of plant performance.
Source: <http://www.timesleader.com/news/local-news/967616/NRC-downgrades-safety-status-on-reactor-at-Susquehanna-plant>
4. *November 7, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **DOE says just 1, not 6, Hanford single-shell tanks leaking.** The U.S. Department of Energy released evaluation findings on 6 single-shell tanks at Washington's Hanford Site and reported that 1 of the 6 tanks was found to be leaking hazardous radioactive and chemical waste.
Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2013/11/06/3299699/doe-says-just-1-not-6-hanford.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *November 7, Car Connection* – (National) **2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee recalled for electrical & software flaws.** Chrysler recalled 91,559 model year 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles manufactured between January and August due to software and electrical issues that could cause random warning light illumination and the loss of anti-lock braking and electronic stability control functions.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1088257_2014-jeep-grand-cherokee-recalled-for-electrical-software-flaws

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

6. *November 6, NJToday.net* – (New York; New Jersey; Connecticut) **N.Y. men plead guilty to ATM skimming scheme targeting NJ bank customers.** Two Romanian nationals living in New York City pleaded guilty to using skimming devices on Citibank ATMs in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut and stealing \$985,000. Charges against the two individuals were brought as part of a larger investigation into \$5 million in fraud schemes in the area.
Source: <http://njtoday.net/2013/11/06/n-y-men-plead-guilty-to-atm-skimming-scheme-targeting-nj-bank-customers/>
7. *November 6, WOWK 13 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Men plead guilty in \$1 million fire insurance fraud scheme in Logan County, WV.** Two men pleaded guilty November 6 for their involvement in an insurance fraud and arson scheme in Logan, West Virginia, that involved taking out inflated insurance on an office building, setting fire to it, and collecting \$1 million in insurance money.
Source: <http://www.wowktv.com/story/23895378/men-plead>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *November 6, Houston County News* – (Texas) **3 killed, 1 injured in plane crash.** A fatal accident involving a twin-engine airplane that crashed near the Houston County Airport killed three people and critically injured one person November 1. The National

Transportation and Safety Board is conducting an investigation.

Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/houstonconews/news/local/killed-injured-in-plane-crash/article_aa92b518-46fb-11e3-8958-0019bb2963f4.html

9. *November 6, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Copper thieves cut fiber optic cables, knocking Honolulu traffic cameras offline.** Two dozen Honolulu city traffic cameras were taken offline over the weekend of November 2 after copper thieves slashed two of the city's major fiber optic cables causing the cameras to be out of service from 15 to 30 days and about \$10,000 in damages.
Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/23897528/copper-thieves-cut-fiber-optic-cables-knocking-honolulu-traffic-cameras-offline>
10. *November 6, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Parkrose post office evacuated after mace fires.** An accidental discharge of a mail carrier's mace at the Parkrose Post Office in northeast Portland prompted a response from firefighters and the evacuation of around 10 employees from the building for about 1 hour November 6.
Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Post-office-evacuated-after-bear-mace-goes-off-230852311.html>
11. *November 6, NJ.com* – (New Jersey) **Hazmat spill shuts down Route 80 lane and ramp in Denville, State Police says.** A HAZMAT incident involving a semi-truck that leaked sodium nitrate on Interstate 80 west in Denville closed the right lane of the highway and the entrance ramp for Interstate 80 from Route 46 while a HAZMAT team and other officials cleared the scene for about 2 hours November 7.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/morris/index.ssf/2013/11/hazmat_spill_shuts_down_route_80_ramp_in_denville_dot_says.html
12. *November 6, KOLO 8 Reno* – (Nevada) **Vandals target law enforcement patrol vehicles.** Vandals targeted and vandalized over a dozen law enforcement vehicles in Lyon County, Nevada, including seven patrol vehicles between November 4-6.
Source: <http://www.kolotv.com/home/headlines/Vandals-Target-Law-Enforcement-Patrol-Vehicles-230915971.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *November 7, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA to ban artery-clogging trans fats.** The Food and Drug Administration announced November 7 it will require the food industry to gradually phase out the use of artificial trans fats, citing that the ban could prevent 20,000 heart attacks and 7,000 deaths each year.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/fda-ban-artery-clogging-trans-141214164.html>
14. *November 7, KDUZ AM 1260/KARP FM 106* – (Minnesota) **State of emergency for**

- corn crops extended.** Due to the late maturing of corn crops across Minnesota, the State's governor issued an extension to Emergency Executive Order 13-12 that exempts motor carriers and drivers transporting propane and anhydrous ammonia to affected areas of the State and providing direct assistance for emergency relief efforts from regulations pertaining to hours of service.
Source: <http://www.kdüz.com/2013/11/07/state-of-emergency-for-corn-crops-extended/>
15. *November 6, WWJ 62 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Pet turtles blamed for Salmonella outbreaks, kids sickened in Michigan.** The Michigan Department of Community Health said the handling of small pet turtles purchased from street vendors was the source of 3 salmonella outbreaks that sickened at least 5 people over the past 18 months and across 43 states. The cases are under investigation.
Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2013/11/06/pet-turtles-blamed-for-salmonella-outbreaks-kids-sickened-in-michigan/>
16. *November 6, Chattanooga Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Walnut tree quarantine in Morgan and Rhea counties due to thousand cankers disease.** The Tennessee Department of Agriculture announced November 6 a walnut tree quarantine in Morgan and Rhea Counties that are being killed by Thousand Cankers Disease, prohibiting the movement of walnut tree products and hardwood firewood outside the affected counties.
Source: <http://www.chattanooga.com/2013/11/6/262909/Walnut-Tree-Quarantine-In-Morgan-And.aspx>
17. *November 6, The Packer* – (International) **U.S., Japan reach organic agreement.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a trade agreement with Japan allowing products certified as organic in either country to be sold as organic in both locations, with the agreement going into effect January 2014.
Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/fruit-vegetable-news/marketing-profiles/US-Japan-reach-organic-agreement-230867801.html>
18. *November 6, Beauregard Daily News* – (Louisiana) **Attorney general warns farmers of settlement scam.** The Louisiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section issued a warning of scams involving farmers being charged erroneous fees for assistance filing Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation claims despite the deadline to file a claim ending more than a year ago.
Source: <http://www.beauregarddailynews.net/article/20131106/NEWS/131109855/1994/NEWS>
19. *November 6, USA TODAY* – (National) **Firm reformulates sports supplement in wake of outbreak.** USPlabs announced they stopped adding aegeline, an ingredient flagged by the Food and Drug Administration, and destroyed inventories of OxyElite products containing the ingredient, which were linked to 56 confirmed cases of hepatitis and liver injuries in October.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/11/06/usplabs-reformulating-oxyelite-pro-and-discontinuing-use-of-aegeline/3459235/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

20. *November 6, Spartanburg Herald-Journal* – (South Carolina) **More grease traps test positive for PCBs at Lyman sewage treatment facility.** The Lyman, South Carolina, public works director reported that two grease traps in the city's water treatment area showed the presence of hazardous polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) above legal limits and that another showed trace amounts. State and federal authorities are investigating the possibility of illegal dumping of the chemical.

Source:

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20131106/ARTICLES/131109791/1083/ARTICLES?Title=More-grease-traps-test-positive-for-PCBs-at-Lyman-sewage-treatment-facility&tc=ar>

21. *November 6, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **To fight brain-eating amoeba, State health department adopts emergency rule.** The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals announced November 6 an emergency rule requiring public water systems to increase their minimum disinfectant levels by 25 percent and the number of samples taken per month in response to finding *Naegleria fowleri*, also known as the brain-eating amoeba, in two public water systems in the State.

Source: http://www.nola.com/health/index.ssf/2013/11/to_fight_brain-eating_amoeba_s.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

22. *November 6, ABC News* – (New York) **Surgeon pleads guilty to fraud for faking surgeries.** An orthopedic surgeon who practiced in New York pleaded guilty to charges of reporting thousands of surgical procedures from 2007 to 2011 which never took place, and submitted medical claims in excess of \$35 million to health care providers.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/surgeon-guilty-fraud-faking-surgeries-faces-civil-suits/story?id=20795227&singlePage=true>

23. *November 6, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Medical records scattered across Gwinnet County road.** Officials are investigating after thousands of pages of medical documents containing Eastside Medical Center patient's private information were found strewn across a road in Gwinnett County. Hospital officials stated the files were taken by a vendor to be shredded.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/medical-records-scattered-across-gwinnett-county-r/nbj8z/>

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Government Facilities Sector

24. *November 7, Jackson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **11 children injured in Jefferson Co. school bus accident.** An accident involving a truck crashing into a Jefferson County school bus on U.S. 61 in Mississippi left at least 11 children with minor injuries November 6.
Source: http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20131107/NEWS/131107005/11-children-injured-Jefferson-Co-school-bus-accident?nclink_check=1
25. *November 6, ABC News* – (International) **Embassy officer admits taking \$3M in bribes for visas.** An official with the U.S. Embassy in Vietnam pleaded guilty November 6 to committing bribery and visa fraud by approving nearly 500 visitor visas to the U.S. in exchange for more than \$3 million in bribes. The official along with five others from the U.S. and Vietnam generated at least \$9,780,000 from the scheme.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/embassy-officer-admits-taking-3m-bribes-visas/story?id=20807987&singlePage=true>
26. *November 6, Associated Press* – (International) **3rd Navy officer arrested in bribery scheme.** Federal authorities arrested a third senior U.S. Navy official November 6 in connection with a bribery plot in Asia and accused him of accepting \$100,000 cash and other bribes from the CEO of Singapore-based Glenn Defense Marine Asia Ltd., in return for classified U.S. Navy information.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/3rd-navy-officer-arrested-in-bribery-scheme>
27. *November 6, Palm Beach Post* – (Florida) **Norovirus cause of outbreak at Boynton Beach charter school last week.** Boynton County health officials confirmed that an outbreak the week of October 28 that sickened about 35 Franklin Academy students was caused by norovirus.
Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local-education/norovirus-cause-of-outbreak-at-boynton-beach-chart/nbj4f/>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *November 7, CNN* – (Florida) **Officials: Documents forged for escape were created inside Florida prison.** Florida Department of Law Enforcement officials announced November 6 that a Franklin Correctional Institution inmate trained other inmates how to create forged, legal-looking documents that granted them early release from the prison. The investigation was initiated after two convicts were released early using phony documents before being recaptured.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/06/justice/florida-inmates-mistakenly-freed/index.html?hpt=ju_c1
29. *November 6, Reuters* – (Oklahoma) **Police capture last 2 inmates who escaped prison.** The Caddo County Sheriff's Department captured the two remaining Oklahoma inmates

out of the four that escaped from a county jail through a maintenance hatch in a shower in October.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/police-capture-last-2-inmates-who-escaped-prison>

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Information Technology Sector

30. *November 7, The Register* – (International) **KitKat swats yet another Android ‘MasterKey’ bug.** The newest Android version 4.4 (KitKat) contains a fix for a vulnerability similar to the ‘Master Key’ vulnerability that could allow attackers to manipulate the filename length in ZIP files’ metadata and alter an app.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/11/07/third_android_master_key_vuln_squashed/
31. *November 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Rapid7 researchers discover vulnerabilities in Supermicro IPMI firmware.** Researchers at Rapid7 identified seven vulnerabilities in Supermicro’s Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI) server firmware, including hardcoded private encryption keys that could be used in man-in-the-middle attacks.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Rapid7-Researchers-Discover-Vulnerabilities-in-Supermicro-IPMI-Firmware-398010.shtml>
32. *November 7, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Microsoft Office, Windows Server and Lync exploits linked to Operation Hangover hackers.** Researchers at FireEye found that recent targeted attacks utilizing zero day vulnerabilities in Microsoft Office, Lync, and Server products to the group behind the Operation Hangover attacks and a new group dubbed Arx.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2305540/microsoft-office-windows-server-and-lync-exploits-linked-to-operation-hangover-hackers>
33. *November 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Bitcoin wallet Inputs.io hacked, 4,100 BTC stolen.** Inputs.io notified users that attackers breached the bitcoin wallet service and stole around \$1.1 million in bitcoins during two attacks. The attackers were able to compromise email accounts, reset passwords, and bypass two-factor authentication by exploiting a server vulnerability.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bitcoin-Wallet-Inputs-io-Hacked-4-100-BTC-Stolen-397853.shtml>
34. *November 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cybercriminals opting for real-time malware campaigns and phishing.** Commtouch released a report for the third quarter of 2013 and found that the time between news events and phishing attacks that exploited them averaged only 22 hours and that the number of phishing Web sites increased by almost 35 percent during the quarter, among other findings.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2620

35. *November 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **Silk Road online drug marketplace resurfaces.** Underweb marketplace The Silk Road, reappeared about a month after its alleged owner and operator was arrested. The marketplace that allegedly offers illegal drugs, fraudulent documents, and other illicit goods and services claimed that 7,000 individuals had registered as of November 6.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9243869/Silk_Road_online_drug_marketplace_resurfaces

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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Communications Sector

36. *November 7, Bloomberg News* – (International) **AT&T to pay \$3.5 million to resolve FCC call program claims.** AT&T Inc. will pay \$3.5 million in addition to \$18.25 million it already paid in an agreement with the Federal Communications Commission to resolve violations of the federal False Claims Act related to allegations that the company overbilled the U.S. for a system for the deaf the company knew was used for fraudulent calls from other countries.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-11-07/at-and-t-to-pay-3-dot-5-million-to-resolve-claims-in-fcc-call-program>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

37. *November 7, Reuters* – (Michigan) **Detroit barber shop shooting leaves 3 dead, 8 wounded.** Detroit police are searching for at least two gunmen involved in a barber shop shooting November 6 that left 3 people dead and 8 others wounded.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-detroit-barber-shop-shooting-20131107,0,4929104.story>

38. *November 7, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **2 arrested in triple shooting at Vegas apartments.** Police arrested two men in connection with a shooting at an apartment complex in Las Vegas that left one person dead and two others wounded November 5.

Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2013/nov/07/nv-triple-shooting-vegas/>

39. *November 6, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Maine Turnpike plaza evacuated following threat.** The Kennebunk travel plaza in Maine was closed for 2 hours

following a hoax bomb threat November 6. Police searched the site and cleared the scene once nothing suspicious was found.

Source:

<http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20131106/AP01/311069971>

40. *November 6, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Greenville Co. deputies investigate \$20K copper theft.** Authorities are investigating after \$20,000 worth of copper wiring was stolen from FitesaFiberweb in Simpsonville.

Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/23893907/greenville-co-deputies-investigate-20k-copper-theft>

41. *November 6, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Report: Man arrested on 64 copper theft charges.** A man was arrested and detained at the Union County Jail and charged with stealing copper from 27 local businesses' commercial air conditioning units and causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/23897844/report-man-arrested-on-54-copper-theft-charges>

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