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- Four suspects were charged with stealing copper from the Trixie Mine in Utah, causing more than \$1.5 million in damages. – *Salt Lake Tribune* (See item [8](#))
- JPMorgan Chase warned approximately 465,000 prepaid UCard debit card holders that their unencrypted personal information may have been compromised following a July cyberattack. – *Reuters* (See item [10](#))
- IntelCrawler researchers identified a point-of-sale botnet named StarDust that has compromised more than 20,000 payment cards since August. – *Ars Technica* (See item [13](#))
- An electrical issue in a BART train caused a brake issue that injured 20 and prompted an evacuation of approximately 700 people from the train in Orinda, California. – *KGO-TV 7 San Francisco* (See item [19](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 4, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **Eastern Idaho power outage ends; electricity fully restored to 53,000 customers.** More than 53,000 Rocky Mountain Power customers in southeastern Idaho had their power restored December 4 after a technical problem at one of the utility's substations caused an outage.
Source: <http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/08bf186087f2417d813d4d91a9fbd8f6/ID--Idaho-Power-Outage/>
2. *December 3, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Thousands without power in Santa Monica.** Southern California Edison crews worked to restore power to an estimated 58,000 customers in the Santa Monica area after a sporadic power outage December 3-4.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2013/12/03/thousands-without-power-in-santa-monica/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **New Jersey pyrotechnics company cited for 12 safety violations by US Labor Department's OSHA; agency proposes \$48,300 penalty.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed \$48,300 in fines and cited Garden State Fireworks following a May inspection, for 12 safety violations at the company's facility in Millington.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25197
4. *December 4, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Chemical spill sends seven to hospital at Aerojet Rocketdyne campus.** A 200-gallon spill of chemical waste that occurred when a metal container of chemical byproducts was accidentally punctured at an Aerojet Rocketdyne facility in Rancho Cordova sent 7 people to the hospital December 4. The building is owned by AMPAC Fine Chemicals.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2013/12/04/5971470/chemical-spill-sends-seven-to.html>
5. *December 4, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **Investigators looking into chlorine gas release at Pittsburg plant.** Authorities are investigating the cause of two releases of chlorine gas December 3 and December 4 from heat exchange units at the K2 Pure Solutions chemical plant inside the Dow Chemical Facility in Pittsburg, California.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/12/04/investigators-looking-into-chlorine-gas-release-at-pittsburg-plant/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

6. *December 5, Washington Post* – (International) **Stolen cobalt-60 found in Mexico; curious thieves likely doomed.** Mexican authorities announced that a stolen truck hauling cobalt-60 to a radioactive waste disposal facility was found abandoned along with its cargo. The cobalt-60 was found removed from its casing, and authorities stated that the thieves likely received a fatal dose of radiation.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/stolen-cobalt-60-found-in-mexico-curious-thieves-likely-doomed/2013/12/05/262ef990-5d66-11e3-8d24-31c016b976b2_story.html

7. *December 4, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **OPPD: Ft. Calhoun ready to go online.** The operator of the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station north of Omaha announced that the plant is ready to be restarted after being shut down since 2011. The plant must first get U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission approval to restart.

Source: <http://www.wowt.com/home/headlines/OPPD--Ft-Calhoun-Ready-to-Go-Online-234480691.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *December 4, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Metal thieves hit Utah copper mine, do \$1.5 million in damage.** Four suspects were charged with allegedly stealing copper from the Trixie Mine copper, gold, and silver mine near Eureka, Utah, between December 24, 2012 and October 25, causing more than \$1.5 million in damage.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/57218804-78/amp-metal-mine-copper.html.csp>

9. *December 4, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Denver Global Products recalls Multi-Purpose Yard Vehicles due to laceration, fire hazards; sold exclusively at Lowe's stores.** Denver Global Products announced a recall of about 11,000 Multi-Purpose Yard Vehicles due to an issue that can cause the mower blades to detach and an issue that can cause fuel lines to leak.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/Recall-Alerts/2014/Denver-Global-Products-Recalls-Multi-Purpose-Yard-Vehicles/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

10. *December 5, Reuters* – (International) **JPMorgan warns 465,000 card users on data loss after cyberattack.** JPMorgan Chase notified around 465,000 holders of prepaid UCard debit cards that their unencrypted personal information may have been obtained by hackers during a July data breach. The cards were issued to corporations to pay employees and to government agencies to pay benefits and tax refunds.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/05/us-jpmorgan-dataexposed-idUSBRE9B405R20131205>
11. *December 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Personal and financial details compromised in Maple Grove Farms of Vermont hack.** B&G Foods North America notified customers that a November 16 cyberattack on the Maple Grove Farms of Vermont Web site may have revealed personal information and payment card numbers.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Personal-and-Financial-Details-Compromised-in-Maple-Grove-Farms-of-Vermont-Hack-406145.shtml>
12. *December 5, Softpedia* – (International) **International payment card fraud ring based in Latvia shut down.** European Union authorities arrested eight suspects in an alleged international payment card fraud organization based in Latvia that stole hundreds of thousands of Euros and used stolen card data to make payments in the U.S. and other countries.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/International-Payment-Card-Fraud-Ring-Based-in-Latvia-Shut-Down-406373.shtml>
13. *December 4, Ars Technica* – (International) **Credit card fraud comes of age with advances in point-of-sale botnets.** Researchers at IntelCrawler identified one of the first known point-of-sale (PoS) botnets, a botnet run by a variant of Dexter dubbed StarDust. The botnet is active and has compromised more than 20,000 payment cards since August.
Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2013/12/credit-card-fraud-comes-of-age-with-first-known-point-of-sale-botnet/>
14. *December 4, U.S. Department of Justice* – (California) **Federal agents arrest operators of loan modification scam that targeted struggling homeowners.** Federal agents arrested two California men December 3 for allegedly running a fraudulent loan modification scheme under the names Rodis Law Group and America's Law Group that defrauded homeowners of at least \$12 million.
Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/losangeles/press-releases/2013/federal-agents-arrest-operators-of-loan-modification-scam-that-targeted-struggling-homeowners>

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Transportation Systems Sector

15. *December 5, WJW 8 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **\$500,000 bond set for man charged in post office explosion.** A man was arrested and charged after he entered the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department and reported that he set off an explosive device at a post office in Summit County December 5. Authorities found damage to a window in the back of the post office but did not find any devices.
Source: <http://fox8.com/2013/12/05/small-device-causes-post-office-scare/>
16. *December 5, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Freight train derailment closes turnpike ramps.** An accident involving two freight train tanker cars carrying a flammable liquid that derailed in Carteret, New Jersey, prompted the precautionary closure of ramps at Interchange 12 on the New Jersey Turnpike while crews cleaned-up the scene December 4.
Source: <http://www.nbc40.net/story/24141234/2-cars-of-freight-train-derail-in-nj>
17. *December 5, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming Department of Transportation closes Wyo. 70 over Battle Pass.** The Wyoming Department of Transportation closed the highway over Battle Pass, between Encampment and Baggs, and Snowy Range, between Laramie and Saratoga, due to snow and poor visibility.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/179279f26da7461695ae2280bba23f5f/WY--Road-Closure>
18. *December 4, Baton Rouge Advocate* – (Louisiana) **Truck overturns, leaks molten sulfur onto River Road.** An accident involving an 18-wheel semi-truck carrying molten sulfur that overturned on Louisiana Highway 18 blocked both lanes of the highway and closed a portion of River Road in St. James Parish for 7 hours while HAZMAT crews cleaned up the spill December 4.
Source: <http://theadvocate.com/home/7758606-125/truck-overturns-leaks-molten-sulfur>
19. *December 4, KGO-TV 7 San Francisco* – (California) **BART train brake problem prompts evacuations.** An electrical short in a BART train caused the brakes to disable and filled some of the cars with smoke at the Berkeley Hills Tunnel in Orinda December 4, trapping approximately 700 people on the train for about 1 hour before it was evacuated. Twenty people were treated or taken to area hospitals.
Source: http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=9348473
20. *December 4, Long Beach Patch* – (California) **Blue Line service in Long Beach suspended until noon.** A damaged power system caused the Long Beach Transit Blue Line service to be suspended from Willow Station through the downtown loop for several hours December 4.
Source: <http://longbeach-ca.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/blue-line-service-in-long-beach-suspended-until-noon>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

21. *December 4, Great Falls Prairie Star* – (National) **FSIS releases comprehensive strategy to reduce Salmonella.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service released its Salmonella Action Plan December 4, a strategy outlining steps to address Salmonella in meat and poultry products.
Source: http://www.theprairiestar.com/news/livestock/fsis-releases-comprehensive-strategy-to-reduce-salmonella/article_d2585612-5d0c-11e3-a209-001a4bcf887a.html
22. *December 4, eSecurity Planet* – (Washington) **Washington grocery stores recover from cyberattack.** Following recent attacks against its payment processing system, URM Stores, a grocery wholesaler that processes payments for several grocery stores in the Pacific northwest, announced completion of enhanced security measures implemented to block cyberattacks against its payment processing system, allowing member stores to resume accepting credit and debit cards.
Source: <http://www.esecurityplanet.com/network-security/washington-grocery-stores-recover-from-cyber-attack.html>
23. *December 3, Food Safety News* – (South Dakota) **South Dakota's new raw milk rules effective Dec. 11.** The South Dakota secretary of agriculture approved new rules effective December 11 on the production, testing, and labeling of raw milk in the State, which includes pasteurization labels and bottling dates.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/12/south-dakotas-new-raw-milk-rules-take-effect-on-dec-11/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

24. *December 4, Homer News* – (Alaska) **State, feds to close three area waste wells.** An agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) will close 55 motor-vehicle waste disposal wells at State vehicle repair and maintenance facilities due to the risk they pose to drinking water. The DOTPF will also pay \$

Source: <http://homernews.com/homer-news/local-news/2013-12-04/state-feds-to-close-three-area-waste-wells>
25. *December 4, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Board OKs \$126 million for Back River Treatment Plant.** The Maryland Board of Public Works approved a \$126 million grant from the Bay Restoration Fund December 4 to upgrade the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant in order to reduce nutrient pollution, part of a \$686 million State and local project for the Chesapeake Bay to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus pollution.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/blog/bs-md-bpw-back-river-20131204,0,5480851.story>
26. *December 4, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **15 spills illegally discharged**

sewage into Murrysville's Turtle Creek. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) found that a faulty sewage line illegally discharged more than 1 million gallons of sewage into Turtle Creek in Murrysville 15 times between July and September. Fines have yet to be determined by the DEP.

Source:

<http://triblive.com/neighborhoods/yourmurrysville/yourmurrysvillemore/5181417-74/authority-board-murrysville>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

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Government Facilities Sector

27. *December 5, KDFW 4 Dallas* – (Texas) **All-clear at Collins County Courthouse after bomb threat.** McKinney police received a phoned bomb threat against the Collins County Courthouse prompting its evacuation December 4 for nearly 3 hours. Authorities cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/24134383/collin-county-courthouse-evacuated-due-to-bomb-threat>

28. *December 4, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Arizona commission Oks fine in firefighter deaths.** The Arizona Industrial Commission approved a nearly \$560,000 fine December 4 against the Arizona Forestry Division in the deaths of 19 firefighters during the Yarnell Hill Fire after the State's Division of Occupational Safety and Health had proposed a trio of citations along with penalties during its investigation of workplace violations.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/arizona-commission-oks-fine-in-firefighter-deaths-1>

29. *December 4, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Suspect in custody after Fla. school shooting.** Police arrested a student from West Orange High School in Winter Garden December 4 after the teenager shot and wounded another student during a fight at the bus pickup area.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/suspect-in-custody-after-fla-school-shooting>

30. *December 4, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **2,700 rounds of ammo found at Conn. man's home.** Police arrested a Connecticut college student carrying two handguns on campus at the University of New Haven in West Haven December 3. Authorities also found an assault rifle in his car and 2,700 rounds of ammunition and newspaper clippings of the Aurora, Colorado theater shooting in his home.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/2700-rounds-of-ammo-found-at-conn-mans-home>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

31. *December 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Cybercriminals hijack WP sties with backdoored SEO plugin.** Researchers at Sucuri identified a cyberattack that lures owners of WordPress Web sites with a malicious version of a legitimate search engine optimization (SEO) plugin that adds a backdoor to the user’s site and can direct visitors to spam or malicious Web sites.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cybercriminals-Hijack-WP-Sites-with-Backdoored-SEO-Plugin-406279.shtml>
32. *December 4, Threatpost* – (International) **VMware patches privilege escalation vulnerability.** VMware published updates for certain versions of its Workstation, Fusion, ESXi, and ESX products, closing a vulnerability that could allow privilege escalation in older versions of Windows.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/vmware-patches-privilege-escalation-vulnerability/103100>
33. *December 4, IDG News Service* – (International) **Passwords reset after ‘Pony’ botnet stole 2 million credentials.** Online services affected by the Pony botnet’s disclosure of login credentials, including Twitter, Facebook, ADP, and LinkedIn, reset users’ passwords to prevent unauthorized access.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/120513-passwords-reset-after-39pony39-botnet-276599.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

34. *December 5, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Apartment fire temporarily displaces 75 residents.** A December 5 fire at a 100-unit apartment building in San Leandro temporarily displaced approximately 75 residents and injured two. The cause is still under investigation and some residents were allowed to return to their homes.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_24659874/san-leandro-apartment-fire-displaces-75-residents
35. *December 4, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Man indicted in Times Square police shooting.** A mentally-disturbed man was indicted for felony assault and reckless endangerment in a September 14 incident near Times Square that left two bystanders injured after police drew their weapons when the man reached for what appeared to be a weapon. The officer's actions are under review by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Police-Shooting-Times-Square-Indictment-234530441.html>
36. *December 4, CNY Central* – (New York) **Marshall's Plaza in Cicero evacuated after propane tank leaks in parking lot.** Marshall's Plaza in Cicero was evacuated for over 2 hours when a truck with a 100-pound propane tank began leaking in the parking lot. HAZMAT crews were called and no injuries or damage was reported.
Source: <http://www.cnycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=979341>
37. *December 4, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **Thieves allegedly tried to burn building in effort to hide \$600K wine heist.** Two suspects allegedly stole around \$648,000 worth of wine from the Esquin Wine Merchants storage unit in Seattle November 29 and attempted but failed to set fire to the building to cover their tracks. One suspect was arrested and one remains at large.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2013/12/04/wine-snobs-allegedly-try-to-burn-building-in-effort-to-hide-500k-wine-heist/>

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Dams Sector

38. *December 5, West Side Leader* – (Ohio) **Dam removal leads to changes in river.** Authorities in Cuyahoga Falls reported a reduction in odor and an increase in water quality in the Cuyahoga River after the July removal of the Mill Dam and Powerhouse Dam.
Source: <http://www.akron.com/akron-ohio-community-news.asp?aID=21467>

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