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- Austin, Texas-based medical device manufacturer ArthroCare Corporation agreed to pay \$30 million to resolve charges that senior executives in the company engaged in a securities fraud scheme that caused shareholders to lose over \$400 million. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [4](#))
- A water main break in downtown Columbus, Ohio, closed government buildings, a medical facility, and several businesses due to flooding and lack of water service January 7. – *Columbus Dispatch* (See item [13](#))
- Over 100 retired individuals were charged in New York January 7 including 72 city police officers, 8 firefighters, and 5 corrections officers, with faking or exaggerating psychiatric problems to get federal disability benefits. – *CBS News; Associated Press* (See item [23](#))
- Freezing weather conditions caused water pipes to burst and several businesses to flood January 7-8 at the Hatchery Hill Towne Center near Madison, Wisconsin. – *Wisconsin State Journal* (See item [31](#))

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *January 7, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Beaver Valley nuclear reactor shut down.** The Unit 1 reactor at the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant in Shippingport automatically shut down January 7 due to an issue with the main unit transformer.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/local/region/2014/01/07/Transformer-problem-forces-shutdown-of-nuclear-reactor-at-Beaver-Valley-Unit-One/stories/201401070138>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Financial Services Sector

2. *January 8, Help Net Security*– (International) **New Zeus variant stymies malware analysis, has rootkit capabilities.** Researchers at Trend Micro identified a new variant of the Zeus banking trojan which can prevent the execution of analysis tools and also has rootkit capabilities and the ability to hide files, folders, processes, and registry keys it creates or uses.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2669

3. *January 8, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **FBI: Serial bank robber ‘Brim Beanie Bandit’ strikes for fifth time.** The FBI identified the man who robbed a South Shore

Savings Center in Stoughton January 7 as the “Brim Beanie Bandit” responsible for four other robberies in the area.

Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2014/01/08/fbi-serial-bank-robber-brim-beanie-bandit-strikes-for-fifth-time/>

4. *January 7, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Texas) **Medical device manufacturer charged in major securities fraud scheme.** Austin-based medical device manufacturer ArthroCare Corporation agreed to pay \$30 million to resolve charges that senior executives in the company engaged in a securities fraud scheme that caused shareholders to lose over \$400 million.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/sanantonio/press-releases/2014/medical-device-manufacturer-charged-in-major-securities-fraud-scheme>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *January 7, KDFW 4 Dallas* – (Texas) **18-wheeler crash scatters utility poles across I-35.** Portions of Interstate 35 in Carrollton were shut down for several hours January 7 after a semi-truck carrying a load of utility poles rear-ended a vehicle, causing the semi-truck to overturn and spill diesel and its utility poles on the highway. Both drivers were sent to the hospital for minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/story/24381663/18-wheeler-crash-spills-utility-poles-across-i-35>

6. *January 8, Associated Press* – (New York) **Section of I-81 north of Syracuse is closed again due to storm.** The New York Department of Transportation closed a 50-mile stretch of Interstate 81 from Brewerton to Watertown in Jefferson County due to lake-effect snow January 8. Portions of I-81 from Watertown to the Canadian border reopened the same day after being shut down January 7 due to dangerous conditions.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140108/NEWS90/140109738>

7. *January 7, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **Tanker crash closes Highway 17 near Moses Lake.** Highway 17 near Moses Lake was closed for around 11 hours January 7 after a semi-truck crashed into the bridge over Lind Coulee. The Washington Department of Ecology worked to remove around 6,000 gallons of ethanol the semi-truck was carrying.

Source: <http://www.krem.com/news/local/Highway-17-closed-South-of-Moses-Lake-into-Tuesday-night-239158881.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

8. *January 8, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Recall of Tonia's Biscotti**

announced. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation reported that Tonia's Biscotti recalled its Biscotti Sampler, bags of Lemon Biscotti Dipped in White Chocolate, and all flavors of individually wrapped biscotti due to undeclared wheat, milk, and soy.

Source: http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/recall-of-tonia-s-biscotti-announced/article_1449889c-7843-11e3-a728-001a4bcf6878.html

9. *January 7, WRCB 3 Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Barn fire in Apison destroys hundreds of hay bales.** Two barns at a farm in Apison, Tennessee, caught fire January 7, potentially after the property owner used a propane heater to thaw frozen pipes, resulting in the destruction of hundreds of hay bales.
Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/24385674/barn-fire-in-apison-destroys-hay-bales>
10. *January 6, Deming Headlight* – (New Mexico) **Dairy fire destroys 2,000 hay bales.** A fire erupted January 4 at GH Dairy in Luna County causing an estimated \$500,000 in damages while destroying 2,000 hay bales. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source: http://www.demingheadlight.com/deming-news/ci_24856597/dairy-fire-destroys-2-000-hay-bales

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

11. *January 7, Rapid City Journal* – (South Dakota) **Half a million gallons likely lost after crew breaks water main.** A work crew accidentally ruptured a 12-inch high-pressure PVC main in Rapid City January 7, causing around 500,000 gallons of water to be lost before water could be shut off and the line repaired.
Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/half-a-million-gallons-likely-lost-after-crew-breaks-water/article_8ba5f31c-03d1-54c0-a859-52daa59abaf3.html
12. *January 7, WPTA 21 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Major water main break in Decatur.** A major water main break in the City of Decatur January 6 left many homes and businesses without water pressure and caused officials to ask residents to conserve water for several days. A boil water notice was also issued for the area while repairs were underway.
Source : <http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/Major-Water-Main-Break-In-Decatur-239060941.html>
13. *January 7, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Water restored to Downtown buildings after water main breaks.** A water main break in downtown Columbus caused blocked streets and icy sidewalks, and closed government buildings, a medical facility, and several businesses due to flooding and lack of water service January 7. The break was repaired later in the day but a boil water notice was issued as repairs continued.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/public/2014/01/water-main-break.html>
14. *January 7, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Water main breaks plague city, county.**

Water system crews in St. Louis City and St. Louis County responded to at least 55 water main breaks January 6-7 caused by cold weather.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2014/01/07/crews-working-on-25-water-main-breaks-in-st-louis-county/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

15. *January 8, KXII 12 Sherman* – (Texas) **Collinsville nursing home residents displaced after pipe burst.** Homestead nursing home in Collinsville was evacuated January 6 after a pipe burst during repair work to the building's sprinkler system, and flooded the home. Residents and staff were expected to return January 8 after cleanup and repairs.

Source: <http://www.kxii.com/news/headlines/Collinsville-nursing-home-residents-displaced-239164351.html>

16. *January 7, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Broken pipe forces evacuation of assisted living center in Rockville.** The Raphael House in Rockville was evacuated January 7 after a water pipe broke inside the building. Inspectors are working to determine when the 28 residents and 9 staff members who were evacuated from the assisted living home can return.

Source: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20140107/NEWS/140109508/1124/broken-pipe-forces-evacuation-of-assisted-living-center-in-rockville&template=gazette>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *January 8, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (Maine) **Buildings evacuated at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.** Several buildings at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine were evacuated for approximately 2 hours January 8 after fire personnel responded to a report of an unstable contractor crane. Once the crane was secured into a safe position operations resumed at the shipyard.

Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20140108/NEWS07/140109417>

18. *January 8, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Scott County schools closed due to water damage.** Eastern Elementary School and Georgetown Middle School in Scott County, Kentucky, closed January 8 after suffering water damage due to busted water pipes. Officials hope to have the schools back open by January 9 after clean up and repair work is completed.

Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Scott-County-Schools-closed-due-to-water-damage-239226841.html?ref=841>

19. *January 8, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Frozen pipe bursts, closes Freedom High School in Bethlehem Township, Pa.** Freedom High School in

Bethlehem Township was forced to close January 8 while a sprinkler pipe is repaired and the fire-suppression system is brought back online after the pipe burst due to cold weather.

Source:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/index.ssf/2014/01/pipe_bursts_at_freedom_high_sc.html

20. *January 7, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Water damage closes Ferguson elementary school.** Johnson-Wabash Elementary School in Ferguson remained closed after suffering significant water damage when a sprinkler head burst due to subzero temperatures January 7. Administrators were assessing the damage and where to hold classes until repairs are made.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/education/2014/01/07/johnson-wabash-elementary-closed-water-damage-cold-temperatures/4358267/>

21. *January 7, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Loudoun schools' data accidentally breached.** The Loudoun County school system in Virginia notified parents and employees after learning of an accidental security breach of personal data left unprotected through a third party vendor, Risk Solutions International, in 2013. An employee working on the school district's emergency management Web site mistakenly removed some security features, leaving the data online without password protection.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/loudoun-schools-data-accidentally-breached/2014/01/07/9ee816ea-780b-11e3-af7f-13bf0e9965f6_story.html

22. *January 7, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **BU employees' direct-deposit pay stolen through alleged Internet scam.** Boston University temporarily shut down its electronic payroll system after learning that the system was breached through a phishing scam where scammers allegedly stole monthly direct-deposit paychecks from 10 university employees in December 2013 by changing their username and password information after obtaining their log-in credentials. Another 68 employees had work-related accounts accessed by an outside device, but officials do not believe any sensitive information was retrieved.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/yourcampus/news/boston_university/2014/01/bu_employee_direct_deposit_pay_stolen_through_alleged_internet_scam.html

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *January 7, CBS News; Associated Press* – (New York) **Cops, firefighters among 100 former NYC workers charged in disability scam.** More than 100 retired individuals were charged in New York City January 7 including 72 city police officers, 8

firefighters, 5 corrections officers, and 1 Nassau County Police Department officer with faking or exaggerating psychiatric problems to get federal disability benefits. Officials announced that four ringleaders coached the former workers on how to falsely describe symptoms of mental health issues while receiving kickbacks after the workers got payouts as high as \$500,000.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/100-nyc-workers-charged-in-disability-scam/>

24. *January 7, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **In cold, escaped inmate turns himself in: Police.** An inmate, who escaped from the Blackburn Correctional Complex in Lexington January 5, turned himself into authorities January 6 due to frigid weather and severe wind gusts.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/in-cold-escaped-inmate-turns-himself-in-police>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *January 8, Help Net Security* – (International) **OpenSUSE forums defaced via unknown vBulletin 0-day.** A hacker exploited a vulnerability in vBulletin to deface the forums of the openSUSE Linux distribution and download a database containing the usernames and email addresses of around 80,000 users.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16177>

26. *January 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Expert finds clickjacking flaw in Google and open redirect in Facebook.** A security researcher identified and reported an open URL redirect vulnerability in Facebook that could be used to redirect users to other sites and a clickjacking flaw in the Google Maps site that could have been exploited to alter a user's Google+ profile and hijack their webcam. Both vulnerabilities were closed by Facebook and Google.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Expert-Finds-Clickjacking-Flaw-in-Google-and-Open-Redirect-in-Facebook-Video-414803.shtml>

27. *January 8, Softpedia* – (International) **DailyMotion serves fake AV in malvertising attack.** Invincea researchers found that the video sharing Web site DailyMotion had been serving fake antivirus malware via malicious advertisements.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DailyMotion-Serves-FakeAV-in-Malvertising-Attack-Video-414893.shtml>

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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

28. *January 6, La Crosse Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Telephone, Internet outages frame a very cold Monday in Viroqua.** Long-distance telephone service in Viroqua was interrupted for several hours January 6 due to a problem with a fiber cable in a neighboring area. Some Internet services in the area also experienced issues due to a DNS server malfunction.

Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/vernonbroadcaster/news/local/telephone-internet-outages-frame-a-very-cold-monday-in-viroqua/article_5751de2a-7747-11e3-9a54-0019bb2963f4.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *January 8, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Hotel evacuated after water main break.** A Kansas City, Missouri, hotel was evacuated January 7 after a frozen water main pipe burst and flooded a portion of the hotel, forcing over 40 guests and staff to evacuate and relocate after power to the building was turned off.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/24389839/hotel-evacuated-after-water-main-break>
30. *January 8, KZTV 10 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **17 families displaced by fire.** Officials suspect arson was the cause of a January 7 fire at a Corpus Christi apartment complex, that left 25 people displaced. Firefighters rescued several people trapped on the second floor of the building and treated at least three people for smoke inhalation.
Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/news/17-families-displaced-by-fire/#>
31. *January 8, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **Pipe breaks close East Side clinic, damage Fitchburg businesses.** Freezing weather conditions caused water pipes to burst and businesses to flood January 7-8 at the Hatchery Hill Towne Center near Madison, including a pharmacy and the University of Wisconsin Health East Clinic.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/pipe-breaks-close-east-side-clinic-damage-fitchburg-businesses/article_11093ef2-1e76-5af7-857c-724a1abece74.html
32. *January 7, WAGA 5 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Evacuation lifted in Atlanta's Little 5 Points after gas spill.** Several businesses in Atlanta's Little Five Points area were evacuated for over 10 hours after at least 262 gallons of gasoline from an underground pipe leaked into the sewer system when a car hit a pump at a nearby gas station January 6.

Source: <http://www.myfoxatlanta.com/story/24388922/gas-spill-forces-evacuation-in-atlantas-little-5-points#axzz2pokB9pbQ>

33. *January 7, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Busy firefighters fight apartment fire in bitter cold.** Emergency personnel dealt with challenging blizzard conditions while battling a fire at a 12-unit apartment building in Orchard Park that left the building a total loss January 7. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/orchard-park/busy-firefighters-fight-apartment-fire-in-bitter-cold-20140107>

34. *January 7, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey; New York) **US Labor Department's OSHA proposes fines of \$236,500 for Forever 21 for repeat workplace safety violations at Paramus, NJ, and Manhattan, NY, stores.** Forever 21 was fined \$236,500 January 7 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 6 repeat workplace safety violations at its retail stores in Paramus, New Jersey and New York City.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25365

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