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- Thirteen men were charged with allegedly placing Bluetooth-equipped skimming devices on gas station pumps in Texas, Georgia, and South Carolina and using fraudulent cards made with the data obtained to steal and launder over \$2 million. – *Ars Technica* (See item [3](#))
- A semi-truck carrying hazardous materials caught fire at a Knouse Foods Cooperative plant in Orrtanna, Pennsylvania, forcing the building to be evacuated and sending 11 people to the hospital January 21. – *Hanover Evening Sun* (See item [10](#))
- A huge snow storm that stretched from Kentucky to New England prompted schools to close across several States and roughly 1,400 flight cancellations nationwide. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- Researchers identified a cyberespionage campaign targeting energy, government, and defense organizations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia that appears to be affiliated with the Russian government. – *Softpedia* (See item [21](#))

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

1. *January 21, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Perry nuclear power plant is leaking radioactive water, danger minimal.** The operator of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in North Perry reported finding water containing radioactive tritium at concentrations above drinking water limits outside of a building at the plant January 20. The water originated from a leak in a valve on a reactor water cooling line and did not pose a threat to the public.

Source:

[http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/01/perry\\_nuclear\\_power\\_plant\\_is\\_l.html](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2014/01/perry_nuclear_power_plant_is_l.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

2. *January 22, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Extra-alarm fire destroys 2 buildings in Cicero.** An extra-alarm fire that broke out in a vacant warehouse in Cicero January 21 spread to the adjacent Central Steel Fabricators facility, destroying both buildings. The fire also disrupted CTA Pink Line train service in the area for several hours and caused the Cicero Alternative School to close January 22 after it was used as a warming center for firefighters.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-cicero-abandoned-warehouse-fire-20140121,0,3976936.story>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Financial Services Sector**

3. *January 21, Ars Technica* – (National) **Feds: Thieves with Bluetooth-enabled data skimmers stole over \$2 million.** Thirteen men were charged January 21 with allegedly placing Bluetooth-equipped skimming devices on gas station pumps in Texas, Georgia, and South Carolina and using fraudulent cards made with the data obtained to steal over \$2 million. The accused then allegedly deposited the stolen money in New York bank accounts and withdrew the stolen money in California or Nevada.  
Source: <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2014/01/feds-thieves-with-bluetooth-data-skimmers-stole-over-2-million/>
4. *January 21, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Tempe police: 105 arrested in check-scam sweep.** Police in Tempe announced the arrest of 105 suspects January 21 for allegedly being part of a large-scale check fraud scheme that stole around \$240,000. The investigation began in March 2012 and identified five alleged check mills that were loosely connected.  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/tempe/articles/20140121tempe-police-arrested-check-scam-sweep-abrk.html>
5. *January 21, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **West Roxbury family pleads guilty to multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme.** Three members of a West Roxbury family pleaded guilty to running a Ponzi scheme through a firm called Viking Financial Group that cost at least 42 victims \$10 million or more.  
Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2014/01/21/west-roxbury-family-pleads-guilty-multi-million-dollar-ponzi-scheme/99Px0kHIvuiQFUTHFcTl8O/story.html>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

6. *January 22, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Traffic jammed on 405 Freeway through Sepulveda Pass after fatal crash.** All five northbound lanes of the 405 Freeway near Sepulveda Pass were shut down for several hours January 22 because of a fatal accident involving a motorcyclist and a vehicle that left one driver dead.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-traffic-jam-405-freeway-sepulveda-pass-20140122,0,1315021.story#axzz2r96qghpe>
7. *January 22, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (Pennsylvania; New York; New Jersey) **Bitter cold, not snow, is today's threat.** Mass transit in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey ran on a limited schedule January 22 due to a severe winter storm that left several inches of snow and severe cold. Several bus routes were suspended, hundreds of flights were cancelled, and State and government offices were closed.  
Source :

[http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20140122\\_Schools\\_close\\_or\\_plan\\_short\\_days\\_as\\_snow\\_advances.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20140122_Schools_close_or_plan_short_days_as_snow_advances.html)

8. *January 22, WTVA 9 Tupelo* – (Mississippi) **Highway closed due to bio-diesel plant fire.** Highway 15 was closed for several hours January 22 due to an apparent explosion and fire at a bio-diesel facility in New Albany, Mississippi. Nearby businesses were also closed as a precaution.  
Source: <http://www.wtva.com/mostpopular/story/Highway-closed-due-to-bio-diesel-plant-fire/hYev8biQjEaL5seEUV16nw.csp>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

9. *January 22, Forum News Service* – (Minnesota) **R.D. Offutt potato warehouse burns near Perham, Minn.** Authorities are investigating a fire broke that broke out January 21 at an R.D. Offutt Co. potato warehouse near Perham that caused the building to partially collapse and resulted in the destruction of an unknown amount of potatoes and other contents inside the structure.  
Source: <http://www.agweek.com/event/article/id/22534/>
10. *January 21, Hanover Evening Sun* – (Pennsylvania) **Chemical blaze in Orrtanna sends 11 to hospitals.** A semi-truck carrying hazardous materials caught fire at a Knouse Foods Cooperative plant in Orrtanna January 21, forcing the building to be evacuated and sending 11 people to the hospital. A shelter-in-place order temporarily issued for residents living within one-half mile of the plant was lifted several hours later and the plant was scheduled to reopen January 23.  
Source: [http://www.eveningsun.com/local/ci\\_24956056/911-explosion-tractor-trailer-fire-forces-evacuation-ortanna](http://www.eveningsun.com/local/ci_24956056/911-explosion-tractor-trailer-fire-forces-evacuation-ortanna)
11. *January 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Austin frozen food manufacturer cited by US Labor Department's OSHA for exposing workers to hazardous chemicals.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced January 17 that Michael Angelo's Gourmet Foods Inc. was cited for six safety violations related to a July 2013 incident at its Austin, Texas plant where employees were exposed to hazardous chemicals. The company faces proposed fines totaling \$42,000.  
Source:  
[https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=25425](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25425)

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

12. *January 22, WSOC-TV 9 Charlotte* – (South Carolina) **Water main break cuts off water to Clover.** A water main break in Clover, South Carolina, left the entire town of more than 5,000 people without water for several hours January 22. A boil water advisory was issued until further notice, while crews worked to repair the line.  
Source: <http://www.wsoc.tv/news/news/local/water-main-break-cuts-water-clover/ncxgN/>
13. *January 22, WKTV 2 Utica* – (New York) **Boil water advisory in effect for parts of New Hartford, Clark Mills.** A boil water advisory was put in effect for the Town of New Hartford and the Town of Clark Mills in New York due to a large water main break. The boil advisory was expected to continue for a minimum of 24 hours following the restoration of water service.  
Source: <http://www.wktv.com/news/local/Boil-water-advisory-in-effect-for-parts-of-New-Hartford-Clark-Mills-241361331.html>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

14. *January 22, Washington Post* – (National) **VA software glitch exposed veterans' personal information.** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced January 21 that it conducted a full review of a software glitch and remedied a defect in their online benefits portal, after an issue on a joint VA and U.S. Department of Defense site January 15 potentially exposed private information of more than 5,300 military veterans and their dependents to anyone that accessed the site. The site was brought back online January 19 and officials continue to investigate the incident.  
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/federal-eye/wp/2014/01/22/va-software-glitch-exposed-veterans-personal-information/>
15. *January 21, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Deputies: \$50K of copper pipes stolen from Greenville's VA hospital.** Police are searching for a suspect in connection to a copper pipe theft at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Greenville County, where approximately \$50,000 worth of metal was stolen.  
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/24507183/deputies-50k-of-copper-pipes-stolen-from-greenvilles-va-hospital>
16. *January 17, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **2 doctors, chiropractor charged with drug violations at Rostraver pain clinic.** A chiropractor at Pittsburgh Healthworx in Rostraver allegedly pressured two physicians at the practice to prescribe potent pain medication to patients, many of whom were addicts. Authorities believe all three men were involved in a scheme that helped the facility receive more than \$2.3 million in payments for services through Highmark insurance from January 2007 to May 2013.  
Source: <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/5430760-74/corrupt-boles-charges#axzz2qf5d4aKj>

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## Government Facilities Sector

17. *January 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Snow swirls up east coast, leaving a bitter trail.** A large snow storm January 21 that stretched from Kentucky to New England prompted schools to close January 22 across several States and roughly 1,400 flights to be cancelled nationwide.  
Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/snow-swirls-up-east-coast-leaving-a-bitter-trail>
18. *January 22, WXYZ 7 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Water damage closes Birmingham Seaholm High School.** Officials closed Birmingham Seaholm High School and a connecting school in Michigan January 22 due to water damage. Authorities are evaluating the extent of the damage to determine when the schools will reopen.  
Source: <http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/water-damage-closes-birmingham-seaholm-high-school>
19. *January 21, Los Angeles Times* – (Indiana) **Teacher's assistant kills another at Purdue University, police say.** A teacher's assistant at Purdue University shot and killed a fellow teacher's assistant in the electrical engineering building at the West Lafayette campus January 21 in a targeted attack before going outside and surrendering to police.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-purdue-shooting-20140122,0,6160372.story#axzz2r8xribb7>
20. *January 21, Krebs on Security* – (National) **DHS alerts contractors to bank data theft.** A U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) spokesman stated that documents belonging to 114 contractor organizations that bid on a DHS Science & Technology division contract could have been disclosed by a security breach that occurred in late 2013, with 16 documents containing banking information.  
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/01/dhs-alerts-contractors-to-bank-data-theft/>

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## Emergency Services Sector

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## Information Technology Sector

21. *January 22, Softpedia* – (International) **Russia accused of conducting global cyber espionage campaign.** Researchers at CrowdStrike identified a large cyber espionage campaign targeting energy, government, defense, and other organizations in the U.S., Europe, and Asia operated by a group dubbed Energetic Bear that appears to be

affiliated with the Russian government. The campaign has been monitored since August 2012 and relies on the HAVEX RAT and SYSMain RAT remote access trojans (RATs.)

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Russia-Accused-of-Conducting-Global-Cyber-Espionage-Campaign-419457.shtml>

22. *January 22, Threatpost* – (International) **XSS filter bypass bug found in Chrome and Safari.** A researcher at Eleven Paths warned of a flaw in anti-cross site scripting (XSS) filters in the Chrome and Safari browsers that could be exploited to allow an attacker to bypass the filters and use XSS flaws on certain Web sites to compromise users' systems. The researcher released a proof-of-concept for the vulnerability.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/xss-filter-bypass-bug-found-in-chrome-and-safari/103761>

23. *January 21, PCWorld* – (International) **Syrian Electronic Army hacks Microsoft's Office Blogs site mere hours after redesign.** Attackers claiming affiliation with the Syrian Electronic Army hacktivist group compromised Microsoft's official Office Blogs site January 20. Microsoft reset the site's account and regained control later that day.

Source: <http://www.pcworld.com/article/2089820/syrian-electronic-army-hacks-microsofts-office-blogs-site.html>

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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

24. *January 21, Eagle Valley Enterprise* – (Colorado) **Tower outage affects local cell phone users.** AT&T customers in Vail were without cell phone service for nearly 11 hours January 21-22 after a degraded tower knocked out service and data functions. Crews were able to repair a landline connecting the cell site to the rest of the network that had failed.

Source: <http://www.vaildaily.com/news/9847952-113/service-edwards-phone-vail>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *January 22, Canton Observer* – (Ohio) **Canton Kroger store evacuated twice for carbon monoxide.** Elevated carbon monoxide levels caused by faulty heater forced employees of a Kroger grocery store in Canton to evacuate for more than 2 hours January 22. The same store was evacuated during the week of January 13 for a similar



situation.

Source: <http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20140122/NEWS03/301220041/Canton-Kroger-store-evacuated-twice-carbon-monoxide>

26. *January 22, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Springfield firefighters battle blaze at Euclid Avenue apartment building in Forest Park; 1 tenant missing.** A fire destroyed a Springfield, Massachusetts apartment building January 22, leaving 11 people displaced. Officials are searching for one resident who was missing.

Source:

[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/01/springfield\\_firefighters\\_fight.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/01/springfield_firefighters_fight.html)

27. *January 21, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **20 people displaced by fire at Oak Ridge Apartments in Northwest Austin.** An electrical short caused a fire to erupt at the Oak Ridge Apartments in Austin January 21, displacing 20 people and sending 1 firefighter to the hospital for minor injuries. Authorities estimated damages at \$600,000.

Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/crime-law/officials-crews-attack-fire-at-northwest-austin-ap/ncwk5/>

28. *January 21, KNSD 7 San Diego* – (California) **Car slams into 7-Eleven, causes gas leak.** Crews were called to a 7-Eleven in Vista to repair a gas leak after a vehicle crashed into the convenience store and struck a gas meter. The store was evacuated and one person was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Car-Into-Vista-7-Eleven-Gas-Leak-241371971.html>

29. *January 20, Dearborn Press & Guide* – (Michigan) **Dearborn Heights: burst pipe closes grocery store for up to three months.** Saturn Food Center in Dearborn Heights closed for up to 3 months January 19 due to a burst underground pipe that caused significant damage to the floor and raised concerns of plumbing and electrical problems.

Source:

<http://www.pressandguide.com/articles/2014/01/20/news/doc52d9a3bfb88a5968601209.txt>

30. *January 20, St. Louis Park Patch* – (Minnesota) **23 kids evacuated from Kenwood Gymnastics after carbon monoxide leak.** Twenty-three children were evacuated and four treated for symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning January 20 after a malfunctioning heater caused a gas leak at Kenwood Gymnastics in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. A manufacturing plant connected to the building also evacuated 70 employees, with 1 showing signs of heightened carbon monoxide levels.

Source: <http://stlouispark.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/23-kids-evacuated-from-kenwood-gymnastics-after-carbon-monoxide-leak>

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