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- A natural gas pipeline explosion in Canada over January 25 weekend blew out three lines that bring natural gas into the U.S., impacting nearly 100,000 customers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. – *KARE 11 Minneapolis*; *CNN* (See item [1](#))
- Three men were charged in federal court for allegedly running a payment card counterfeiting Web site, while 11 others were charged for being alleged customers of the site that caused over \$34.5 million in losses. – *Softpedia* (See item [5](#))
- A Royal Caribbean cruise was cut short January 26 due to a gastrointestinal illness outbreak that affected more than 600 passengers and crew members. – *CNN* (See item [10](#))
- The Mall in Columbia reopened January 27 after a gunman opened fire at the Maryland mall January 25, killing two people before taking his own life. Five others were injured and authorities disabled two homemade explosive devices found in the shooter's backpack. – *CNN* (See item [38](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 27, KARE 11 Minneapolis; CNN* – (International) **Pipeline explosion impacts heating for 100,000 in WI, MN.** A natural gas pipeline explosion in Canada over the weekend of January 25 blew out three lines that bring natural gas into the U.S., impacting nearly 100,000 customers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. One line ruptured and the other two were taken out of service for safety purposes while crews worked to repair the damage.
Source: <http://www.live5news.com/story/24553448/pipeline-explosion-impacts-heating-for-100000-in-wi-mn>

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Chemical Industry Sector

1. *January 25, Reuters* – (West Virginia) **Chemical tanks ordered removed in West Virginia after spill.** The governor of West Virginia ordered Freedom Industries January 25 to dismantle and dispose of all 17 above-ground storage tanks located at its Charleston coal processing facility by March 15. A January 9 chemical spill from one of the company's tanks contaminated the water supply for 300,000 people in the area.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/chemical-tanks-ordered-removed-west-virginia-spill-005919533--sector.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *January 27, Edmunds.com* – (National) **Feds probe 2007-'08 Toyota Camry Hybrid after reports of brake system malfunction.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began an investigation into around 30,000 model year 2007 and 2008 Toyota Camry Hybrid vehicles due to reported incidents of loss of assisted braking.
Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/feds-probe-2007-08-toyota-camry-hybrid-after-reports-of-brake-system-malfunction.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *January 27, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **McGuire's alerts customers to credit card breach.** The McGuire Management Group began notifying customers January 24 that customers at two of its restaurant locations in Pensacola may have had their payment card information compromised during a data breach that lasted about 90 days in late 2013.
Source: <http://www.pnj.com/article/20140127/NEWS01/301270013/McGuire-s-alerts-customers-to-credit-card-breach>
4. *January 26, Casino.org* – (New Jersey) **Poker pro charged in Borgata fake chip scandal.** A professional poker player was arrested January 24 in connection with clogging a sewer pipe with \$2.7 million worth of counterfeit poker chips at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City. Harrah's employees detected the counterfeit chips, used during a tournament at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, after hotel guests complained of leaky pipes dripping water into their rooms.
Source: <http://www.casino.org/news/poker-pro-christian-lusardi-charged-in-borgata-fake-chip-scandal>
5. *January 25, Softpedia* – (National) **Operators of credit card counterfeiting service Fakeplastic.net charged.** Three men were charged in the Western District of North Carolina federal court with allegedly running the Fakeplastic.net Web site that sold fraudulent credit cards and credit card-making materials, causing over \$34.5 million in losses. Eleven other individuals were also arrested for allegedly being customers of the site.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Operators-of-Credit-Card-Counterfeiting-Service-Fakeplastic-net-Charged-420645.shtml>
6. *January 25, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. retailer Michaels warns of possible payment card breach.** Arts and crafts retailer Michaels Companies Inc., stated January 25 that it is investigating a possible payment network security breach and advised customers to monitor their financial statements for suspicious activity.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/01/25/us-michaels-databreach-idUSBREA000N320140125>
7. *January 24, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Federal indictment charges 27 in a check fraud scheme.** A federal indictment announced January 24 listed 27 individuals accused of running a check fraud scheme in North Carolina that allegedly stole around \$1 million from area banks.
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/01/24/4637672/federal-indictment-charges-27.html>
8. *January 23, Associated Press* – (International) **Clearstream Banking paying \$152M in US settlement.** Clearstream Banking SA of Luxembourg agreed January 23 to pay \$152 million to settle U.S. Department of the Treasury charges that it allowed Iran

access to the U.S. banking system in violation of sanctions.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/clearstream-banking-paying-152m-us-settlement-21641056>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *January 27, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Driver crashes during police chase.** A police chase in Milwaukie, Oregon, ended January 27 when the driver of an SUV crashed into Union Pacific railroad tracks and struck a power pole, closing the tracks to freight and Amtrak trains for an undetermined amount of time.
Source: <http://koin.com/2014/01/27/driver-crashes-during-police-chase/>
10. *January 27, CNN* – (International) **Royal Caribbean cruise cut short after more than 600 are sickened.** A 10-day Royal Caribbean cruise was cut to 8 days January 26 due to a gastrointestinal illness outbreak that affected more than 600 passengers and crew members. The cause of the illness was not clear and the cruise liner will thoroughly sanitize the entire ship.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/26/travel/cruise-ship-illness/>
11. *January 27, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **76,000 pounds of beef ribs burn in Ludlow big rig fire.** Westbound lanes of the 40 Freeway in Ludlow, California, were shut down for about 2 hours when a semi-truck caught fire January 25 and burned about 76,000 pounds of beef ribs.
Source: <http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20140126/76000-pounds-of-beef-ribs-burn-in-ludlow-big-rig-fire>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *January 27, WXXA 23 Albany* – (New York) **Early morning barn fire kills nearly 50 calves.** Investigators believe a heat lamp may have been the cause of a January 27 fire at Sunset View Farm in Easton, New York, that killed 45 calves and destroyed a barn.
Source: http://www.fox23news.com/news/local/story/Early-morning-barn-fire-kills-nearly-50-calves/NppkKsxst0KjOHeK_EYntQ.csp
13. *January 27 Rochester Post-Bulletin* – (Minnesota) **Fire at Kemps causes \$40,000 in damage.** A January 25 fire at Kemps ice cream factory in Rochester, Minnesota, caused \$40,000 in damage to equipment and the building. Authorities believe the fire originated in a pile of wooden pallets and cardboard located close to where welding work was being performed.
Source: http://www.postbulletin.com/fire-at-kemps-causes-in-damage/article_0db97a24-86a7-11e3-98a2-001a4bcf6878.html
14. *January 27, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Winn-Dixie recalls chocolate**

drink mix. Winn-Dixie of Jacksonville announced a recall of 30 ounce canisters of Winn-Dixie Instant Chocolate Drink Mix from its grocery stores in Florida due to the possibility of undeclared milk as a result of an incorrect formula mixture.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/sfl-winn-dixie-chocolate-drink-recall-20140127,0,745124.story>

15. *January 26, Food Safety News* – (National) **Cat food recalled due to possible Salmonella contamination.** The U.S Food and Drug administration announced January 25 that PMI Nutrition, LLC, of Arden Hills voluntarily recalled 20 pound bags of Red Flannel Cat Formula cat food due to possible Salmonella contamination.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/01/cat-food-recalled-due-to-possible-salmonella-contamination/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. *January 27, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Newington water main breaks repaired.** Customers in more than 150 residences in Newington, Connecticut, were without water for nearly 16 hours January 26-27 after 3 water mains had to be shut down for repairs.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Water-Main-Break-Reported-in-Newington-242133201.html>
17. *January 26, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Water main breaks cause Center Valley outage.** Center Valley area customers were without water January 25 due to three separate water main breaks that caused a loss of water pressure. Bethlehem City Water crews worked January 26 to repair the breaks and customers were temporarily under a boil advisory.
Source: http://articles.mcall.com/2014-01-26/news/mc-bethlehem-water-outage-20140125_1_water-main-breaks-water-pressure-bethlehem-water-authority
18. *January 26, Burlington Times-News* – (North Carolina) **Pipe failure caused sewage overflow Friday.** A pipe failure caused about 28,600 gallons of untreated wastewater from the East Burlington Waste Water Treatment Plant in North Carolina to overflow January 24 which sent some 25,000 gallons into the Haw River.
Source: <http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/top-news/pipe-failure-caused-sewage-overflow-friday-1.268121>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *January 27, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Water floods veterans center.**

The Veterans Multi-Service Center in Philadelphia suffered extensive damage on its ground floor due to a water leak apparently caused by a pump failure January 27. The upper floors of the center remained open while authorities assessed the damage.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Veterans-Center-Water-Break-242190681.html>

20. *January 24, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Records of Saint Francis Hospital patients stolen in privacy breach.** Officials at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford announced January 24 that paper records containing the medical information of 858 patients were stolen in December 2013 from the vehicle of an independent contractor physician working in the emergency department. Authorities continue to investigate the incident and the hospital has added safeguards on internal information.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/hartford/hc-saint-francis-info-breach-0125-20140124,0,1423145.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *January 27, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Student severely burned after setting himself on fire inside Standley Lake High School cafeteria.** Standley Lake High School in Westminster was evacuated and classes were cancelled January 27 after a student set himself on fire in the school cafeteria, severely burning himself, and caused injuries to a cafeteria worker. Authorities are investigating the cause of the incident.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/fire-in-standley-lake-high-school-injures-2-students-school-evacuated>

22. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Mass. school closed over online gun reference.** Amherst Regional High School was closed January 27 as a precaution after an anonymous post on social media was made by an individual claiming they would bring a gun to school nearly every day to protect against bullies.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2014/01/27/mass-school-closed-over-online-gun-reference/qL57y77VnuY2IakHINbAqJ/story.html>

23. *January 27, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **2 arrested in shooting death of man at L.A. Valley College.** Police arrested two men January 26 in connection with the shooting death of a man found in a Los Angeles Valley College parking lot January 25. No classes were in session at the time and the incident is believed to be related to a drug deal.

Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/01/26/man-dies-after-being-found-shot-in-l-a-valley-college-parking-lot/#axzz2rbwAAJcq>

24. *January 26, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Eastwood School District administration building, bus garage destroyed by fire.** Eastwood School District schools were closed January 27 after a fire destroyed the district's administration building and bus garage January 25. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire and assessing the total

damage.

Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/Police-Fire/2014/01/25/Eastwood-School-District-administration-building-bus-garage-destroyed-by-fire.html>

25. *January 25, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Suspect charged with murder in SC campus shooting.** Police arrested and charged a suspect January 25 in connection with a January 24 shooting death of a student outside South Carolina State University's Hugine Suites dormitory in Orangeburg.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/suspect-charged-with-murder-in-sc-campus-shooting>

26. *January 25, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* – (Ohio) **Car hits school bus in Ohio; 4 injured.** An accident involving a car and a Wayne Trace Elementary School bus in Paulding County, Ohio, left four people injured January 24 after the car crashed into the school bus.
Source: <http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20140125/LOCAL07/301259981/1002/local>

27. *January 24, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Pipe breaks cause \$260K worth of damage at base.** Severe cold weather caused water leaks in 50 buildings throughout the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Repair costs for the damaged water pipelines were estimated at \$260,000.
Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/local/pipe-breaks-cause-260k-worth-of-damage-at-base/nc2QS/>

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28. *January 27, Springfield Republican* – (Vermont) **Vermont State Police: Wanted man gets into running police car, hits and injures pursuing St. Albans police officer.** A suspect stole a St. Albans Police Department cruiser in Vermont January 26 then struck and injured an officer with the car before fleeing the scene and leading police on a nearly 2-mile chase. The pursuit ended after the suspect crashed the vehicle into a utility pole, injuring himself.
Source: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/01/vermont_state_police_wanted_man.html
29. *January 24, WDAM 7 Laurel* – (Mississippi) **Petal Police Department catches fire, minor damage.** The Petal Police Department's facility in Mississippi temporarily closed and operations were moved to another site January 23 after a fire damaged several rooms on the west end of the building. Normal operations will resume once power is restored.
Source: <http://www.wdam.com/story/24541387/petal-police-department-catches-on-fire-temporarily-displaced>

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Information Technology Sector

30. *January 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Suspected email hackers for hire charged in four countries.** Five suspects in Arkansas, New York, and California were charged with allegedly hacking into email accounts or hiring others to do so. The arrests were part of an international law enforcement operation that also resulted of the arrests of six others in China, India, and Romania.
Source: http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9245780/Suspected_email_hackers_for_hire_charged_in_four_countries
31. *January 27, Softpedia* – (International) **GitHub down due to DDoS attack.** GitHub reported coming under a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack January 27 that prevented users from accessing some services.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/GitHub-Down-Due-to-DDOS-Attack-1-27-2014-421114.shtml>
32. *January 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **Hasbro's website compromised, serves malware.** Researchers at Barracuda Labs found that the Web site of toy maker Hasbro was compromised and would lead users through several redirects to a malicious Web site hosting Java exploits that would attempt to infect systems with an information-stealing trojan that was not initially detected by antivirus programs. Users who visited the site January 10, 11, 14, and 20 were likely to have been infected.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2689
33. *January 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Mozilla fixes Thunderbird flaw that allowed hackers to insert malicious code into emails.** Mozilla confirmed that it fixed a vulnerability in its Thunderbird email client reported in May 2013 that could have allowed attackers to bypass security controls and filters.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Critical-Validation-and-Filter-Bypass-Vulnerability-Fixed-in-Thunderbird-420962.shtml>
34. *January 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Expert finds remote code execution vulnerability in Yahoo server.** A security researcher reported a PHP code injection vulnerability found in a Yahoo server that he was able to escalate to a remote code execution vulnerability. The vulnerability was then closed January 21.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Expert-Finds-Remote-Code-Execution-Vulnerability-in-Yahoo-Server-Video-420896.shtml>
35. *January 26, IDG News Service* – (International) **Microsoft says law enforcement documents likely stolen by hackers.** Microsoft stated that documents related to law enforcement inquiries were stolen during recent phishing attacks against the company.
Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9245775/Microsoft_says_law_enforcement_documents_likely_stolen_by_hackers

36. *January 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Vulnerability that allowed hackers to hijack Samsung.com accounts fixed.** Samsung closed a vulnerability reported by a researcher that could have allowed an attacker to take over a user's Samsung.com account by registering an account with extra spaces on the end of the username.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Vulnerability-that-Allowed-Hackers-to-Hijack-Samsung-com-Accounts-Fixed-Video-420630.shtml>
37. *January 24, IDG News Service* – (International) **Gmail, other Google services hit by outage on Friday.** A software issue in a Google system left Gmail and other Google applications unavailable for around 30 minutes to 2 hours January 24.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/012514-gmail-other-google-services-hit-278072.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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38. *January 27, CNN* – (Maryland) **Maryland mall shooting: Journal may reveal gunman's motives; mall to reopen.** The Mall in Columbia reopened January 27 after a gunman opened fire at the Maryland mall January 25, killing two people before taking his own life. Five others were injured during the incident and authorities disabled two homemade explosive devices they found in the shooter's backpack.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/27/us/maryland-mall-shooting/?hpt=hp_t1
39. *January 27, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **4 Sparkill families displaced after fire damages Roost, La Bamba restaurants.** A fire at Roost restaurant in Sparkill, New York, spread to another restaurant and grocery store, causing damage to apartments located above the businesses January 26. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire, which left 27 people displaced.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20140126/NEWS03/301260051/4-families-displaced-after-fire-damages-Roost-La-Bamba-s-upper-floor-apartments-Sparkill>

40. *January 27, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Thieves steal \$70,000 worth of rifles from Newnan gun store.** Federal and local authorities are investigating the January 26 robbery of AR Bunker gun shop in Newnan, Georgia, where thieves stole at least \$70,000 worth of weapons and caused \$30,000 in damages.

Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/24551196/robbers-steal-70000-worth-of-rifles-from-newnan-gun-store>

41. *January 25, Providence Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Providence club ordered closed after 2 gang members shot.** The Providence licensing board temporarily closed Karma Club in Rhode Island while authorities investigate a January 25 shooting that left two patrons critically injured.

Source: <http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20140125-providence-club-ordered-closed-after-2-gang-members-shot.ece>

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