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### **Top Stories**

- Officials arrested 110 suspects in 4 countries that are believed to be connected to a boiler room scheme that duped more than 1,000 individuals out of millions of dollars. – *Associated Press* (See item [3](#))
- A United Kingdom man was charged with hacking the Federal Reserve Bank's servers, where he stole personal information of employees and published it on a Web site. – *IDG News Service* (See item [4](#))
- Five San Francisco police officers were suspended after being charged in 2 separate indictments including stealing drugs and money seized as part of investigations and civil rights violations. – *Associated Press* (See item [13](#))
- Several Columbus, Ohio businesses and State agencies were closed or delayed due to a power outage caused by a fire and two explosions at an underground electricity vault. – *Columbus Dispatch* (See item [17](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *February 27, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Shell pays state \$4 million to settle gas station clean up overcharges.** Shell Oil will pay Massachusetts \$4 million to resolve allegations that the company improperly took money from the State's Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund, a fund designated to help clean up environmentally contaminated gas stations, while also receiving insurance payments to cover the cost of cleaning contamination at its gas stations, authorities announced February 27.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/business/news/2014/02/27/shell-pays-state-million-settle-gas-station-clean-overcharges/BIZDK17ARxfILVFGnfbzOO/story.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

2. *February 27, Orange County Register* – (California) **Yellowish smoke in Rancho determined not hazardous.** Four commercial buildings in Rancho Santa Margarita were evacuated February 27 while HAZMAT crews responded to a Magnaflow facility that was processing chemicals when a dark, yellowish smoke was seen coming out of the top of a building. The crews cleared the scene within 3 hours after determining there was no threat.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/smoke-603522-building-concialdi.html>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

3. *February 28, Associated Press* – (International) **'Boiler room' fraud: 110 arrested**

**across Europe in investment scam.** Officials arrested 110 suspects in 4 countries that are believed to be connected to a boiler room scheme that duped more than 1,000 individuals into buying worthless or nonexistent shares, and stealing millions of dollars. Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/02/28/boiler-room-fraud-europe-investment-scam\\_n\\_4873196.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/02/28/boiler-room-fraud-europe-investment-scam_n_4873196.html)

4. *February 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **UK man charged with hacking Federal Reserve.** The U.S. Attorney's office announced that a man from the United Kingdom was charged with allegedly using a Structured Query Language (SQL) attack to infiltrate the Federal Reserve Bank's servers, where he stole personal information of employees and published it on a Web site. Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246650/UK\\_man\\_charged\\_with\\_hacking\\_Federal\\_Reserve](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9246650/UK_man_charged_with_hacking_Federal_Reserve)

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *February 28, KNBC 4 Los Angeles; Associated Press* – (California) **Amid fear of rock and mudslides, portion of Pacific Coast Highway closed.** California Highway Patrol closed a 9-mile stretch of Pacific Coast Highway February 27 through February 28 in anticipation of rock- and mudslides caused by a rain storm. Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/PCH-Pacific-Coast-Highway-Storm-Rain-Weather-Road-Street-Closures-247723801.html>
6. *February 28, Bay City Times* – (Michigan) **Derailed train cars, one filled with 100 tons of sugar, still blocking Bay City street.** Two Huron & Eastern Railway train cars derailed February 27 in Bay City, Michigan. The train cars remained blocking a street on the city's west side while crews worked to remove 100 tons of sugar contained in one of the train cars. Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2014/02/derailed\\_train\\_cars\\_still\\_bloc.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/bay-city/index.ssf/2014/02/derailed_train_cars_still_bloc.html)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

7. *February 28, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Hazmat crews respond to chemical spill in Stone Mountain.** HAZMAT crews responded to a nitric acid spill at a food packaging company in Stone Mountain February 28. The building was evacuated while crews cleaned the scene, and two workers were transported to a local hospital. Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/322834/40/Hazmat-crews-respond-to-chemical-spill-in-Stone-Mountain>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

8. *February 27, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Long Beach declares imminent water shortage, restricts use.** The Long Beach Board of Water Commissioners restricted water usage in the Long Beach area indefinitely due to an imminent water shortage February 27, limiting residents from watering their lawns, hosing down sidewalks, and being served water in restaurants.  
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-long-beach-water-restrictions-20140227,0,661144.story>

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

9. *February 28, WSB-TV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Alpharetta medical office building destroyed by fire.** Fire crews worked to put out the remaining flames in a fire at a medical building that houses Roswell Pediatric Center, a dentist office, and CTS Systems in Alpharetta February 28. The building's roof collapsed and the structure sustained heavy damage.  
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/alpharetta-medical-office-building-destroyed-fire/nd3H2/>
10. *February 27, WPBF 25 Tequesta* – (Florida) **Caught on video: Pharmacy thief points gun, makes off with pills.** Police are searching for a man who robbed Family Care Pharmacy February 27 while he brandished a gun and stole all the narcotics from the Greenacres store.  
Source: <http://www.wpbfl.com/news/south-florida/palm-beach-county-news/caught-on-video-pharmacy-thief-points-gun-makes-off-with-pills/24720978>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

11. *February 27, San Gabriel Valley Tribune* – (California) **Widespread power outage cancels evening classes at Mt. SAC.** Evening classes for February 27 were cancelled at Mt. San Antonio College in Los Angeles County after a widespread power outage knocked out service. All power was restored by Southern California Edison crews after more than 2 hours.  
Source: <http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20140227/widespread-power-outage-cancels-evening-classes-at-mt-sac>
12. *February 27, Hays Post* – (Kansas) **Cyberattack forces Kan. school district off the Internet.** Geary County USD 475 in Junction City shut off its Internet service after an apparent cyber attack overloaded the district's systems. No confidential or financial information was accessed and officials worked to resolve the problem.

Source: <http://www.hayspost.com/2014/02/27/cyberattack-forces-kan-school-district-off-the-internet/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

13. *February 27, Associated Press* – (California) **5 San Francisco officers indicted by feds.** Federal prosecutors announced February 27 that 5 San Francisco police officers were charged in 2 separate indictments including stealing drugs and money seized as part of investigations and civil rights violations. The officers were suspended and had their guns taken away by the department.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/5-san-francisco-officers-indicted-by-feds>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

14. *February 28, The Register* – (International) **Apple slams shut TEN code execution holes in QuickTime on Windows.** Apple released a patch that fixes 10 serious bugs in the Windows version of its QuickTime media player that allowed malicious video files to execute arbitrary code.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/02/28/apple\\_drops\\_patches\\_for\\_windows\\_quicktime\\_and\\_itunes/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/02/28/apple_drops_patches_for_windows_quicktime_and_itunes/)

15. *February 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts find vulnerabilities in RSA Conference 2014 Android application.** Six flaws were discovered in the RSA Conference 2014 app, with the most severe potentially allowing an attacker to exploit a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack. Another vulnerability could give access to a file containing information of every user who signed up for the conference through the app's SQLite database file.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Find-Vulnerabilities-in-RSA-Conference-2014-Android-Application-429766.shtml>

16. *February 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Gameover borrows kernel-mode rootkit from Necurs malware.** Security researchers warned that a new version of Gameover, the peer-to-peer (P2P) version of the Zeus trojan, has introduced a kernel-mode rootkit from Necurs in order to target users. The new variant is delivered via spam runs and is more difficult to remove.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Gameover-Borrows-Kernel-Mode-Rootkit-from-Necurs-Malware-429824.shtml>

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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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### Commercial Facilities Sector

17. *February 28, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Power mostly restored after downtown blasts.** Crews worked February 28 to restore power to several downtown Columbus businesses and State agencies that were closed or delayed due to a power outage caused by a fire and two explosions at an underground American Electric Power vault. Officials speculate damage from a close-by water main break in January may have contributed to the incident.  
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/02/28/blasts-shake-downtown-manhole-covers-blown.html>
18. *February 28, WRTV 6 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **1 dead, 18 hurt in SW Indiana apartment tower fire; officials identify victim killed.** One person died and 18 others were injured after a fire broke out at the Sunrise Towers apartment building near Sullivan, Indiana February 27. The cause of the fire that displaced dozens is under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.theindychannel.com/news/local-news/1-dead-18-hurt-in-sw-indiana-apartment-tower-fire>
19. *February 28, Pottstown Mercury*– (Pennsylvania) **33 people displaced, families rescued from balconies in fire at Audubon Court Apartments.** Firefighters responded to a fire at apartment complex C of the Audubon Court Apartments in Lower Providence, Pennsylvania February 27. Thirty-three residents were displaced by the blaze that is under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20140228/33-people-displaced-families-rescued-from-balconies-in-fire-at-audubon-court-apartments>
20. *February 27, Santa Maria Sun* – (California) **Town Center Hotel fire defendant pleads guilty.** A California man pleaded guilty February 24 to setting the Town Center Hotel in Santa Maria on fire in October 2013. The structure suffered more than \$1 million in damage and more than 50 residents were displaced.  
Source: <http://www.santamariasun.com/news/11178/town-center-hotel-fire-defendant->

[pleads-guilty/](#)

21. *February 27, Ogemaw County Herald* – (Michigan) **No serious injuries in Tanger roof collapse.** Authorities are investigating a roof and facade collapse at the West Branch Tanger Outlet Center February 27 that forced the mall to evacuate and close indefinitely.  
Source: <http://www.ogemawherald.com/stories/Tanger-evacuated-after-possible-roof-collapse,98917>
22. *February 27, Rio Grande Sun* – (New Mexico) **Residents evacuated after gas leak.** Residents of the Villa del Norte Apartments in Española, New Mexico were evacuated and relocated February 20 while crews work to repair a major gas leak that has left residents without heat since February 16. Authorities anticipate the work will be finished by March 4.  
Source: <http://www.riograndesun.com/articles/2014/02/27/news/doc530e6b62ce03e156362451.txt>

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