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- Authorities announced March 26 that 13 individuals in Chicago and 2 people in Bulgaria were arrested in connection with an alleged international money laundering scheme that used fraudulent payment cards to withdraw hundreds of thousands of dollars from ATMs. – *Chicago Tribune* (See item [5](#))
- Two people were killed and more than a dozen others were injured in a crash involving 49 vehicles along Interstate 81 in Berkeley County, West Virginia, March 26, prompting the interstate to close for over 4 hours. – *WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* (See item [8](#))
- A March 26 power outage at the McDowell Creek sewage plant halted an ultraviolet disinfection, allowing more than 73,000 gallons of partially treated sewage to flow into a tributary of Charlotte, North Carolina's water supply. – *Charlotte Observer* (See item [14](#))
- Two firefighters were killed, 13 others were injured, and several police officers were hospitalized as they battled a 9-alarm fire at a brownstone in Boston March 26. – *Associated Press* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 26, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **ExxonMobil shuts down Baton Rouge terminal while investigating reports of bad gas being sold at area stations.** ExxonMobil shut down its Baton Rouge terminal to investigate after receiving reports of bad gasoline being sold at gas stations in the area. Officials are testing local gas stations to uncover any issues regarding water or ethanol in the gas.
Source: http://www.nola.com/business/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2014/03/exxonmobil_shuts_down_baton_ro.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *March 26, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites Diversified CPC International Inc. for chemical hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Diversified CPC International Inc., for 15 serious violations of the process safety management standard at the company's Sparta, New Jersey production facility. Proposed fines total \$73,500.
Source: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=25788

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *March 27, Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **PPL brings nuclear reactor back online.** The Unit 2 reactor at the PPL Susquehanna Steam nuclear power plant in Salem Township was brought back online March 25 after an outage caused by a valve leak that was found March 20.
Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/ppl-brings-nuclear-reactor-back-online-1.1657812>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *March 26, Bloomberg News* – (National) **F-35 funds withheld from Pratt & Whitney over delays.** A representative from the U.S. Department of Defense's F-35 program office announced March 26 that funds are being withheld from United Technologies

Corp.'s Pratt & Whitney unit due to persistent delays in delivering engines for the F-35 aircraft. The delays have been tied to flaws in the engines, many of which are discovered during delivery to the military.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-03-26/f-35-funds-withheld-from-pratt-whitney-over-delays.html>

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Financial Services Sector

5. *March 26, Chicago Tribune* – (International) **Arrests made in international ATM skimming.** Authorities announced March 26 that 13 individuals in Chicago and 2 in Bulgaria were arrested in connection with an alleged international payment card fraud and money laundering scheme that used fraudulent payment cards to withdraw hundreds of thousands of dollars from ATMs. One additional suspect was previously arrested and another remains at large.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-arrests-made-in-international-atm-skimming-20140326,0,2239227.story>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *March 27, USA Today* – (California) **Busted: Police allege LAX theft ring stole from luggage.** Authorities arrested several employees and ex-employees of contracting companies hired to handle baggage at Los Angeles International Airport March 26 in connection with the theft of items from airline passengers. Police allege the workers stole from fliers' luggage both inside the terminal and while bags were transported across the airport grounds.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2014/03/27/busted-police-allege-lax-theft-ring-stole-from-fliers-bags/6949949/>

7. *March 27, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Highway 6 still closed after Oregon Coast Range mudslide.** Highway 6 was closed in both directions in the Oregon Coast Range March 26 due to a mudslide. Officials stated that the highway should reopen March 27 after crews remove dirt and debris.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/25082866/mudslide-closes-highway-6-in-oregon-coast-range>

8. *March 26, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (West Virginia) **Report: Two dead in I-81 W.Va. crash.** Two people were killed and more than a dozen others were injured in a chain-reaction crash involving 49 vehicles along Interstate 81 in Berkeley County March 26. Southbound lanes of Interstate 81 were closed for more than 4 hours while northbound lanes were closed for over 8 hours.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2014/03/report-3-people-dead-in-i-81-west-va-crash-101549.html>

9. *March 26, U.S. National Transportation Safety Board* – (National) **NTSB issues safety alert on wrong airport landings.** The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board issued a safety alert March 26 reminding pilots to be vigilant to avoid potentially catastrophic mistakes following two incidents in which airplanes landed at wrong airports.
Source: <http://www.nts.gov/news/2014/140326.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *March 26, WFOR 4 Miami; WBFS 33 Miami* – (Florida) **Slaughterhouse shutdown, operator arrested for animal cruelty.** A Florida man was arrested and charged March 26 in connection with operating an illegal slaughterhouse in unincorporated Miami-Dade County. A joint, undercover investigation revealed the illegal slaughtering of animals in a cruel and painful manner.
Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2014/03/26/slaughterhouse-shutdown-operator-arrested-for-animal-cruelty/>
11. *March 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Vermont Common Foods issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts.** Vermont Common Foods, operating as the Orton Bros. Brand, recalled one lot of its Zesty Lemon Cookie Buttons due to mislabeling and undeclared peanuts. The product was distributed at Hannaford Supermarkets in New England.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm390772.htm>
12. *March 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Oscar's Smokehouse, Inc. recalls "eleven varieties (11) of cheese spreads" because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Oscars Smokehouse Inc., of Warrensburg, New York, recalled 11 varieties of its 7-ounce cheese spread products due to possible Listeria monocytogenes.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm390751.htm>
13. *March 26, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **FSIS issues public health alert for processed egg products unfit for human consumption.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service issued a public health alert March 26 after Nutriom LLC, declined to expand its February 2014 recall to include an additional 118,541 pounds of processed egg products, following an investigation by the agency that concluded the products were unfit for human consumption.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/news-releases-statements-transcripts/news-release-archives-by-year/archive/2014/pha-032614>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *March 26, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **73,000 gallons of partly-treated**

sewage flows into Charlotte creek. A March 26 power outage at the McDowell Creek sewage plant halted an ultraviolet disinfection, a final treatment step, allowing more than 73,000 gallons of partially treated sewage to flow into a tributary of Charlotte's water supply which drains into Mountain Island Lake. Operators began diverting the sewage into storage basins.

Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2014/03/26/4796684/partly-treated-sewage-flows-into.html#.UzQHAT9OWM8>

15. *March 26, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Boil water advisory for Newaygo ends.** A boil water notice was lifted March 26 for the city of Newaygo after test results showed no harmful bacteria was present in the city's drinking water. The advisory went into effect the weekend of March 22 due to a water main break.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/story/news/local/2014/03/26/boil-water-newaygo-ends/6918301/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *March 27, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New Jersey) **1 dead, 175 displaced in fire at New Jersey retirement community: Official.** One resident died and 175 others were displaced due to a March 26 fire at the Somerville Senior Citizens Housing complex in New Jersey. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Somerville-New-Jersey-Senior-Citizen-Community-Fire-Fatality-252628021.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

17. *March 27, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Potential threat led to closing of Neillsville schools.** School officials stated that a potential threat against the school through an online instant messaging service prompted the closure of the Neillsville School District March 27.

Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/School-district-of-Neillsville-is-closed-252625051.html>

18. *March 27, Red Bluff Daily News* – (California) **Tehama County court house evacuated due to suspicious package.** The Tehama County courthouse and surrounding buildings in Red Bluff were evacuated for approximately 4 hours March 26 after a maintenance worker found a package outside the main doors. A bomb squad inspected the envelope and deemed it safe.

Source: http://www.redbluffdailynews.com/news/ci_25423440/tehama-county-court-house-evacuated-due-suspicious-package

19. *March 26, Fort Myers News-Press* – (Florida) **Six Mile Charter Academy evacuated due to pepper spray.** Six Mile Charter Academy in Fort Myers was evacuated and

classes were dismissed March 26 after a student sprayed pepper spray at the school forcing two children to be transported to an area hospital for evaluation.

Source: <http://www.news-press.com/article/20140326/NEWS01/140326007/0/springbreak/Six-Mile-Charter-Academy-evacuated-due-pepper-spray>

20. *March 26, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **School bus, plow collide; 3 kids hurt.** An accident involving a Portsmouth Middle School bus and a snow plow left three students injured March 26 in Rhode Island.

Source: <http://wpri.com/2014/03/26/3-kids-hospitalized-after-school-bus-plow-collide/>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. *March 26, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **\$20,000 reward offered in L.A. jail inmate escape.** The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors announced March 25 that a \$20,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the capture of an inmate who escaped from the Twin Towers Correctional Facility March 12 by impersonating another inmate.

Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/03/26/20000-reward-offered-in-l-a-jail-inmate-escape/#axzz2xAmoOVI3>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *March 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **Hidden crypto currency-mining code spotted in apps on Google Play.** Researchers at Lookout warned that Android apps which include hidden code used to mine for several forms of cryptocurrency have been spotted being offered on Spanish underweb forums. Trend Micro researchers also spotted two apps available in the Google Play store which contain cryptocurrency mining code, similar to compromised apps originally discovered by G Data researchers.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2746

23. *March 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cerberus app users warned about data breach.** Cerberus Security Team advised users of their Android security app to reset their passwords as a precaution after suspicious traffic was detected and blocked on the company's servers. Attackers were able to gain access to some users' usernames and encrypted passwords during the breach.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16588>

24. *March 27, The Register* – (International) **When ZOMBIES attack: DDoS traffic triples as 20Gbps becomes the new normal.** Incapsula released a report on distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack mitigation which found that DDoS attack volumes are

increasing, with 20Gbps or above attacks occurring in around one-in-three attacks, among other findings.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/03/27/ddos_trends_incapsula/

25. *March 26, SC Magazine* – (International) **Windows trojan packs punch, downloads ransomware “Cribit.”** Trend Micro researchers found that the Fareit trojan is being used to spread a ransomware known as Cribit that encrypts victims’ files and demands a ransom in Bitcoins. The trojan has previously been used to download other malware such as Zeus.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/windows-trojan-packs-punch-downloads-ransomware-cribit/article/339958/>

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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

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *March 27, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Boston mourns 2 firefighters killed in blaze.** Two firefighters were killed, 13 others injured, and several police officers were hospitalized as they battled a 9-alarm fire at a brownstone in Boston’s Back Bay area March 26. Responders rescued residents from the building before strong winds fueled the flames that quickly engulfed the building.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/boston-mourns-2-firefighters-killed-in-blaze>

27. *March 26, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **About 300 evacuated due to gas leak in Salt Lake City.** A leak in an underground gas line saturated the soil nearby and filled the walls of two nearby Salt Lake City apartment buildings with gas, prompting the evacuation of about 300 people March 26. Questar Gas crews turned off the gas to repair the line, while officials waited for gas levels in the building to decrease before lifting the evacuation.

Source: <http://fox13now.com/2014/03/26/about-300-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak-in-salt-lake-city/>

28. *March 26, KRIV 26 Houston* – (Texas) **Fire badly damages Heights Church.** Officials are investigating a 2-alarm fire that broke out in the attic of the Heights

Presbyterian Church in Houston March 26 and caused damages estimated in the upper hundreds of thousands of dollars. Crews contained the fire and no one was injured in the blaze.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/story/25085184/2014/03/26/fire-badly-damages-heights-church>

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Dams Sector

29. *March 27, Bend Bulletin* – (Oregon) **Repairs to Bend’s Mirror Pond dam complete.** Repairs to the PacifiCorp-owned Mirror Pond dam in Oregon were completed March 26 and water levels in the pond should return to normal by the summer of 2014 after repairs were prompted by a leak in the dam that was discovered in October 2013.

Source: <http://www.bendbulletin.com/localstate/1928314-151/repairs-to-bends-mirror-pond-dam-complete#>

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