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- General Motors announced March 28 that it is adding 971,000 vehicles to a previous recall concerning defective ignition switches that can turn off and cut power to vehicles. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced charges and asset freezes March 28 against the operators of an alleged pyramid scheme that raised more than \$65 million from Asian and Latino communities in the U.S. and abroad. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item [9](#))
- The last of 13 individuals charged in a Ponzi-like \$1.25 billion insurance fraud scheme was convicted March 28 in Miami on fraud and conspiracy charges. – *Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* (See item [10](#))
- Officials in Danville, Virginia, will close Abreu-Grogan Park beginning April 1 in order for Duke Energy crews to clean up a large coal ash deposit from the Dan River near the Schoolfield Dam. – *Danville Register & Bee* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *March 27, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (Kentucky) **50 citations were issued to three Kentucky mines in February.** The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration reported March 27 that federal inspectors issued a total of 50 citations to Nally & Hamilton Enterprises, Armstrong Coal Company, and Redhawk Mining LLC, for alleged health and safety violations found during February inspections at their mines in Kentucky.
Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2014/03/27/3165602/50-citations-were-issued-to-three.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *March 28, KSHB 41 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Anhydrous ammonia leak in Platte Co. capped.** A broken valve on an 800-gallon tank located in a Platte County field caused anhydrous ammonia to leak for nearly 1 hour March 28 before crews were able to cap the valve. Nearby roadways were closed and evacuations were recommended for those within a half-mile radius of the tank during the incident.
Source: <http://www.kshb.com/news/local-news/crews-respond-to-anhydrous-ammonia-leak-in-platte-co>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *March 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers can unlock Tesla cars by stealing owners' passwords.** A security researcher reported that the password created by Tesla car owners can be easily obtained via brute force attacks due to it only containing six letters and numbers, allowing attackers to track the location of Tesla cars or unlock the door locks remotely. The remote management API also may share credentials with untrusted third parties that could also lead to security issues.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Can-Unlock-Tesla-Cars-by-Stealing-Owners-Passwords-434979.shtml>
4. *March 31, Edmunds.com* – (National) **2014 Honda Civic LX recalled for possible tire damage.** Honda announced a recall for 9,817 model year 2014 Civic LX vehicles due to potential tire damage during mounting, creating the risk of the tires losing air.
Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2014-honda-civic-lx-recalled-for-possible>

[tire-damage.html](#)

5. *March 29, Associated Press* – (National) **GM adding 971,000 vehicles to ignition recall.** General Motors announced March 28 that it is adding 971,000 vehicles to a previous recall concerning defective ignition switches that can turn off and cut power to vehicles. The recall expansion covers several Chevrolet, Pontiac, and Saturn vehicles from model years 2003-2007 that may have had defective ignition parts installed during repairs.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/gm-adding-824000-vehicles-ignition-recall-23106921>

6. *March 28, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Acid tank explosion at Rolls-Royce plant injures 9.** Nine workers were injured March 28 when a 250-gallon tank of nitric acid exploded and created a cloud of corrosive vapor at a Rolls Royce aircraft engine assembly plant in Wayne Township, Indiana. Remaining shifts at the plant that day were canceled but shifts were scheduled to proceed normally March 30.

Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/nation-now/2014/03/28/acid-tank-explosion-rolls-royce-plant/7036155/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

7. *March 29, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **‘Benchwarmer Bandit’ robs fourth bank in two weeks.** A suspect known as the “Benchwarmer Bandit” is thought responsible for the robbery of a Citibank branch in the Lake View area of Chicago March 29, the fourth robbery tied to the suspect.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/03/29/benchwarmer-bandit-robs-fourth-bank-in-two-weeks/>

8. *March 29, Associated Press* – (International) **Sally Beauty’s security breach grows in scope.** Beauty products retailer Sally Beauty reported March 28 that a data breach exposed a larger number of payment card records than the less than 25,000 previously estimated by the company.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/sally-beautys-security-breach-grows-scope-23106485>

9. *March 28, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **SEC halts pyramid scheme targeting Asian and Latino communities.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced charges and asset freezes March 28 against the

operators of an alleged pyramid scheme that raised more than \$65 million from Asian and Latino communities in the U.S. and abroad. The alleged scheme operates under names such as WCM and WCM777 and is based in California and Hong Kong, under the control of a Temple City, California man.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370541324305>

10. *March 28, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Ex-chief of Mutual Benefits Corp. guilty in \$1.25 billion fraud.** The last of 13 individuals charged in a Ponzi-like \$1.25 billion insurance fraud scheme was convicted March 28 in Miami on fraud and conspiracy charges. The fraud occurred through Mutual Benefits Corporation, which deceived around 30,000 investors to obtain the money between 1994 and 2004.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fl-mutual-benefits-chief-guilty-20140328,0,5802869.story>

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Transportation Systems Sector

11. *March 31, Chicago-Sun Times* – (Illinois) **Blue Line station at O’Hare, scene of derailment, reopens.** Chicago Transit Authority restored L service to O’Hare International Airport March 30 after a Blue Line train crashed onto the platform March 24, leaving 32 people injured. Officials are still investigating the incident.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/26531723-418/blue-line-station-at-ohare-scene-of-derailment-to-reopen-2-pm-sunday.html>

12. *March 30, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **3 hospitalized after Sunday morning shooting on I-96 in Detroit.** A portion of Interstate 96 in Detroit was closed for approximately 2 hours March 30 after a shooting in the westbound lanes which left 3 people injured.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/3-people-in-the-hospital-following-overnight-shooting-on-i96/25234496>

13. *March 29, Beaufort County Island Packet* – (South Carolina) **6 Carolina Cup-goers injured after 2 buses try to avoid couch on I-20.** Interstate 20 in Kershaw County was closed for 2 hours after 6 people were injured when one bus swerved to avoid debris in the roadway and was rear-ended by the second bus which also swerved to avoid the debris.

Source: <http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/03/29/3030215/6-carolina-cup-goers-treated-for.html>

14. *March 29, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **1 dead after plane crash in Douglas County.** The pilot of a small experimental plane was killed after crashing in a grassy area of Highlands Ranch in Douglas County, Colorado, March 29. Authorities are investigating the crash.

Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/03/29/1-dead-after-plane-crash-in-douglas-county/>

15. *March 28, WDAM 7 Laurel* – (Mississippi; Louisiana) **Train derails in Jones County, parts of Hwy 11, now accessible.** Jones County officials reported that 19 out of 101 cars derailed March 28 on a section of Highway 11 in Ellisville, prompting the closure of the highway and main rail line from New Orleans to Meridian for several hours. Authorities are investigating the cause of the derailment.

Source: <http://www.wdam.com/story/25098967/jones-county-train-derails>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *March 31, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Fire burns barn full of bees.** Embers from a bee pot smoker ignited straw chaff and a fire spread throughout a barn in Eleva, causing the structure collapse March 30. One worker suffered minor injuries and authorities estimated the damage to total \$200,000.

Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Fire-burns-down-barn-full-of-bees-253175951.html>

17. *March 30, Food Poisoning Bulletin* – (Washington) **FDA closes Jensen's Old Fashioned Smokehouse.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration ordered Jensen's Old Fashioned Smokehouse, a processor and distributor of smoked fish products in Seattle, to close after inspectors performed an analysis of environmental samples, which confirmed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in the facility. Several requirements must be met before Jensen's can resume operations.

Source: <http://foodpoisoningbulletin.com/2014/fda-closes-jensens-old-fashioned-smokehouse/>

18. *March 28, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Fresh Express issues recall of limited quantity of already expired Italian Salad due to possible health risk, no illnesses cited.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced that Fresh Express Incorporated announced a recall for a limited quantity of its 10-ounce and 6-ounce Italian Salad products with an already expired use-by date due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. The expired product has already been removed inventories and no illnesses have been reported in association with the recall.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm391048.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *March 31, WHO 13 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Boil order: Norwalk water main break.** The city of Norwalk, Iowa, was placed under a boil water order beginning March 30 after a water main break led to a loss of pressure. Schools in the city cancelled classes March 31 due to the order.

Source: <http://whotv.com/2014/03/31/boil-order-norwalk-water-main-break/>

20. *March 29, KDKA 2 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Boil water alert lifted after North Huntingdon water main break.** A boil water notice issued March 25 that affected around 4,300 customers in North Huntingdon was lifted March 29. The notice was prompted by a water main break that occurred when workers using dynamite collapsed a 30-inch line on a hillside March 24.

Source: <http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2014/03/29/boil-water-alert-lifted-after-north-huntingdon-water-main-break/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

21. *March 28, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Data stolen from 5,000 patients.** Palomar Health notified about 5,000 patients March 28 of a potential personal data breach after a company laptop and two flash drives were stolen in February from an employee's vehicle parked in Oceanside. Police arrested an individual believed to be tied to the sale of the stolen items March 17 and authorities continue to investigate the incident.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/mar/28/palomar-health-data-theft-5000-patients/>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *March 30, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Brea school to close for further inspection of earthquake damage.** Fanning Elementary School in Brea was closed March 31 for safety inspections after a March 28 earthquake damaged the building. Classes were expected to resume April 1.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-brea-school-closure-20140330,0,6247810.story>

23. *March 28, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **4 students injured in crash involving school bus.** An accident involving a Frost Middle School bus left four students injured March 28 in Louisville.

Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/injury-accident-involving-school-bus-at-35th-st-and-del-park/25209094>

24. *March 28, FlaglerLive.com* – (Florida) **Bomb threat phoned in forces evacuation of Flagler County Courthouse; all-clear at 4:30p.** A phoned bomb threat forced a 4 hour evacuation and closure of the Flagler County Courthouse in Florida March 28. Police searched the building and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.

Source: <http://flaglerlive.com/65549/courthouse-bomb-threat/>

25. *March 28, Danville Register & Bee* – (Virginia) **Park to close for ash cleanup.** Officials in Danville, Virginia, will close Abreu-Grogan Park beginning April 1 in order for Duke Energy crews to clean up a large coal ash deposit from the Dan River near the Schoolfield Dam. Duke Energy authorities expect work to be completed and the park to reopen in July.
Source: http://www.godanriver.com/news/coal-ash/park-to-close-for-ash-cleanup/article_df8138c6-b6c7-11e3-92ba-0017a43b2370.html
26. *March 28, KTVO 3 Kirkville* – (Iowa) **Cardinal classes canceled due to power outage.** An issue with a transformer pole caused a power outage that forced Cardinal Community School District in Eldon to cancel classes March 28.
Source: <http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=1024790>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *March 30, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Albuquerque police website under cyberattack.** The Albuquerque Police Department reported that its Web site was down for several hours March 30 due to a cyberattack, and the department continued to investigate the incident while IT personnel worked to resolve the disruption.
Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/albuquerque-police-website-under-cyberattack>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *March 28, Threatpost* – (International) **FTC settles with Fandango, Credit Karma over SSL issues in mobile apps.** Fandango and Credit Karma agreed to a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) after the FTC charged that both companies deliberately misrepresented the security of their mobile apps and created apps that failed to validate SSL certificates. The companies are required by the settlement to submit to independent security audits for the next 20 years and to create comprehensive security programs.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/ftc-settles-with-fandango-credit-karma-over-ssl-issues-in-mobile-apps/105128>
29. *March 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Philips smart TVs open to remote attacks via default wireless connection, researchers say.** Researchers at ReVuln published a demonstration video showing that the newest firmware for some Philips smart TVs opens an insecure Miracast wireless network that could allow attackers within signal range to control the TV. The Miracast feature is vulnerable to attackers due to a hard-coded password.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2014/032814-philips-smart-tvs-open-to->

[280196.html](#)

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

30. *March 31, Omaha World-Herald* – (Wyoming) **FCC imposes \$17,000 fine on owner of mysterious radio station KOMJ.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission ordered Wyoming-based Cochise Broadcasting, owner of KOMJ 1490 AM Omaha, to pay a \$17,000 fine for failing to operate and staff a main studio with a public inspection file for the station.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20140329/MONEY/140328596/1707>

31. *March 30, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **North Adams restores emergency communications lost when radio towers collapse.** Two communications towers on Florida Mountain suffered damage and collapsed March 30 due to high winds and heavy rain, interrupting cell phone and Internet services for about 13,500 residents in the North Adams area. Emergency service was restored after about 11 hours and Pittsfield Communications crews worked to install a portable tower and transmitters in an effort to restore service by the end of March 31.

Source:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2014/03/north_adams_restores_emergency.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *March 31, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Residents evacuate as 2-alarm fire destroys west Houston apartments.** A 2-alarm fire at the Woodlake Oaks Apartments in Houston caused a partial building collapse and forced more than 100 residents to evacuate March 31. No injuries were reported and authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/local/HFD-battling-2-alarm-apartment-fire-in-west-Houston-253174131.html>

33. *March 31, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **20 people displaced by Minnetonka apartment fire; no one injured.** About 20 residents were displaced after

a fire broke out March 30 at the Cedar Ridge Apartments in Minnetonka, leaving 6 units uninhabitable. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/west/253140211.html>

34. *March 31, Garden Island* – (Hawaii) **Odor closes Walmart.** A strange odor at a Walmart store in Lihue forced patrons and workers to evacuate for nearly 3 hours March 30 while crews investigated and ventilated the area. Authorities performed air monitoring but were unable to determine the source of the odor that prompted nine individuals to seek medical treatment.
Source: http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/odor-closes-walmart/article_505eddac-b892-11e3-9099-0019bb2963f4.html
35. *March 29, Bay News 9 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Storms interrupt Grand Prix, keep attendance down.** Severe weather prompted authorities at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg to evacuate the grandstands and open areas and seek shelter for more than 2 hours March 29. Activity resumed after a tornado watch was lifted and the weather passed.
Source:
http://www.baynews9.com/content/news/baynews9/sports/article.html/content/news/articles/bn9/2014/3/29/grand_prix_day_2_upd.html
36. *March 29, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Awning fire at Celeste Center forces evacuation during circus.** An electrical fire causing an awning to catch fire at the Celeste Center in Columbus March 29 and prompted the arena to evacuate during a circus performance. The arena reopened March 30.
Source: <http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2014/03/29/columbus-shrine-circus-evacuated-awning-fire.html>
37. *March 29, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Apartment fire forces 161 residents to seek emergency shelter.** A March 28 fire on the top floor of the Santa Ana Apartments in St. Ann triggered the building's sprinkler system, which flooded every floor below and displaced 161 residents.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2014/03/29/st-ann-santa-ana-apartments-fire/7071415/>
38. *March 28, Houston Business Journal* – (Texas) **Spec's falls victim to network attack, customer information compromised at dozens of stores.** The Houston-based Spec's wine and liquor store chain announced March 28 that a security breach exposed some personal data, such as check and payment card information, of customers who shopped at 34 of its Texas stores between October 2012 and March 2014. The company is investigating the attack and has taken steps to mitigate the issue.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/houston/news/2014/03/28/specs-falls-victim-to-network-attack-customer.html>

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