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- An Indianapolis, Indiana man pleaded guilty June 25 to defrauding 5,000 investors from 50 countries by running a fake credit union, costing investors around \$15 million. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- Regions Bank and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission stated June 25 that the bank agreed to pay a \$51 million penalty to end an inquiry where three former senior bank executives were charged with intentionally misclassifying \$168 million in commercial loans in 2009. – *Birmingham News* (See item [7](#))
- Albertsons was ordered June 24 to pay \$3.4 million in penalties to settle allegations that the grocery store chain illegally transported, stored, managed, and disposed of hazardous waste at its 188 stores and distribution centers in California. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [20](#))
- Heavy rains June 23 caused about 300,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater to overflow onto the grounds of the Port Wentworth, Georgia water treatment plant adjacent to the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. – *Savannah Morning News* (See item [21](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *June 24, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **Officials start cleanup of two Trumbull gas and oil spills.** Authorities responded to a spill of around 1,000 gallons of oil and gas from an oil well holding tank in Bristol Township June 23, containing the spill before it could spread to a creek. Authorities also responded to and contained a gasoline spill at a gas station in Newton Falls June 24 where a few hundred gallons was spilled before being contained.

Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/jun/24/officials-start-cleanup-two-trumbull-gas-and-oil-s/?nw>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *June 26, Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Reactor shut down at PPL plant.** The operators of the Susquehanna nuclear power plant in Salem Township shut down the plant's Unit 2 reactor June 25 in order to inspect the reactor's turbine blades after monitoring equipment indicated that small cracks may have developed. Additional maintenance will also be performed while the reactor is offline.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/reactor-shut-down-at-ppl-plant-1.1709284>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *June 24, Detroit News* – (National) **Ford expands F-150 recall to 5,700 trucks for steering issue.** Ford Motor Co., announced the expansion of a recall June 24 to include 5,675 model year 2014 Ford F-150 vehicles, 4,629 in the U.S., due to an issue with the vehicles' electronic power-assist steering gear. The steering gear issue could result in impaired steering or loss of steering control.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140624/AUTO0102/306240114/Ford-expands-F-150-recall-5-700-trucks-steering-issue>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *June 26, Help Net Security* – (International) **Data breaches in 2013 exposed 14% of all debit cards.** PULSE released the results of a study which found that 14 percent of debit cards from institutions in the study were affected by data breaches in 2013, and that consumers are continuing to shift to electronic payments, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17055>
5. *June 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Indiana man pleads guilty in fake credit union.** An Indianapolis man pleaded guilty June 25 to defrauding 5,000 investors from 50 countries by running a fake credit union, Oxford International Credit Union, costing investors around \$15 million.
Source: <http://www.wsbt.com/news/local/indiana-man-pleads-guilty-in-fake-credit-union/26667086>
6. *June 25, Associated Press* – (California) **13 arrested in scheme to stage car crashes for insurance money.** Thirteen people were arrested June 25 for their alleged involvement in a Riverside County-based auto insurance fraud scheme that staged fake accidents or submitted fraudulent accident reports, costing insurers over \$300,000.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/06/25/13-arrested-for-allegedly-staging-car-crashes-for-insurance-money/>
7. *June 25, Birmingham News* – (Alabama) **Regions Bank to pay \$51 million for 2009 fraud by executives.** Regions Bank and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission stated June 25 that the bank agreed to pay a \$51 million penalty to end an inquiry where three former senior bank executives were charged with intentionally misclassifying \$168 million in commercial loans in 2009.
Source: http://www.al.com/business/index.ssf/2014/06/regions_bank_to_pay_51_million.html
8. *June 25, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. brokerage must pay athletes \$13.7 mln for Ponzi fraud - FINRA.** The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) stated June 25 that it ordered Success Trade Securities and its CEO to be ejected from the securities industry and repay \$13.7 million in restitutions to investors that were defrauded in an alleged Ponzi scheme. FINRA found that the CEO and company sold investors \$19.4 million in promissory notes by misrepresenting or omitting information in order to hide the company's dire financial condition.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/25/wealth-investment-fraud-idUSL2N0P61LK20140625>
9. *June 25, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New York) **SEC charges former brokers with trading ahead of IBM-SPSS acquisition.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filed charges in federal court in New York City June 25 against two former traders for allegedly trading on nonpublic information ahead of the

2009 acquisition of SPSS Inc., by IBM Corporation. The charges allege that the accused made around \$300,000 in illicit profits and seeks the return of the ill-gotten gains.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370542161708>

10. *June 24, Nashville Tennessean* – (National) **S.C. lawyer charged in Springfield insurance fraud case.** A Blythewood, South Carolina lawyer was charged June 24 for allegedly aiding other defendants in a \$28 million fraud scheme that sold fake health insurance policies to over 17,000 people across the country. Six others were previously charged in the alleged fraud ring.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/story/money/2014/06/24/sc-lawyer-charged-springfield-insurance-fraud-case/11336509/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

11. *June 26, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Small plane crashes in Maryland Heights as pilot tries to return to airport.** A small twin-engine aircraft crashed June 26 after experiencing issues shortly after takeoff from the Creve Coeur Airport in Maryland Heights, Missouri, and trying to return to the runway. The pilot escaped unharmed and no injuries were reported.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/small-plane-crashes-near-highway-in-maryland-heights/article_96f35119-2b4d-5de6-8ee7-21355f880c21.html

12. *June 26, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Tanker crash, oil spill close I-17 north of Phoenix.** Northbound lanes of Interstate 17 north of Phoenix were shut down for several hours June 26 after a semi-truck spilled several thousands of gallons of used motor oil onto the roadway when the truck rolled over on its side after overcorrecting on an accidental drift.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/arizona/2014/06/26/phoenix-interstate-closed-oil-spill-abrk/11396529/>

13. *June 26, Emporia Gazette* – (Kansas) **Long term implications of pipeline release explored.** The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) reported June 24 that around 1,300 gallons of natural gas condensate was released into the environment June 19 due to a pipe release at the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline outside of Olpe, Kansas. A KDHE official stated that cleanup was expected to take 1-2 weeks.

Source: http://www.emporiagazette.com/area/news/article_4f6de2f6-4baa-5d02-b9a5-c47bd3133580.html

14. *June 25, Victorville Daily Press* – (California) **2 killed, 3 injured in Cajon Pass crash.** A portion of Highway 138 in San Bernardino County was shut down for several hours June 24 after a dump truck carrying 80,000 pounds of cement struck and ran over another vehicle when its brakes failed, killing 2 occupants and injuring 3 others.

Source: <http://www.vvdailypress.com/article/20140625/NEWS/140629887/-1/s>

15. *June 25, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New York) **Toll collector charged with stealing \$24k, swapping with fake bills.** A former Metropolitan Transportation Authority Bridge and Tunnel officer at the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel was charged June 25 with stealing more than \$24,000 in cash tolls and replacing the money with counterfeit bills during ten work shifts.

Source: <http://pix11.com/2014/06/25/toll-collector-charged-with-stealing-24k-swapping-with-fake-bills/>

16. *June 25, KFDA 10 Amarillo* – (Texas) **Bushland pipeline gas leak leaves residents concerned.** A lightning strike on an antenna caused a natural gas leak from an Atmos Energy pipeline in Bushland June 25, prompting authorities to evacuate around 100 residents and shut off power until the evacuation was lifted.

Source: <http://www.newschannel10.com/story/25873139/bushland-pipeline-gas-leak-leaves-residents-concerned>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

17. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Storms cause crop damage, halt field work.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture released a report stating that 21 percent of Wisconsin's corn crop was in fair or poor condition following recent storms that moved across the State and produced heavy rains, strong winds, and hail. Several counties encountered flooding, ponding, and soil erosion that prevented farmers from performing field work.

Source: <http://www.waow.com/story/25867094/2014/06/25/storms-cause-crop-damage-halt-field-work>

18. *June 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Recall notification report 040-2014 (pork products).** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced June 25 that Rudolph Foods issued a recall for about 34 pounds of Lee's Pig Skins Soft Style Cracklins due to the misbranding and undeclared monosodium glutamate (MSG). The products were packaged in 1.75-ounce containers and shipped to retailers in 6 States.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/rnr-040-2014>

19. *June 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Iowa) **Iowa firm recalls sausage products containing soy and wheat due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** K & W Sausage issued a recall June 25 for approximately 1,761 pounds of sausage products due to undeclared soy and wheat ingredients caused by misbranding. The products were produced between June 3 and June 18 and distributed to retailers in Iowa.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-039-2014-release>

20. *June 24, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Albertsons to pay \$3.4 million to settle**

illegal disposal case. Albertsons was ordered June 24 to pay \$3.4 million in penalties to settle allegations that the grocery store chain illegally transported, stored, managed, and disposed of hazardous waste at its 188 stores and distribution centers in California. Waste generated at the locations included over-the-counter medications, pharmaceuticals, aerosol products, ignitable liquids, batteries, electronic devices, pool chemicals and other products.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-albertsons-settlement-20140624-story.html>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *June 26, Savannah Morning News* – (Georgia) **Heavy rain triggers major sewage spill in Port Wentworth.** Heavy rains June 23 caused about 300,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater to overflow onto the grounds of the Port Wentworth water treatment plant adjacent to the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. The same storm caused an additional 9,100 gallons of sewage to spill at a lift station in Port Wentworth. Source: <http://savannahnow.com/news/2014-06-25/heavy-rain-triggers-major-sewage-spill-port-wentworth>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *June 25, Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware) **No bomb found after threat at DelTech in Georgetown.** Delaware Technical Community College in Georgetown, Delaware, was evacuated for about 5 hours June 24 due to a phoned bomb threat. Police cleared the scene after no explosive devices were found. Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/crime/2014/06/24/bomb-found-following-threat-georgetown-del-tech-campus/11338041/>

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Information Technology Sector

23. *June 26, NetworkWorld* – (International) **Hackers found controlling malware and botnets from the cloud.** Researchers at Trend Micro released a blog post detailing the company's findings regarding botnets and malware being hosted and controlled through cloud servers. The researchers reported that they observed a malicious command and control server hosted on DropBox in order to disguise its traffic as legitimate corporate traffic, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/article/2369887/cloud-security/hackers-found-controlling-malware-and-botnets-from-the-cloud.html>
24. *June 25, Securityweek* – (International) **22 vulnerabilities found in Oracle Database Java VM implementation.** Security Explorations researchers reported finding 22 vulnerabilities affecting the Java Virtual Machine implementation used in Oracle Database which can be leveraged by an attacker to escalate privileges and execute arbitrary Java code on vulnerable Oracle Database servers. Six of the vulnerabilities have been fixed in the main codeline and are scheduled for a future Critical Patch Update.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/22-vulnerabilities-found-oracle-database-java-vm-implementation>

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25. *June 26, USA Today* – (Massachusetts) **At least 36 Avicii concertgoers hospitalized in Boston.** TD Garden was cited June 25 for allowing intoxicated individuals to enter the arena and attend a music show after at least 36 individuals were hospitalized and 50 others were treated for medical issues related to drugs and alcohol. Emergency responders declared a Phase 2 Mass Casualty Incident at the venue due the large number of people who required medical attention.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/life/music/2014/06/25/avicii-concertgoers-hospitalized/11389743/>
26. *June 26, Reuters* – (California) **Shoplifting suspect killed after firing gun in Los**

Angeles mall - police. Los Angeles police shot and killed a shoplifting suspect in a residential neighborhood June 25 after the man opened fire at a security guard inside the nearby Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza mall and fled the scene.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/26/us-usa-shooting-losangeles-idUSKBN0F116S20140626>

27. *June 26, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Lightning strikes church, sparks fire in Northampton County.** Authorities believe lightning sparked a June 26 fire at the Bethany Wesleyan Church in Lehigh Township. Firefighters contained the fire to the roof of a gymnasium at the church's Family Life Center, and the building had to be ventilated because it was filled with smoke.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-lehighvalley/fire-damages-roof-of-northampton-county-church/26671484>

28. *June 25, Greenwich Time* – (Connecticut) **Splash Car Wash reports security breach.** Splash Car Wash stated June 25 that the company experienced a payment card breach that affected around 1,400 customers at several of its locations, including Fairfield, Shelton, Greenwich, Cos Cob, Bridgeport, and West Haven. The company stated that malware was found on company systems and stole financial information between February 28 and May 16.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/business/article/Splash-Car-Wash-reports-security-breach-5579561.php>

29. *June 25, Ogden Standard Examiner* – (Utah) **Second fire in 3 days at Ogden apartments.** Firefighters responded to the Gates at Canyon Ridge apartments in Ogden June 22 and June 25 to battle two fires that were each started by inappropriately discarded smoking materials. The fires caused about \$450,000 in damage and displaced about 50 residents.

Source: <http://www.standard.net/Police-Fire/2014/06/25/Another-fire-at-Ogden-apartments.html>

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