



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 25 July 2014

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- The New Jersey Board of Utilities approved a \$102.5 million New Jersey Natural Gas project meant to harden its distribution and transmission system from damage caused by severe storms. – *Asbury Park Press* (See item [2](#))
- Six individuals were charged in connection with an alleged cybercrime ring that took over accounts on the online ticket marketplace StubHub, used victims' payment cards to make purchases of around \$1 million, and then launder the proceeds through accounts in several countries. – *Help Net Security* (See item [6](#))
- Route 5 in Camdenton, Missouri, was closed for 6 hours after a fatal accident on the Niangua Bridge that killed four people and injured a fifth July 23. – *KRCG 13 Jefferson City* (See item [12](#))
- The TerraMar Apartments complex under construction in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, caught fire July 23, rendering the building a total loss and causing an estimated \$2.75 million in damage. – *Fort Walton Beach Daily News* (See item [33](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *July 24, KXLY 4 Spokane* – (Washington) **Thousands without power following storm.** More than 36,000 utility customers in Spokane remained without power July 24 after a July 23 storm knocked out service and caused extensive damage to the area.  
Source: <http://www.kxly.com/news/spokane-news/thousands-without-power-following-storm/27122852>
2. *July 23, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Gas utility will spend \$102.5M on improvements.** The New Jersey Board of Utilities approved a \$102.5 million New Jersey Natural Gas project meant to harden its distribution and transmission system from damage caused by severe storms. The 5-year project will consist of six targeted projects meant to help mitigate the number and duration of outages and improve the utility's ability to respond and control service outages.  
Source: <http://www.app.com/story/money/business/2014/07/23/gas-utility-will-spend-m-improvements/13059399/>
3. *July 23, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Power restored after substation fire near Seattle Center.** Authorities are investigating after electrical equipment at a Seattle City Light substation burst into flames July 23 knocking out power to several buildings in the Seattle Center and shutting down the monorail for more than 2 hours. Officials reported that a fire broke out in a capacitor bank at the substation.  
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Fire-at-Seattle-City-Light-substation-near-Seattle-Center-268308642.html>
4. *July 23, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Storms lead to 39,000 without power.** Energy Arkansas Inc. reported that 39,316 homes and businesses lost power July 23 due to severe storms that moved through Arkansas.  
Source: <http://www.knoe.com/story/26097147/storms-lead-to-39000-without-power>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

5. *July 23, Detroit News* – (International) **GM calls back 822,000 vehicles in 6 new**

**recalls.** General Motors announced 6 recalls July 23 for 822,685 vehicles, including 717,950 in the U.S., with the largest recall affecting 475,000 vehicles from model years 2010-2012 due to the potential for a seating bolt to fall out and allow seats to move.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140723/AUTO0103/307230099>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *July 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **Six men charged in StubHub cyber-theft case.** Six individuals were charged in the U.S. in connection with an alleged cybercrime ring that took over accounts on online ticket marketplace StubHub, used victims' credit cards to purchase tickets to various entertainment events in New York City, sell the tickets, and then launder the proceeds through PayPal accounts and bank accounts in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Germany, and Russia. The alleged fraud totaled around \$1 million and affected over 1,000 user accounts.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17164>

7. *July 24, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texan pleads guilty in oil, gas investment scam.** A Fort Worth man pleaded guilty July 23 to running an investment scam by purporting to be the founder of a company called Blue Alpha Energy and soliciting around \$5.8 million from around 45 investors that was then diverted to accounts and businesses he controlled.

Source: [http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/texas/article\\_580a2054-334f-54eb-98cf-d0479364bf70.html](http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/texas/article_580a2054-334f-54eb-98cf-d0479364bf70.html)

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

8. *July 24, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **Train derailment closes roads near Dexter.** Crews worked to clear the scene after 14 rail cars from a Union Pacific train headed to North Little Rock derailed near Dexter July 24. Several roads surrounding the site were closed.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/26100138/train-derailment-involving-hazmat-closes-roads-near-dexter>

9. *July 24, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Alaska tourist train halts runs after derailment.** Two vintage locomotives and four passenger rail cars from a White Pass

& Yukon Route tourist train headed into Canada from Skagway, Alaska, derailed July 23 injuring nine people in White Pass Summit. Authorities are investigating the derailment and the rail company suspended operations until further notice.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/alaska-tourist-train-halts-runs-after-derailment>

10. *July 24, CNN* – (International) **U.S. ends ban on flights into Israel's Ben Gurion Airport.** The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration announced July 23 that U.S. airline carriers were allowed to resume flights to and from Tel Aviv in Israel after a temporary ban was issued July 22 halting service due to reports of a rocket that that struck near the Ben Gurion International Airport.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/07/24/travel/israel-flights-suspended/index.html>

11. *July 23, WTVD 11 Durham* – (North Carolina) **Police try to identify suspects in bus explosion, videos released.** A homemade bomb that contained a mixture of drain cleaner and other materials exploded on the Bull City Connector bus in Durham July 22 causing a nearby passenger and the driver to be treated for exposure. There was no significant damage to the bus and authorities are looking for three teens in connection to the explosion.

Source: <http://abc11.com/news/durham-police-investigate-explosion-on-bus/210334/>

12. *July 23, KRCG 13 Jefferson City* – (Missouri) **Fatal crash closes Niangua Bridge in Camden County.** Route 5 in Camdenton was closed for 6 hours after a fatal accident on the Niangua Bridge that killed four people and injured a fifth July 23 when a dump truck crossed over the centerline and crashed into an oncoming vehicle. Officials determined that the dump truck's tire went flat causing the driver to lose control.

Source: <http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=1073821>

13. *July 23, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Nehalem River Dredging Inc., leaks diesel into river; owners of abandoned fish hatchery fined: DEQ violations.** Nehalem River Dredging Inc., was issued a \$11,200 fine by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for allowing oil to enter the Nehalem River during maintenance activities in April 2013. The dredging company spilled diesel fuel on the vessel Eland, which entered the river.

Source:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/business/index.ssf/2014/07/nehalem\\_river\\_dredging\\_inc\\_lea.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/business/index.ssf/2014/07/nehalem_river_dredging_inc_lea.html)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

14. *July 23, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Ohio) **Test results allow Schwebel's Youngstown bakery operation.** A Schwebel Baking Company representative announced July 23 that the company's Youngstown facility was expected to be brought back online by July 24 after an independent testing laboratory confirmed July 23 that a species of

listeria found at the plant poses no risk to human health. Schwebel voluntarily withdrew all products shipped from the facility and halted production during the week of July 21 when routine sampling by the company detected a presence of an undetermined species of listeria inside the plant.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/listeria-found-youngstown-bakery-leads-schwebel-br/ngk8L/>

15. *July 23, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market recalls made-in-store items prepared with stone fruit voluntarily recalled by Wawona Packing Co. due to possible health risk.** Whole Foods Market issued a recall for several made-in-store items that may contain fresh peaches, nectarines, and/or plums that were supplied by Wawona Packing Co. and are possibly contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The products were sold in Whole Foods Market stores using Whole Foods Market scale labels in all States where the stores are located except Florida, Washington, and Oregon.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm406461.htm>
16. *July 23, Newsroom America* – (Arkansas; Mississippi) **USDA designates 10 counties in Arkansas as primary natural disaster areas with assistance to producers in Mississippi.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced July 23 that 10 Arkansas counties and 1 Mississippi county were designated as primary natural disaster areas due to recent flash flooding, excessive rain, high winds, and hail that has affected the area since June 29. Farmers and ranchers in those counties are eligible for disaster assistance.  
Source: <http://www.newsroomamerica.com/story/433505.html>
17. *July 22, KECI 13 Missoula; KCFW 9 Kalispell; KTVM 6 Butte* – (Montana) **Lightning kills 45 head of cattle on ranch near Darby.** Forty-five head of cattle were killed when lightning struck a tree under which the cattle were gathered during inclement weather on a ranch near Darby July 14. The financial loss connected to the death of the cattle is estimated to be in the tens of thousands of dollars.  
Source: <http://www.nbcmontana.com/news/lightning-kills-45-head-of-cattle-on-ranch-near-darby/27100098>
18. *July 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Earth Circle Organics recalls Organic Carob Powder for possible Salmonella contamination.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced July 22 that Earth Circle Organics, doing business as River Canyon Retreat, Inc., issued a recall for Organic Carob Powder after receiving notice from its supplier that the product may be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The products were sold to distributors and retailers in North America.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm406458.htm>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

19. *July 23, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Heavy rains cause sanitary sewer**

**spill.** Authorities believe the majority of an 8,700-gallon wastewater spill into Richardson Creek at Wolf Pond and Marvin Watkins in Monroe was rainwater and not untreated wastewater after flooding July 21 led to the discharge.

Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/local/2014/07/23/heavy-rains-cause-sanitary-sewer-spill/13038521/>

20. *July 23, Carteret County News-Times* – (North Carolina) **Swimming alerts, advisories lifted at area beaches.** North Carolina officials lifted 6 advisories and 3 alerts against swimming at 9 ocean-side sites in Carteret County July 23 after test results determined bacteria levels in the water dropped below standards set for swimming and water play. Advisories and alerts were posted July 22 when test results found high levels of bacteria in the water.

Source: [http://www.carolinacoastonline.com/news\\_times/article\\_ecba0204-1278-11e4-9dcd-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.carolinacoastonline.com/news_times/article_ecba0204-1278-11e4-9dcd-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

21. *July 23, Massachusetts Attorney General's Office* – (Massachusetts; Rhode Island) **Women & Infants Hospital to pay \$150,000 to settle data breach allegations involving Massachusetts patients.** The attorney general of Massachusetts announced July 23 that Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island agreed to pay \$150,000 to settle allegations that it failed to protect the personal health information of 12,127 patients in Massachusetts after an April 2012 data breach. The hospital discovered that 19 unencrypted back-up tapes from two of its Prenatal Diagnostic Centers went missing in 2011 and authorities determined that they did not properly report the breach under the State's notification statute.

Source: <http://www.mass.gov/ago/news-and-updates/press-releases/2014/2014-07-23-women-infants-hospital.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

22. *July 24, San Francisco Bay Area News* – (California) **Oakland: Body bag's opening creates hazmat incident at coroner's office.** Fifteen people from the Alameda County Coroner's Office in Oakland were sickened July 23 after a body bag was opened containing a badly-decomposed corpse. A HAZMAT team evacuated the office for more than 1 hour and evaluated the 15 individuals before allowing employees to return to work.

Source: [http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci\\_26203677/oakland-coroners-office-evacuated-after-15-complain-chemical](http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci_26203677/oakland-coroners-office-evacuated-after-15-complain-chemical)

23. *July 24, KING 5 Seattle; Associated Press; KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **Rain,**

**hail help tamp down wildfire; up to 52% contained.** Heavy rain helped fire crews reach 52 percent containment July 23 of the Carlton Complex Fire that burned over 200,000 acres in Washington. The U.S. President signed a federal emergency declaration for areas impacted by the wildfires.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/07/23/washington-wildfires/13043193/>

24. *July 23, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Students transported to hospital after bus accident on Westport Rd.** An accident involving a Westport Middle School bus caused 7 children to be transported to an area hospital as a precaution when a car ran into the bus in Louisville July 23.

Source: <http://www.whas11.com/news/local/Accident-involving-school-bus-at-Westport-Goose-Creek-268280542.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

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## **Information Technology Sector**

25. *July 24, The Register* – (International) **50,000 sites backdoored through shoddy WordPress plugin.** A researcher with Sucuri reported that around 50,000 Web sites were vulnerable to malware injection, defacement, and spam due to a vulnerability in the MailPoet plugin for WordPress. The vulnerability can affect Web sites that do not run MailPoet if the vulnerable plugin is present elsewhere on the same server.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/24/50000\\_sites\\_backdoored\\_through\\_shoddy\\_wordpress\\_plugin/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/24/50000_sites_backdoored_through_shoddy_wordpress_plugin/)
26. *July 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake Googlebots used for layer 7 DDoS attacks.** Incapsula issued a report that shows how malicious Web crawlers that mimic Googlebots to bypass security are being used for various malicious purposes. The majority of the fake crawlers were used for collecting marketing information while 23.5 percent were used for application layer distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-Googlebots-Used-for-Layer-7-DDoS-Attacks-451984.shtml>
27. *July 23, V3.co.uk* – (International) **DDoS attackers turn attention to SaaS and PaaS systems, Akamai reports.** Akamai released its Q2 2014 Global DDoS Attack Report, which found a 22 percent increase in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack activity in the second quarter of 2014. The report also found that around half of DDoS attacks targeted IT infrastructure, with vendors of cloud services such as Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) and Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) being common targets.



Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2356828/ddos-attackers-turn-attention-to-saas-and-paas-systems-akamai-reports>

28. *July 23, The Register* – (International) **Apple fanbois SCREAM as update BRICKS their Macbook Airs.** Users of Apple’s 2011 Macbook Air reported experiencing nonresponsive systems after applying a version 2.9 EFI firmware update to their systems, while others reported difficulties installing the update.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/23/apple\\_macbook\\_air\\_update\\_bricks\\_fanbois\\_machines/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/07/23/apple_macbook_air_update_bricks_fanbois_machines/)

29. *July 23, Securityweek* – (International) **Metro News website compromised to serve malware.** Researchers at Websense reported July 22 that the Web site of newspaper Metro.us was compromised and used to redirect visitors to a malicious Web site hosting the RIG exploit kit. The RIG exploit kit then attempts to exploit any present vulnerabilities in users’ software to install a piece of malware identified as Win32/Simda.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/metro-news-website-compromised-serve-malware-rig-exploit-kit>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

30. *July 23, Softpedia*– (National) **Wall Street Journal acknowledges system breach.** The Wall Street Journal confirmed that its systems were compromised when an attacker gained access to news site’s graphics servers, but that an ongoing investigation did not reveal any signs of damage or tampering. An individual using the handle “w0rm” known for breaching the systems of CNET claimed responsibility and stated that they were willing to sell a database stolen in the breach for one Bitcoin.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Wall-Street-Journal-Acknowledges-System-Breach-451796.shtml>

31. *July 22, Meadville Tribune* – (Pennsylvania) **Windstream to probe lines after major phone outage.** At least 8,400 residences and businesses lost Windstream Communications phone service for approximately 12 hours July 22 when a City of Meadville crew cut a fiber optic cable while fixing a curb at an intersection. Windstream Communications officials are assessing the incident and the city’s configuration of the fiber optic line network infrastructure.

Source: <http://www.meadvilletribune.com/local/x1618740171/Windstream-to-probe->



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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

32. *July 23, Tampa Bay Times* – (National) **Tampa man accused of scamming Apple out of \$309,768.** U.S. Secret Service officials arrested and charged a Florida man for allegedly scamming Apple stores in 16 States out of a collective \$309,768 by tricking clerks into accepting fake authorization codes to override a declined credit or debit card, a practice known as “forced sale”. The suspect is accused of running the scheme 42 times, as well as trying to defraud a car rental company and a Seattle hotel.  
Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/courts/criminal/tampa-man-accused-of-scamming-apple-out-of-309768/2189776>
33. *July 23, Fort Walton Beach Daily News* – (Florida) **Fire destroys new apartment complex.** The TerraMar Apartments complex under construction in Santa Rosa Beach caught fire July 23, rendering the building a total loss and causing an estimated \$2.75 million in damage. The source of the fire was deemed undetermined, while fire officials ruled lightning, electrical, and natural gas as probable causes.  
Source: <http://www.nwfdailynews.com/local/photos-fire-destroys-new-apartment-complex-1.349451>
34. *July 23, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Officials: Fires set in Avondale Walmart, Goodyear Target.** A Walmart store in Avondale was evacuated July 23 after an individual set a pile of clothing on fire inside the store, prompting the store to close for several hours while firefighters ventilated the building. Firefighters later responded to a nearby Target store in Goodyear after an employee found a fire inside the building, which also prompted a temporary closure while the store was ventilated.  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/southwest-valley/2014/07/23/departement-store-fires-west-valley-abrk/13070801/>

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## **Dams Sector**

35. *July 23, Panama City News Herald* – (Florida) **Crack in main at reservoir affects water.** Authorities shut off water at Deer Point Reservoir July 23 after a crack was discovered in a 36-inch water main that supplies Panama City Beach and the communities of RiverCamps and Lake Merial. A boil water advisory was issued for areas of Lake Merial and RiverCamps as a precaution.  
Source: <http://www.newsherald.com/news/government/crack-in-main-at-reservoir-affects-water-1.349875>

36. *July 22, Meridian Star* – (Mississippi) **The city of Meridian is draining Long Creek Reservoir.** City officials reported that Long Creek Reservoir in Meridian will be drained July 23 until repairs can be made after the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality found the lake was not safe due to a leak in the dam.  
Source: <http://www.meridianstar.com/local/x197368077/City-pulls-plug>

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