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- New York prosecutors August 11 charged 12 companies and their Chattanooga, Tennessee-based owner for allegedly enabling payday loans that violated the State's limits on interest rates, with one company receiving around \$50 million from New York residents. – *New York Times* (See item [2](#))
- Police in Irving, Texas, arrested a man believed to be the “Short Stack Bandit”, a suspect in at least 11 bank robberies in the Portland, Oregon area. – *KPTV 12 Portland* (See item [3](#))
- Police are searching for suspects that attempted to detonate a pipe bomb outside Mrachek Middle School in Aurora, Colorado, prompting an evacuation and cancellation of classes August 11. – *KMGH 7 Denver* (See item [14](#))
- Additional police officers were called in and tear gas was used to contain a riot that broke out after a protest August 10 in Ferguson, Missouri, where individuals blocked traffic, vandalized at least 20 police vehicles, and looted or burned several stores. – *Washington Post* (See item [25](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *August 11, Elmira Star-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas driller fined in Bradford County for expired permit.** Houston-based Southwestern Energy Production Co., was fined by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for drilling five Marcellus shale natural gas wells in Bradford County in 2012 and 2013 after drilling permits had expired. The company was issued a fine of \$128,031.  
Source: <http://www.stargazette.com/story/news/local/2014/08/11/gas-driller-fined/13910971/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

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

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Nothing to report

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## **Financial Services Sector**

2. *August 11, New York Times* – (International) **New York prosecutors charge payday loan firms with usury.** New York prosecutors August 11 charged 12 companies and their Chattanooga, Tennessee-based owner for allegedly enabling payday loans that violated the State's limits on interest rates, with one company receiving around \$50 million from New York residents. The defendant and two associates allegedly attempted to bypass laws against the high interest rates by incorporating companies in the West Indies or in States that the defendant and his associates chose for their lesser oversight requirements.  
Source: <http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2014/08/11/new-york-prosecutors-charge-payday->

[lenders-with-usury/](#)

3. *August 11, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Texas; Oregon; Washington) **FBI: Portland bank robber, ‘Short Stack Bandit,’ arrested in Texas.** Police in Irving, Texas, arrested a man believed to be the “Short Stack Bandit”, a suspect wanted in connection to at least 11 bank robberies in the Portland, Oregon area since October 2013.  
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/26254050/fbi-portland-bank-robber-short-stack-bandit-arrested-in-texas>
4. *August 11, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Parkland investor pleads guilty to role in \$21 million fraud case.** The former vice president of Fort Lauderdale-based Commodities Online LLC pleaded guilty August 11 to his role in a \$21 million fraud scheme run through the company between January 2010 and April 2011. Two others were also charged in the scheme that defrauded around 700 investors.  
Source: [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-08-11/news/fl-parkland-investor-pleads-guilty-20140811\\_1\\_parkland-man-gallo-commodities](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-08-11/news/fl-parkland-investor-pleads-guilty-20140811_1_parkland-man-gallo-commodities)

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

5. *August 11, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **3 hospitalized in big rig crash that shut down lanes of 210 Freeway in Pasadena.** Two westbound lanes of the 210 Freeway in Pasadena were closed for nearly 7 hours after a semi-truck crashed into the center divider leaving 3 people injured in an accident that involved at least one other vehicle August 11.  
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Big-Rig-Crash-Shuts-Down-Lanes-of-210-Freeway-in-Pasadena-270814851.html>
6. *August 11, WISC 3 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **Windsor man killed in car versus dump truck crash.** One person was killed when a semi-truck collided with a vehicle that failed to yield to a stop sign on Highway 19 in the Town of Westport August 11, prompting the 3-hour closure of Highway 19 from Interstate 39/30 to Highway 13.  
Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/1-killed-in-car-versus-dump-truck-crash/27409366>
7. *August 9, Rapid City Journal* – (South Dakota) **Section of Highway 34 to be closed starting Monday.** The South Dakota Department of Transportation reported that a stretch of Highway 34 between Pierre and Sturgis was closed August 11 for 5 weeks to repair the Howes Lake and Lake Buffalo dams that have eroded due to recent rains.  
Source: [http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/section-of-highway-to-be-closed-starting-monday/article\\_87fcb5ee-32b2-59f0-a661-364855fc0363.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/section-of-highway-to-be-closed-starting-monday/article_87fcb5ee-32b2-59f0-a661-364855fc0363.html)

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

8. *August 11, Reuters* – (Illinois) **Grain dust causes explosion in northeastern Illinois.** A driver delivering grain to a Heritage FS grain elevator in St. Anne, Illinois, was injured August 11 when dust from the grain caused an explosion. The explosion was confined to the grain pit, and one storage bin that was damaged by the blast is undergoing inspection.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/08/11/us-usa-grains-blast-idUSKBN0GB27H20140811>

9. *August 11, The Grower* – (National) **Brooks Tropicals recalls avocados after FDA salmonella test.** Florida-based Brooks Tropicals LLC issued a recall notice August 8 for 401 boxes of fresh, green-skinned avocados after routine testing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration yielded a positive result for Salmonella on fruit collected July 16. The fruit was distributed in bulk to customers in five States.

Source: <http://www.thegrower.com/news/Brooks-Tropicals-recalls-avocados-after-FDA-salmonella-test-270795861.html>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

10. *August 11, Bainbridge Island Review* – (Washington) **City says 67,000 gallons of sewage leaked into Eagle Harbor.** The beach at Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island was closed to swimming August 11 until further notice after nearly 67,000 gallons of raw sewage spilled into Eagle Harbor August 10 when a contractor inadvertently hit a sewer pipe. A temporary bypass was put in place and the line was fully repaired.

Source: <http://www.bainbridgereview.com/news/270822281.html>

11. *August 11, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (South Dakota) **Wastewater released into Big Sioux River.** Officials continue to monitor the Big Sioux River after 9,000 gallons of treated biosolids spilled into the river August 10 when a bag ruptured during a contractor's dewatering process at the Water Reclamation Facility. Crews remained onsite for cleanup and South Dakota classified the Big Sioux through Sioux Falls as "impaired" for high bacteria levels.

Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2014/08/11/wastewater-released-big-sioux-river/13886473/>

12. *August 11, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Governor OKs \$1.3B in water plant protection.** The governor of New Jersey approved nearly \$1.3 billion in upgrades and improvements to drinking water and sewage treatment plants in the State after Superstorm Sandy caused an estimated \$2.6 billion in damages to wastewater and drinking water infrastructure across the State in October 2012.

Source: [http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/EnvironmentandNature/Article 2014-08-11-NJ--Superstorm-Water%20Plants/id-0f82864f8168468ebb54f978a41b9804](http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/EnvironmentandNature/Article%202014-08-11-NJ--Superstorm-Water%20Plants/id-0f82864f8168468ebb54f978a41b9804)

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## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

13. *August 11, Norristown Times Herald* – (Pennsylvania) **United States Environmental Protection Agency and GlaxoSmithKline reach \$317,550 settlement for hazardous waste violations at Upper Merion facility.** GlaxoSmithKline agreed to properly manage the hazardous waste at its research and development facility in Upper Merion Township and pay a \$317,550 penalty August 11 in a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for six alleged violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act that were found in an August 2012 inspection.  
Source: <http://www.timesherald.com/general-news/20140811/united-states-environmental-protection-agency-and-glaxosmithkline-reach-317550-settlement-for-hazardous-waste-violations-at-upper-merion-facility>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

14. *August 11, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Mrachek Middle School evacuated, then closed after failed pipe bomb found outside school.** Police are searching for suspects that attempted to detonate a pipe bomb outside Mrachek Middle School in Aurora, Colorado, prompting an evacuation and cancellation of classes August 11. Authorities determined the suspects tried to light a fire in order to ignite the bomb, which ended up burning itself out without further incident.  
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/mrachek-middle-school-evacuated>
15. *August 11, Ukiah Daily Journal* – (California) **Lodge Fire grows to 10,000 acres.** Crews reached 40 percent containment August 11 of the 10,000-acre Lodge Complex Fire burning in the Wilderness Lodge/Eel River Canyon area. An evacuation order and warning was issued for dozens of homes and communities while 58 structures remained threatened.  
Source: [http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/news/ci\\_26319498/lodge-fire-grows-10-000-acres](http://www.ukiahdailyjournal.com/news/ci_26319498/lodge-fire-grows-10-000-acres)
16. *August 11, Bloomberg News* – (Kansas) **SEC charges Kansas with not disclosing pension risk to investors.** Kansas put new disclosure policies in place and agreed to settle a case brought forth by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for failing to disclose a multi-billion-dollar pension liability to bond investors. Investigators found that bond offering documents did not adequately inform investors of pension liability.  
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/news/business/article1200109.html>
17. *August 11, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Child, firefighters among 8 injured in U of C high-rise fire.** An August 11 fire in a University of Chicago-owned high-rise in the South Side Hype Park area of Chicago left 8 people, including a child and 3

firefighters, injured. Crews were dispatched to the building to investigate the incident.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/story/26252763/crews-responding-to-hyde-park-high-rise-fire>

18. *August 11, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Orange County courthouse, shut Monday for power outage, should reopen Tuesday.** The Orange County Courthouse in Goshen was closed August 11 due to a partial power outage that damaged electrical control circuits. The courthouse was expected to reopen August 12 after repairs.  
Source: <http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20140811/NEWS/140819971>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

19. *August 11, Press of Atlantic City* – (New Jersey) **Pleasantville police evacuate building after possible bomb threat.** The Pleasantville, New Jersey police station, city hall, and library were evacuated for several hours August 11 after an individual brought in a package suspected to be a bomb. A bomb squad inspected the package and safely detonated two suspicious devices outside the police station.  
Source: [http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/pleasantville-police-evacuate-building-due-to-possible-bomb-threat/article\\_6526a492-21a4-11e4-b641-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/breaking/pleasantville-police-evacuate-building-due-to-possible-bomb-threat/article_6526a492-21a4-11e4-b641-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

20. *August 12, Softpedia* – (International) **Millions of computers have backdoor enabled by default.** Researchers from Kaspersky and Cubica Labs presenting at the Black Hat conference demonstrated how the legitimate Computrace anti-theft solution can be used by attackers performing a man-in-the-middle (MitM) attack to remotely execute arbitrary code on the target device due to the lack of encryption in Computrace traffic. Most computers come with Computrace already present, leaving millions of devices vulnerable to malicious use of the solution.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Millions-of-Computers-Have-Backdoor-Enabled-by-Default-454666.shtml>
21. *August 12, Threatpost* – (International) **Authentication bypass bug fixed in BlackBerry Z10.** Modzero researchers identified and reported two methods for remotely exploiting an authentication bypass vulnerability in BlackBerry Z10 phones that could allow attackers to install malware or steal personal data. BlackBerry released

an update that closes the vulnerability and pushed it out to phone carriers.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/authentication-bypass-bug-fixed-in-blackberry-z10/107715>

22. *August 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Yahoo ad network used to spread CryptoWall ransomware.** A researcher at Blue Coat Systems identified a malicious advertising campaign that uses the Yahoo advertisement network to distribute malicious ads that direct users to malicious pages that attempt to serve a variant of the Cryptowall ransomware. The researcher also reported that the adsmail.us service was also used in the campaign.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Yahoo-Ad-Network-Used-to-Spread-CryptoWall-Ransomware-454520.shtml>

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## Communications Sector

23. *August 12, KOKI 23 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Cut cable line impacts emergency services in Mayes County.** Cable, cell phone, landline, and Internet services were restored to more than 41,000 residents in Mayes County nearly 4 hours after a contractor inadvertently cut a fiber optic cable August 11. AT&T reported some customers in the Claremore and Pryor areas may have also experienced issues with their U-Verse, wireless, and wireline services.

Source: <http://www.fox23.com/news/news/local/cut-cable-line-leaves-thousands-mayes-county-with/ngzk7/>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

24. *August 12, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Up to 100 evacuated over Vail gas leak.** Between 80 and 100 people were evacuated from the Eagle Point Condos complex and nearby homes in Vail for several hours August 11 after a contractor inadvertently struck a natural gas line and caused a leak. Crews worked through August 12 to repair the line.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/local-news/76-evacuated-over-vail-gas-leak>

25. *August 11, Washington Post* – (Missouri) **Police killing prompts rioting, looting near St. Louis.** At least 60 additional police officers were called in and tear gas was used to contain a riot that broke out after a protest August 10 in Ferguson, Missouri, where individuals blocked traffic, vandalized at least 20 police vehicles, and looted or burned stores, including a Walmart, a grocery store, and a QuikTrip store.  
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2014/08/11/police-killing-prompts-rioting-looting-near-st-louis/>
26. *August 11, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **All nine people shot at Minneapolis nightclub expected to survive.** Police are investigating after nine people were wounded by gunfire inside the 400 Soundbar nightclub in Minneapolis August 9. City officials revoked the nightclub's license and ordered it closed during the investigation.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/minneapolis/270699791.html>
27. *August 11, WPIX 11 New York City* – (New Jersey) **NJ man charged in death after truck tears through farmers market.** A New Jersey man was arrested and charged August 11 after he allegedly drove his pickup truck through a police barricade and into a farmers market in Hawthorne August 10, striking and killing one person and injuring two others.  
Source: <http://pix11.com/2014/08/11/driver-arrested-after-deadly-farmers-market-crash-in-new-jersey/>
28. *August 11, KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **Campbell gas leak prompts evacuations.** Hundreds of residents were evacuated from several apartment buildings and 80 homes in Campbell, California, after a work crew at a construction site inadvertently struck a 4-inch gas main, causing a leak. The leak was capped about 2 hours later.  
Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Campbell-Gas-Leak-Leads-Prompts-Evacuations-270775821.html>

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