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- Federal agents seized more than \$65 million and arrested nine individuals in connection to an alleged drug cartel money laundering ring after executing dozens of search warrants in the Fashion District of Los Angeles, California, September 10. – *USA Today* (See item [7](#))
- One person was killed and 8 others were injured when a semi-truck crossed into oncoming traffic on Interstate 70 near Warrenton, Missouri, September 10 and caused a chain reaction involving 7 other vehicles, closing the roadway for 13 hours.– *KMOV 4 St. Louis* (See item [8](#))
- School District 214 board members approved funding to repair Wheeling High School in Illinois after a September 5 storm caused an estimated \$5 million of damage to the school. – *WLS 7 Chicago* (See item [22](#))
- One resident was killed and 60 others were displaced after a 2-alarm fire broke out September 11 at the Centennial Apartment complex in Manchester, Connecticut, in a fire that involved exploding ammunition.– *WVIT 30 New Britain* (See item [33](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 10, Hays Post* – (Kansas) **Fire crews respond to oil battery fire north of Hays.** An American Tank Service employee was injured September 10 when a crude oil storage tank exploded near Catherine, Kansas. Emergency personnel stated that a hose from a tank truck may have come in contact with a heating element while workers were cleaning the inside of the tank, causing the explosion.
Source: <http://www.hayspost.com/2014/09/10/fire-crews-respond-to-oil-battery-fire-north-of-hays/>
2. *September 10, Beckley Register-Herald* – (West Virginia) **W. Va. investigation says 2010 coal mine tragedy ‘manmade’.** A report to the West Virginia Legislature’s Labor and Worker Safety Issues Committee stated that the 2010 Upper Big Branch coal mine explosion was preventable and recommended the use of devices to monitor levels of oxygen, carbon monoxide, methane, and coal dust inside mines.
Source: http://www.sharonherald.com/cnhi_network/article_e8c2aae2-3907-11e4-9e96-0019bb2963f4.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *September 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Pennsylvania) **EPA Stop Sale Order protects Philadelphia residents from buying misbranded pesticides.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issued a Stop Sale Order to China Town Dollar, Inc., after a February 2014 inspection of its Philadelphia store found that the company was selling three misbranded pest glue traps, which is prohibited by federal law.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/596e17d7cac720848525781f0043629e/776bbe46a50e359d85257d500045aaee!OpenDocument>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *September 11, South Jersey Times* – (New Jersey) **Hope Creek nuclear reactor in Lower Alloways Creek returns to service after safety valve repair.** The Hope Creek nuclear reactor returned to service September 11 after it was shut down for repairs September 5 due to a malfunctioning relief valve.
Source: http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2014/09/post_138.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *September 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **Worker crushed by machinery at Youngstown, Ohio, steel mill.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration

cited Vallourec Star for 22 serious safety violations at its Youngstown steel mill facility following an inspection prompted by severe injuries sustained by a worker. Proposed fines totaled \$94,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26661

6. *September 10, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **Workers exposed to amputation hazards at Peoria, Illinois, tower manufacturer.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Rohn Products LLC for 11 serious safety and health violations at its Peoria steel tower manufacturing facility for exposing workers to amputation and crushing hazards. Proposed fines totaled \$66,700.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=26670

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *September 11, USA Today* – (International) **Feds seize cash, arrest 9 in L.A. fashion district sweep.** Federal agents seized over \$65 million in cash and bank accounts while executing search and arrest warrants of individuals and business in Los Angeles September 10 in connection to money laundering operations linked to Mexican organized crime. The individuals and businesses charged allegedly laundered money by converting cash into Mexican pesos, enabling criminal groups to obfuscate the origins of their funds.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/09/10/la-money-laundering-raid/15411099/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *September 11, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Victim of fatal I-70 accident identified; interstate closed for 13 hours.** One person was killed and 8 others were injured when a semi-truck crossed into oncoming traffic on Interstate 70 near Warrenton September 10 and caused a chain reaction involving 7 other vehicles, closing the roadway for 13 hours.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/WB-lanes-of-I-70-closed-near-Warrenton-exit-due-to-overturned-semi-274671421.html>

9. *September 11, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Wrong-way driver causes fatal crash on Highway 280 near Palo Alto.** All lanes of Highway 280 near Palo Alto reopened to traffic after being closed for nearly 3 hours due to a head on collision involving two vehicles, including one that was traveling on the wrong side of the road. One driver died and a second person was injured.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_26512424/wrong-way-driver-causes-fatal-crash-highway-280
10. *September 10, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **6-vehicle crash shuts down U.S. Route 29 in Howard County.** A multi-vehicle accident involving 6 cars on U.S. Route 29 in Howard County injured 8 people and shut down all lanes of the highway for 3 hours September 9.
Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/multivehicle-crash-shuts-down-us-route-29-in-howard-county/27959278>
11. *September 10, Austin American–Statesman* – (Texas) **Plane that lost cabin pressure lands safely at airport.** A Delta Air Lines flight carrying 76 passengers headed to Los Angeles International Airport from Austin returned to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and made an emergency landing September 10 after its cabin lost pressure shortly after takeoff. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/airport-on-alert-for-plane-that-lost-cabin-pressur/nhKcW/>
12. *September 9, Ocala Star Banner* – (Florida) **Semi crash ties up northbound I-75.** A crash on Interstate 75 in Ocala involving two semi-trucks shut down the roadway for 2 hours September 9. Both semi-trucks were empty at the time of the crash and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20140909/ARTICLES/140909627?Title=Semi-crash-ties-up-northbound-I-75>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *September 10, WGEM 10 Quincy* – (Illinois) **Fire crews return to familiar facility after grain dust explosion.** Firefighters responded to the Western Grain Marketing's Adair Rail Shuttle facility in Illinois September 10 after receiving reports of a grain dust explosion while workers were offloading a grain bin onto a truck. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the explosion is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wgem.com/story/26501184/2014/09/10/fire-crews-return-to-familiar-facility-after-grain-dust-explosion>
14. *September 10, KCOB 95.9 FM Newton* – (Iowa) **Firefighters rescue man from grain bin in Jasper County.** Crews used sectional grain bin rescue tubes to extricate a worker from a grain bin on a farm near Newton after he became trapped within the corn while working to unclog an auger.

Source: <http://www.radioiowa.com/2014/09/10/firefighters-rescue-man-from-grain-bin-in-jasper-county/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *September 11, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **Boil water notice issued in Dania Beach.** A boil water advisory was issued to Dania Beach residents September 11 after fecal indicators were found in the water supply and a well tested positive for E.coli and total coliform bacteria. Three schools in the area were also affected and bottled water will be handed out to students until further notice.
Source: <http://www.local10.com/news/boil-water-notice-issued-in-dania-beach/27999794>
16. *September 11, Clay Today* – (Florida) **Clay water customers under boil advisory.** A boil water advisory was issued to about 2,611 Clay County Utility Authority customers September 11 and is expected to remain in effect until September 13.
Source: http://www.claytodayonline.com/ee/claytoday/en/component/fullstory/332_/clay-water-customers-under-boil-advisory
17. *September 11, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Heavy rains cause wastewater to spill into Harnett County waterways.** More than 258,000 gallons of diluted wastewater spilled into four waterways in Harnett County due to heavy rain September 8.
Source: http://www.fayobserver.com/news/local/heavy-rains-cause-wastewater-to-spill-into-harnett-county-waterways/article_63f538e9-61c6-56cc-bdc9-c11f2b0a727d.html
18. *September 10, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Mississippi) **Sewage leak closes Biloxi beaches.** Two Mississippi beaches remained closed September 10 after the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ordered the beaches temporarily closed due to concerns of sewage leaking into the water after two nearby lift stations lost power September 8. Officials are testing the water to determine when the beaches can reopen.
Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/26501360/sewage-leak-closes-biloxi-beaches>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

19. *September 11, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **Ex-nurse found guilty of theft of painkiller.** A former nurse at the ProMedica Toledo Hospital was found guilty September 10 on nine counts of drug theft for stealing the pain medication Dilaudid from the hospital during 2012.
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2014/09/11/Ex-nurse-found-guilty-of-theft-of-painkiller.html>

20. *September 10, SC Magazine* – (Ohio) **Computer hardware containing patient data stolen from Ohio plastic surgery office.** The Beachwood-Westlake Plastic Surgery and Medical Spa in Ohio notified 6,141 patients that their personal information was on a piece of computer hardware that was stolen in a June 29 burglary. The hardware contained names and some medical information.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/computer-hardware-containing-patient-data-stolen-from-ohio-plastic-surgery-office/article/370808/>

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Government Facilities Sector

21. *September 11, WLNS 6 Lansing* – (Mississippi) **Carbon monoxide ruled out with Olivet college students.** Authorities are investigating after 55 students who live on the Olivet College campus in Mississippi experienced symptoms of headache, dizziness, and nausea September 9 – September 11 which were originally suspected to be caused by carbon monoxide poisoning but has since been ruled out. The students were treated and tested for carbon monoxide exposure, and officials tested buildings on the campus for elevated levels of carbon monoxide.
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/story/26507076/more-olivet-college-students-treated-for-carbon-monoxide-symptoms>
22. *September 11, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Board approves funds to repair \$5M storm damage at Wheeling High School.** School District 214 board members approved funding to repair Wheeling High School in Illinois after a September 5 storm caused an estimated \$5 million of damage to the school.
Source: [http://abc7chicago.com/weather/board-to-vote-on-estimated-\\$5m-repairs-for-wheeling-high-school/303938/](http://abc7chicago.com/weather/board-to-vote-on-estimated-$5m-repairs-for-wheeling-high-school/303938/)
23. *September 11, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **HP: 15 students injured in school bus accident.** Fifteen individuals were transported to area hospitals after the driver of a school bus lost control and ran off the side of a road in Flat Rock, causing the bus to overturn September 11.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/15-taken-to-hospital-after-school-bus-accident-in-nc-dispatch-says/27998700>
24. *September 10, CNN* – (California) **Wildfire closes Half Dome at Yosemite.** Crews reached 10 percent containment on a wildfire in Yosemite National Park dubbed the Meadow Fire which grew to 4,532 acres as of September 10 and prompted the closure of the Half Dome area of the park. The fire was sparked by lightning July 19.
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/10/us/yosemite-national-park-wildfire/index.html>
25. *September 10, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Detroit Public Schools closing early to avoid coming storm.** Detroit Public Schools released students and closed 2 hours early September 10 due to strong storms that were expected to move through the area.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2014/09/detroit_public_schools_closing

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26. *September 10, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **NEXCOM reopens today after tests on unknown substance.** About 150 employees were evacuated from the Navy Exchange Service Command Northeast Distribution Center in Suffolk September 10 after an employee encountered an unknown chemical substance while moving boxes and suffered an allergic reaction. The facility reopened September 11 after testing yielded negative results for potential terrorist activity.
Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2014/09/nexcom-reopens-today-after-tests-unknown-substance>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. *September 9, Associated Press* – (New York) **NY detective accused of leaking secret documents.** A Suffolk County police detective pleaded guilty September 9 to one charge of official misconduct for stealing confidential law enforcement documents, including police tour and intelligence reports, active criminal investigation information, and personnel information, and leaking them to a newspaper.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/region-state/da-ny-detective-stole-leaked-confidential-papers-1.9271536>

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Information Technology Sector

28. *September 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Zemot malware dropper strain delivered via Asprox botnet and exploit kits.** Microsoft researchers analyzed the Zemot malware dropper, a variant of Upatre, and observed that it has been distributed through the Asprox (also known as Kuluoz) spam botnet and via exploit kits including Magnitude and Nuclear Pack. Once it infects a system the dropper can then deliver click fraud malware and was recently observed to distribute information-stealing malware including Rovnix, Tesch, and Viknok.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Zemot-Malware-Dropper-Strain-Delivered-Via-Asprox-Botnet-and-Exploit-Kits-458437.shtml>
29. *September 11, The Register* – (International) **TorrentLocker unpicked: Crypto coding shocker defeats extortionists.** Researchers with Nixu found that the encryption used by the TorrentLocker ransomware to encrypt victims' files can be defeated if a user has an original copy of the encrypted version of a file over 2MB in size by applying XOR between the encrypted and unencrypted files.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/09/11/torrentlocker_contains_freeunlock_crypto_shocker/

30. *September 11, Help Net Security* – (International) **Massive Gmail credential leak is not result of a breach.** Google investigated a dump of Gmail credentials posted online and found that the credentials were not the result of a breach and that less than 2 percent of the credentials might have worked. Users were advised to change their passwords, use strong passwords, and enable two-factor authentication if possible as a precaution.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17352>
31. *September 10, Threatpost* – (International) **Details disclosed for critical vulnerability patched in Webmin.** A researcher with the University of Texas published details on a critical vulnerability in Webmin that was patched in May, showing that the vulnerability could have been used by unauthenticated users to delete files stored on the server.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/details-disclosed-for-critical-vulnerability-patched-in-webmin>
32. *September 10, Threatpost* – (International) **Apache warns of Tomcat remote code execution vulnerability.** The Apache Software Foundation warned users of some older versions of Apache Tomcat that they are vulnerable under limited circumstances to a vulnerability that could allow an attacker to upload malicious JavaServer Pages (JSP) to a server, trigger the execution of the JSP, and then execute arbitrary commands on the server. The vulnerability affects versions 7.0.0 to 7.0.39 and users were advised to update their installations.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/apache-warns-of-tomcat-remote-code-execution-vulnerability>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *September 11, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Massachusetts) **Police ID man found dead after Manchester fire.** One resident was killed and 60 others were displaced by a 2-alarm fire that broke out September 11 at the Centennial Apartment complex in

Manchester. Officials later removed ammunition and other munitions from the unit where the fire began, which caused explosions during an attempted rescue by firefighters.

Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/One-Dead-274724631.html>

34. *September 11, Staunton News Leader* – (Virginia) **Waynesboro chlorine spill forces evacuations.** A Days Inn motel and a Wendy's restaurant in Waynesboro were evacuated for about 2 hours September 10 after a worker at the motel inadvertently spilled chlorine tablets into a submersible pump filled with water, causing a chemical reaction that released a vapor cloud. HAZMAT crews cleared the scene after the release dissipated.
Source: <http://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2014/09/10/waynesboro-chlorine-spill-forces-evacuations/15413811/>
35. *September 10, Fort Bend Herald* – (Texas) **Richmond Walmart evacuated after employees become sick.** A Walmart in Richmond, Texas, was evacuated for 3 hours while HAZMAT crews investigated a possible chemical spill at the store after receiving reports of a substance possibly causing employees to become sick. Several employees were treated at the scene and at a local hospital, and the boxes in question were removed from the location.
Source: http://www.fbherald.com/article_3c3c4916-394f-11e4-92fe-c352b3c10d2f.html

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Dams Sector

36. *September 10, Petoskey News-Review* – (Michigan) **Recent dam fail results in reduced water levels.** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources announced September 9 that there was a failure to the O'Neal Lake Dam in Emmet County due to heavy rain. The failure should not affect residents surrounding the area, however the water levels will be reduced for safety inspections and to prevent any further damage to the earthen berm and water control structure.
Source: http://www.petoskeynews.com/featured-pnr/recent-dam-fail-results-in-reduced-water-levels/article_67facd78-3861-11e4-ac78-001a4bcf6878.html
37. *September 10, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **First Anchors installed in Wanapum Dam repair.** The Grant Public Utility District announced September 10 that it recently installed the first of 35 steel anchor tendons on the Wanapum Dam spillway into the bedrock after the reservoir was lowered 26 feet when a 65-foot crack was discovered in February in the spillway at the dam. The \$69 million project is expected to continue into the next year and city officials are hopeful they'll be able to start raising the reservoir by the end of the year.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/First-anchors-installed-in-Wanapum-Dam-repair-274633611.html>

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