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- A North Carolina man who owns Rex Venture Group was indicted October 24 for allegedly operating an Internet-based Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors of over \$850 million between January 2010 and August 2012. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of North Carolina* (See item [8](#))
- Nearly 62 million gallons of untreated sewage spilled into the Willamette River October 22 after the Portland, Oregon sewer system began to overflow due to heavy rains. – *Portland Oregonian* (See item [23](#))
- Two students were killed and 3 others were injured by a gunman who died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after opening fire at Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Washington October 24. – *KING 5 Seattle; Associated Press* (See item [28](#))
- The Federal Communications Commission issued two phone carriers, TerraCom and its affiliate YourTel America, a total of \$10 million in fines for improperly storing more than 300,000 customers' personal information. – *Washington Post* (See item [34](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *October 27, Seattle Times* – (Washington) **Power outages from windstorm to linger into Monday for some.** More than 160,000 utility customers in the Puget Sound region of Washington lost power after a storm October 25-26 knocked down tree branches and produced strong winds, causing 12 substations to go offline.
Source: http://seattletimes.com/html/localnews/2024881325_windstormdamages1xml.html
2. *October 26, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Fire officials continue to investigate two-alarm fire in New Haven.** A 2-alarm fire at the Cross Sound Cable-owned Halvarsson Converter Station in New Haven involved about 16,000 gallons of mineral oil and remains under investigation after no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Crews-Battle-Two-Alarm-Fire-in-New-Haven-280423032.html>
3. *October 25, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **5 burned oil rig workers being treated at SAMMC.** Authorities are investigating after five workers were injured in a fire at the Pioneer Natural Resources-owned Eagle Ford shale oil rig in San Antonio October 24.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2014/10/24/5-injured-in-oil-field-fire-flown-to-sammc.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *October 27, WSIL 3 Harrisburg* – (Illinois) **Reported chemical leak at Honeywell plant Metropolis.** The operators of the Honeywell Metropolis plant notified the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission of a leak of uranium hexa-fluoride (UF₆) October 26 at the Illinois plant due to an apparent equipment failure in the plant's main production building. The UF₆ leak was contained by plant teams and systems inside the facility.
Source: <http://www.wsilv.com/news/local/Chemical-Leak-Reported-At-Honeywell-Plant-Metropolis-280481002.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *October 27, Krebs on Security* – (International) **‘Replay’ attacks spoof chip card charges.** Three undisclosed U.S. banks reported receiving fraudulent payment card charges emanating from Brazil that disguise the fraudulent charges as charges using the Europay, MasterCard, and Visa (EMV) chip-and-pin system even though the banks have not yet issued EMV cards. The attacks disguised the charges as originating from EMV cards since some banks with misconfigured systems may not use the full range of security checks on EMV card transactions.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/10/replay-attacks-spoof-chip-card-charges/>
6. *October 24, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (New Jersey) **SEC charges New Jersey man in insider trading case involving pharmaceutical companies.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced October 24 charges against a Livingston man for allegedly receiving and using insider information on pharmaceutical companies to engage in insider trading and generate almost \$700,000 in illicit profits. The source of the insider information was previously charged by the SEC and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York also charged both men in parallel charges.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/News/PressRelease/Detail/PressRelease/1370543280408>
7. *October 24, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **Former radio host convicted of mortgage fraud.** A former national radio host residing in Durham, North Carolina, was found guilty October 24 for assisting nearly 30 fraudulent mortgage loans in the Chicago area in a scheme that cost lenders around \$10 million.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-radio-host-fraud-trial-met-1025-20141024-story.html>
8. *October 24, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Western District of North Carolina* – (National) **ZeekRewards president indicted on federal charges for operating \$850 million Internet Ponzi scheme.** A Lexington, North Carolina man who owns Rex Venture Group, which operated Zeekler and ZeekRewards, was indicted October 24 for allegedly operating the companies as an Internet-based Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors of over \$850 million between January 2010 and August 2012.
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/ncw/pressreleases/2014/Charlotte-2014-10-24-burks.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *October 27, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Railroad employees injured in Benton Co. train derailment.** CSX Railroad officials are investigating after several employees suffered minor injuries when a train derailed 15 empty cars in Benton County October 26 after a levee for a newly built pond broke and caused flooding along Highway 70 West.
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/27021527/railroad-employees-injured-in-benton-co-train-derailment>
10. *October 27, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Commercial air service was down almost 4 hours Friday at the Kalamazoo-Battle Creek International Airport.** Passengers at the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport experienced a delay in flights October 24 when a single-engine airplane had trouble with its landing gear and prompted officials to shut down the runway for almost 4 hours as crews worked to remove the plane. The plane was damaged but the pilot did not suffer any injuries.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2014/10/commercial_air_service_was_down.html
11. *October 26, Ocala Star-Banner* – (Florida) **Sparr Post Office mail not tainted by anthrax, authorities say.** Marion County officials investigated an anthrax scare October 25 after a postal worker at the Sparr Post Office found 14 letters addressed to the Marion County Jail with the word “anthrax” written on one of them. The contents tested negative for hazardous gasses and radioactivity and were sent to the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Laboratories in Jacksonville for further testing.
Source: <http://www.ocala.com/article/20141026/ARTICLES/141029729?Title=Sparr-Post-Office-mail-not-tainted-by-anthrax-authorities-say>
12. *October 24, inForney.com* – (Texas) **Hydraulic fluid spill causes lane closure on EB U.S. Highway 80 for more than seven hours.** A hydraulic fluid spill on eastbound U.S. Highway 80 near the Dallas-Kaufman County line shut down one of two eastbound lanes for more than 7 hours October 24 while HAZMAT crews worked to clear the scene.
Source: <http://inforney.com/local-news/item/2472-traffic-remains-snarled-on-eastbound-u-s-highway-80-at-dallas-kaufman-county-line>
13. *October 24, KSPR 33 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Emergency landing at Springfield-Branson Airport.** Three people were injured in an emergency landing at the Springfield-Branson National Airport in Missouri October 24 when a United Airlines flight bound for Denver from Birmingham, Alabama, experienced cabin depressurization. The plane landed safely and the 37 passengers were transferred to another plane.
Source: http://www.kspr.com/news/local/emergency-landing-at-springfieldbranson-airport/21051620_29330216

14. *October 24, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Man with gun tries to steal UPS delivery truck.** Seattle police arrested an intoxicated man October 21 after he attempted to carjack a United Parcel Service delivery truck and threatened to shoot the driver.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/crime/Police-Man-with-gun-tries-to-steal-UPS-delivery-truck-280324472.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *October 27, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Farm fire kills 11,000 sows, piglets.** Up to 11,000 sows and piglets perished in a fire that broke out October 25 at the Pipestone System-managed Cougar Run Farm in Martin County. The cause of the fire is being investigated.
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/local/2014/10/27/farm-fire-kills-11000-sows-piglets/17997765/>
16. *October 27, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Rome Packing Co., Inc. recalls fresh and frozen crab meat because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced October 22 that Rome Packing Co. Inc., voluntarily recalled its Ocean's Catch brand All Natural Jonah Crab Leg Meat products due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination that was detected during routine sampling. The affected products were sold as both fresh and frozen items and distributed to retailers in several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm420386.htm>
17. *October 26, WVEC 13 Hampton* – (Virginia) **Fire damages farm combine; part of cotton field.** A large combine being used on a farm in Holland, Virginia, caught fire October 26 and spread to about one acre of a cotton field that was being harvested by the machinery resulting in more than \$51,000 in damages.
Source: <http://www.13newsnow.com/story/news/local/mycity/suffolk/2014/10/26/fire-damages-farm-combine/17971117/>
18. *October 25, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Pennsylvania firm recalls chicken products due to Staphylococcal enterotoxin contamination.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service reported October 25 that Murry's Inc., issued a recall for about 31,689 pounds of gluten free breaded chicken products due to possible Staphylococcal enterotoxin contamination. The products were distributed to retailers nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-074-2014-release>
19. *October 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (Minnesota) **Illinois firm recalls chicken products due to possible Salmonella Enteritidis contamination.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced October 24 that Aspen Foods Division of Koch Meats recalled 28,980 pounds of Antioch Farms-branded raw stuffed chicken

breast products sold in Minnesota due to possible Salmonella Enteritidis contamination. The recall was initiated after the FSIS was notified of six reported Salmonella Enteritidis illnesses that were later connected to the product.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-073-2014-release>

20. *October 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (International) **Lundberg Family Farms recalls Sea Salt Rice Chips due to undeclared allergen.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced October 24 that Lundberg Family Farms issued a recall for 6-ounce bags of its Sea Salt Rice Chips sold in the U.S. and Canada due to possible undeclared dairy.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm420411.htm>
21. *October 24, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **New Jersey firm recalls salad with chicken due to misbranding and undeclared allergen.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced October 24 that Taylor Farms recalled about 377 pounds of Signature Cafe Broccoli Kale Salad with Chicken product due to undeclared walnuts caused by misbranding. The product was sold in retail stores in 5 States and the District of Columbia.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-072-2014-release>
22. *October 23, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Man crushed to death while working on farm combine in Shiawassee County, police say.** A farmer harvesting beans at an Owosso Township farm was killed October 22 when the header of a combine that he was performing maintenance on lowered and crushed him.
Source:
http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/10/man_crushed_to_death_by_farmin.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

23. *October 25, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Portland sewage overflow: 61.9 million gallons flowed into Willamette River on Wednesday.** Nearly 62 million gallons of untreated sewage spilled into the Willamette River October 22 after the Portland sewer system began to overflow due to heavy rains. A separate incident occurred on the same day at the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant when a faulty air pressure valve malfunctioned and sent 300,000 gallons of treated effluent into the Columbia Slough.
Source:
http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/10/portland_sewage_overflow_619_m.html
24. *October 24, Burlington Times-News* – (North Carolina) **Pipe failure leads to wastewater spill.** A pipe failure sent approximately 2,800 gallons of untreated

wastewater into an unnamed tributary of Service Creek in Burlington, North Carolina, October 24.

Source: <http://www.thetimesnews.com/news/top-news/pipe-failure-leads-to-wastewater-spill-1.391828>

25. *October 23, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Sewage leak pours 36,000 gallons of waste into West Baltimore stream.** A sewage leak in Baltimore spilled 36,000 gallons of untreated wastewater into Maidens Choice Run, a tributary of the Gwynns Falls, October 23 due to heavy rain.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/features/green/blog/bs-md-ci-sewage-overflow-20141023-story.html>

26. *October 26, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Hendersonville issues boil water advisory.** A boil water advisory was issued for Hendersonville Water and Sewer customers until further notice October 26 due a broken water pipe.

Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/hendersonville-issues-boil-water-advisory/29352356>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

27. *October 27, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Bayonne Medical Center staff was prepared to handle rooftop fire: officials.** A 4-alarm rooftop fire at Bayonne Medical Center in New Jersey prompted the evacuation of 31 patients from the fifth floor of the hospital to lower levels while crew worked to contain the fire October 24. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2014/10/bmc_official_hospital_staff_wa.html

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Government Facilities Sector

28. *October 27, KING 5 Seattle; Associated Press* – (Washington) **Second victim in Washington school shooting dies.** Two students were killed and 3 others were critically injured by a gunman who died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after opening fire at Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Washington October 24.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/10/27/washington-school-shooting/17987021/>

29. *October 24, Morristown Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Boonton HS dismissed after Internet ‘threat.’** Students were dismissed and classes were cancelled at Boonton High School in New Jersey October 24 after students reported an unsubstantiated threat written on a social media app. Craig School, which uses space at Boonton High School, was also dismissed while authorities investigated.

Source: <http://www.dailyrecord.com/story/news/local/2014/10/24/boonton-hs-students->

[sent-home-threat/17826761/](#)

30. *October 24, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Three Green County school buses involved in crash.** Thirty-six students and 2 bus drivers were transported to an area hospital with injuries following an accident involving 3 Green County school buses and another vehicle in the Pitman Creek area on Highway 61 in Kentucky October 24.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Three-Green-County-school-buses-involved-in-crash-280337532.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *October 24, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Two rifles stolen from Fort Collins police cars.** Authorities asked for the public's help in identifying thieves that stole two Fort Collins Police Services AR-15 rifles from marked vehicles in northeast Fort Collins. The burglaries were discovered October 24 in the same neighborhood.
Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/local/2014/10/24/two-rifles-stolen-fort-collins-police-cars/17844191/>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *October 27, Securityweek* – (International) **Tor exit node found maliciously modifying files.** A researcher with Leviathan Security Group identified and reported an exit node on the Tor network that wraps binary files with malware as the files move through the node. The Tor Project stated that they set a "BadExit" flag on the node to protect users after it was reported.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/tor-exit-node-found-maliciously-modifying-files>
33. *October 24, Dark Reading* – (International) **Backoff PoS malware boomed in Q3.** Damballa released a report which found that detections of the Backoff point-of-sale (PoS) malware increased by 57 percent between August and September.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/backoff-pos-malware-boomed-in-q3/d/d-id/1316957>

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

34. *October 24, Washington Post* – (National) **With a \$10 million fine, the FCC is leaping into data security for the first time.** The Federal Communications Commission issued two phone carriers, TerraCom and its affiliated YourTel America, with a total of \$10 million in fines for improperly storing more than 300,000 customers' personally identifiable information such as their Social Security numbers, home addresses, phone numbers, data of birth and other personal data online without firewalls, encryption or password protection, making the information easily accessible to the public.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-switch/wp/2014/10/24/with-a-10-million-fine-the-fcc-is-leaping-into-data-security-for-the-first-time/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

35. *October 27, WESH 2 Daytona Beach* – (Florida) **FD: Fire prompts evacuations at Alamo Shopping Center on East Colonial Drive.** An October 27 fire that started in the Chinese Buffet Restaurant at the Alamo Shopping Center in Orange County, Florida, caused extensive damage to the strip mall and prompted an evacuation of several businesses. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/fd-fire-prompts-evacuations-at-alamo-shopping-center-on-east-colonial-drive/29358524>
36. *October 26, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **8 firefighters injured in Venice storage building blaze.** An October 25 fire at the Extra Space Storage facility in Los Angeles prompted firefighters to cut locks on hundreds of storage units as they worked to contain the fire that damaged nearly one-third of the building. Eight firefighters were injured during the incident, including four that were transported to an area hospital.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/10/26/7-firefighters-injured-in-venice-storage-building-blaze/>
37. *October 26, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Stanton strip mall, 2 apartment complexes evacuated after SUV hits gas meter.** About 125 people were evacuated from two apartment complexes and a strip mall in Orange County October 26 after a driver lost control of a vehicle and struck a gas meter located behind a laundromat. Crews repaired the broken line and restored gas service after about 2 hours.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2014/10/26/stanton-strip-mall-2-apartment-complexes-evacuated-after-suv-hits-gas-meter/>
38. *October 25, Amarillo Globe-News* – (Texas) **Deadly apartment complex explosion prompts investigation.** One person was killed and several others were injured October 25 in an explosion at a Borger apartment complex in Texas that destroyed much of the structure. Authorities are investigating reports of a gaseous odor in the area while trying to determine the source of the explosion.
Source: <http://amarillo.com/news/local-news/2014-10-25/boom-levels-building-borger>

39. *October 25, WKOW 27 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **Half a million dollars in damage after Fitchburg apartment fire.** Authorities are investigating the source of an October 25 fire that caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage to a Fitchburg apartment building in Wisconsin.

Source: <http://www.wkow.com/story/26889848/2014/10/25/overnight-fire-reported-at-fitchburg-apartment-building>

40. *October 24, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **Rescuers hurt as people & pets escape from south Jersey apartment blaze.** An October 24 fire at The Club at Main Street apartment and townhome complex in Camden County damaged 20 units and displaced 43 residents. Three police officers and one firefighter were injured during the blaze.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Fire-Tears-Through-South-Jersey-Apartment-Building-280320272.html>

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