



Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 20 November 2014

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- A fire and explosion at Santa Clara Waste Water Co. in Santa Paula, California, November 18 shut down all lanes of Highway 126 for several hours, sent at least 46 people to hospitals for symptoms, and shut down 2 schools when approximately 1,000 gallons of an unknown chemical spilled and released a vapor cloud after a vacuum truck exploded at the facility.– *Ventura County Star* (See item [18](#))
- Two individuals were indicted by the U.S. Attorney’s office November 17 for allegedly stealing the identities of roughly 1,400 Detroit patients while employed at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and DMC Harper Hospital and using the patients’ personal information to file about \$489,000 in fake tax refunds. – *Detroit Free Press* (See item [21](#))
- Microsoft released an out-of-band patch November 18 to close a vulnerability in Microsoft Windows Kerberos KDC that could allow an attacker to elevate unprivileged domain user account privileges to domain administrator privileges. – (See item [28](#))
- A 4-alarm fire broke at the Columbus Farmers Market in Springfield Township, New Jersey, inside Building No. 4 November 18 and destroyed at least 10 businesses and caused substantial damage to the structure. – *Times of Trenton* (See item [35](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 19, La Crosse Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **Fire extinguished after morning explosion rocks North Side.** Authorities are investigating the cause of an explosion after a tank of liquid asphalt at the Midwest Fuels plant in La Crosse exploded, prompting officials to warn residents within a 10 block radius to stay indoors November 19. Firefighters extinguished the blaze and deployed absorbent material to protect the Black River from possible contamination.
Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/update-fire-extinguished-after-morning-explosion-rocks-north-side/article_9ae162c7-bbc3-54dd-8cca-84a8be35a888.html
2. *November 18, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **North Dakota energy workers contain oil, water spill.** Inspectors are monitoring the site of a spill after the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division reported that workers contained 317 barrels of saltwater and 4 barrels of oil at a Whiting Oil and Gas tank battery site near Alexander November 17. The company reported that a frozen valve caused the spill and did not cause any environmental damage.
Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/north-dakota-energy-workers-contain-oil-water-spill/article_058a3972-6f3d-11e4-80db-1baa73c05ccf.html
3. *November 17, Marshall News Messenger* – (Texas) **\$250,000 worth of copper stolen.** The Harrison County Sheriff's Office is searching for suspects in connection to a copper theft at Caddo Creek Resources Company after approximately \$250,000 worth of spools of copper were taken from the mining operation.
Source: http://www.marshallnewsmessenger.com/news/police/worth-of-copper-stolen/article_8bb3ef9e-6eab-11e4-b3a9-03c6730aff77.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *November 18, Detroit News* – (International) **Ford recalls 65,000 Fusion cars for roll-away issue.** Ford announced November 18 that it is recalling 65,000 model year 2014-2015 Fusion vehicles in North America, with 56,500 in the U.S., because the key can be removed from the ignition 30 minutes after the engine is turned off even if the

transmission has not been placed in ‘park.’

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/ford/2014/11/18/ford-fusion-recall/19213167/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

5. *November 19, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Man stopped for stealing \$17 worth of gas caught with 205 fake credit cards.** A Brooklyn, New York man who was pulled over by New Jersey State Troopers in Woodbridge Township, New Jersey, on suspicion of gasoline theft was found in possession of 205 fraudulent payment cards with a value of around \$100,000 November 11 after a search of his vehicle. The man was later charged with possession and use of a fraudulent credit card and theft of services.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Fake-Credit-Card-Gas-Station-Theft-Gianni-Simon-New-Jersey-New-York-283087031.html>
6. *November 18, Bloomberg News* – (New York) **Broker pleads guilty in IBM acquisition insider scheme.** A former stockbroker pleaded guilty November 18 to his role in an insider trading scheme that originated in a tip from a New York law firm over the acquisition of SPSS Inc., by International Business Machines Corp. The stockbroker was charged with making around \$300,000 in illicit profits from the scheme that involved three others who have pleaded guilty and one other who was allegedly involved.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2014-11-18/broker-pleads-guilty-to-role-in-ibm-acquisition-insider-scheme>
7. *November 18, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **FBI seeks ‘Bad Breath Bandit’ in Northern California.** The FBI is seeking information related to the suspect known as the “Bad Breath Bandit” believed to be responsible for three bank robberies in the northern California region. The suspect’s most recent robbery occurred November 13 at a Tri Counties Bank branch in Durham, while the previous robberies occurred September 25 and June 17.
Source: <http://www.news10.net/story/news/local/california/2014/11/18/fbi-seeks-bad-breath-bandit-in-northern-california/19231739/>
8. *November 18, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of Florida* – (Florida) **Seventeen charged today in connection with stolen identity tax refund fraud scheme involving student financial services accounts.** Federal authorities arrested 17 individuals November 18 for their alleged involvement in a stolen identity tax refund

fraud scheme that used services provided by Higher One Inc., to Miami Dade College students in Florida and resulted in total intended losses of \$1.9 million. The alleged organizers of the scheme also sought to use students' Higher One accounts to commit federal benefit fraud, including Social Security fraud.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/miami/press-releases/2014/charged-today-in-connection-with-stolen-identity-tax-refund-fraud-scheme-involving-student-financial-services-accounts>

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Transportation Systems Sector

9. *November 18, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Sheriff: Driver of semi hauling cattle fell asleep.** Eastbound lanes of Interstate 64 in Frankfort were closed for 2 hours and westbound lanes were closed for more than 4 hours November 18 after a semi-truck hauling 110 cows overturned when the driver fell asleep at the wheel, causing 3 cattle to die and letting 15 loose.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/sheriff-driver-of-semi-hauling-cattle-fell-asleep>
10. *November 18, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Brown, Purple line service back to normal after disruption from Lincoln Park Fire.** Chicago Transit Authority's Brown and Purple lines were temporarily suspended for approximately 6 hours between the North Side and the Loop when an extra-alarm fire broke out at the former James Mulligan Public School Building in Lincoln Park November 18.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/11/18/brown-purple-line-service-back-to-normal-after-disruption-from-lincoln-park-fire/>
11. *November 18, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **1-35 open in north Austin after fuel spill.** Over 100 gallons of fuel spilled from a semi-truck on Interstate 35 in north Austin following an accident involving 2 semi-trucks and a vehicle November 18 that shut down southbound lanes for 3 hours while crews worked to clear the scene.
Source: <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/local/southbound-i-35-shutdown-after-fuel-tanker-crash-n/nh9rD/>
12. *November 18, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (International) **Citing snow, Amtrak suspends service from Albany to Buffalo.** Amtrak service between Toronto and Cleveland was temporarily suspended as well as service between Albany-Rensselaer and the Buffalo-Niagara Falls area November 18 due to heavy snowfall.
Source:
http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/11/citing_weather_amtrak_suspends_service_from_albany_to_buffalo.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *November 18, Reuters* – (California) **Owner of closed California sushi spot pleads guilty to selling whale meat.** A California restaurateur pleaded guilty in federal court November 17 to charges of illegally selling sei whale meat to undercover agents in 2005 at his now-closed Santa Monica sushi restaurant. The restaurateur and Typhoon Restaurant Inc. were ordered to pay \$27,500 in penalties, while two chefs at the restaurant awaited sentencing after previously pleading guilty to related charges. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/11/18/us-usa-whalemeat-california-idUSKCN0J22L320141118>
14. *November 18, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (California) **EPA requires Modesto wholesaler to protect Central Valley wetlands and pay penalty, following destruction of rare habitat.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ordered a Modesto canned food and nut wholesaler to pay \$160,000 in penalties and purchase and endow a conservation easement valued at \$1 million to resolve allegations that the man destroyed about 33 acres of vernal pools in Merced County in 2012 when he converted land from a cattle grazing pasture into an almond orchard without proper permits. Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/596e17d7cac720848525781f0043629e/f7437d2c778475d685257d94006344bc!OpenDocument>
15. *November 18, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Pennsylvania firm expands recalls pretzel dog products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced November 18 that City Line Foods Manufacturing expanded a November 8 recall for frozen pretzel hot dog products to include an additional 12,282 pounds of affected products due to undeclared soy lecithin. The products included in the expanded recall were produced between November 2013 and November 2014 and were shipped nationwide for retail distribution and fundraising. Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-079-2014-release-EXP>
16. *November 17, Madison.com* – (Wisconsin) **Police: Scrap thieves cause \$100,000 damage to Madison Dairy Produce building.** A vacant Land O'Lakes-owned warehouse and office building in Madison suffered an estimated \$100,000 in damage after thieves stripped metal, including copper, and stole air conditioning and heating units from the structure. Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/police-scrap-thieves-cause-damage-to-madison-dairy-produce-building/article_d8cf0041-8ef6-5a96-a275-786c7a3ef147.html
17. *November 17, Greenfield Recorder* – (Massachusetts) **Emerald ash borer prompts wood quarantine.** The Massachusetts Department of Conversation and Recreation issued a statewide quarantine November 17 on ash lumber and all hardwood firewood

in an effort to contain an infestation of the invasive emerald ash borer insect. The quarantine restricts the shipment of certain products to areas outside the quarantine area and requires treatments that include the removal of bark, sterilization, and fumigation.

Source: <http://www.recorder.com/home/14400598-95/emerald-ash-borer-prompts-wood-quarantine>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *November 18, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Santa Paula chemical explosion causes injuries, evacuations, road closures.** A fire and explosion at Santa Clara Waste Water Co., in Santa Paula shut down all lanes of Highway 126 between Peck and Well roads for several hours November 18, sent at least 46 people to hospitals for symptoms, and shut down 2 schools when approximately 1,000 gallons of an unknown type of organic peroxide spilled and released a vapor cloud after a vacuum truck exploded at the facility. A mandatory evacuation was ordered for residents and businesses within a mile of the scene.

Source: http://www.vcstar.com/news/local-news/ventura/officials-working-to-decontaminate-people-at-vcmc-exposed-to-substance-in-santa-paula-explosion_29956958

19. *November 18, Gainesville Times* – (Georgia) **Cornelia residents under boil-water advisory after main bursts.** A boil water advisory was issued to Cornelia, Georgia residents November 18 until further notice following a 10-inch water main break that caused pressure to drop in the water system. Officials isolated waterlines while crews worked to repair the break.

Source: <http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/106032/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *November 19, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Patients notified after unsterilized equipment.** The University of Minnesota Medical Center Colon and Rectal Clinic in Minneapolis notified 100 patients November 18 that a piece of equipment was not properly cleaned and disinfected, leaving the potential for infection after it was used. Several surgeries were delayed while authorities investigated and the hospital offered patients free infection screenings.

Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/health/2014/11/18/unsterilized-equipment-at-local-clinic/19255923/>

21. *November 18, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Feds: Identity thieves hit 2 metro Detroit hospitals.** The U.S. Attorney's office unsealed an indictment November 17 charging 2 individuals for allegedly stealing the identities of roughly 1,400 Detroit patients while employed at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and DMC Harper Hospital, and using the patients' personal information to file about \$489,000 in fake tax

refunds. The pair lived together in Farmington Hills and authorities found bank records, credit cards, and hospital patient records at the home in January.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2014/11/18/hospital-identity-theft-metro-detroit/19239853/>

22. *November 17, KPHO 5 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **1 killed after car smashes into assisted care home.** A suspect was arrested for intentionally crashing into a Phoenix nursing home November 16 and killing one resident after the car entered through the living room and traveled through the kitchen.

Source: <http://www.kpho.com/story/27400350/1-killed-after-car-smashes-into-assisted-care-home>

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Government Facilities Sector

23. *November 19, WRIC 8 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Driver, charged after Richmond school bus accident.** Three students and a bus driver were transported to area hospitals for minor injuries following an accident involving a school bus that was rear-ended by another vehicle in Richmond, Virginia, November 18.

Source: <http://www.wric.com/story/27425936/driver-three-students-headed-to-hospital-after-bus-accident>

24. *November 18, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Henrico High closed Wednesday.** Henrico High School students were evacuated and dismissed November 18 after a contractor working at the school caused a power outage knocking out heat, phone, and Internet access to the building. The Virginia school remained closed November 19 while crews worked to restore service to the campus.

Source: http://www.timesdispatch.com/news/local/education/henrico-high-closed-wednesday/article_4c74c0cd-0bab-5cc1-9064-df70e7c7155a.html

25. *November 18, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **5 sent to hospital after chemical spill at UEI College in Anaheim.** About 100 students were evacuated while 5 others were transported to an area hospital with symptoms of watery eyes and nausea following a chemical spill at the UEI College campus in Anaheim November 17. Classes were cancelled November 18 while a HAZMAT team cleared the scene.

Source: <http://abc7.com/news/5-sent-to-hospital-after-chemical-spill-at-anaheim-school/400815/>

26. *November 18, Associated Press; KAAL 6 Austin* – (Iowa) **Students injured in Iowa school bus accident.** Eight students were transported to an area hospital with injuries after the driver of their school bus lost control while exiting a county road and rolled over in Louisa County, Iowa, November 18.

Source: <http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/s3623997.shtml>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *November 19, Securityweek* – (International) **Advanced variant of “NotCompatible” Android malware a threat to enterprises.** Researchers with Lookout identified a new variant of the NotCompatible trojan for Android dubbed NotCompatible.C which includes several changes to avoid detection by security software, including encrypted communications and geographically distributed command and control (C&C) servers. The malware is being spread by spam emails and compromised Web sites and acts as a proxy on infected systems.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/advanced-variant-notcompatible-android-malware-threat-enterprises>
28. *November 18, Securityweek* – (International) **Microsoft fixes critical Kerberos flaw under attack with out-of-band patch.** Microsoft released an out-of-band patch November 18 to close a vulnerability in Microsoft Windows Kerberos KDC that could allow an attacker to elevate unprivileged domain user account privileges to domain administrator privileges. The vulnerability has been exploited in limited, targeted attacks and users were advised to apply the patch as soon as possible due to the critical nature of the vulnerability.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-fixes-critical-kerberos-flaw-under-attack-out-band-patch>
29. *November 18, SC Magazine* – (International) **Apple releases OS X Yosemite and iOS updates.** Apple released updates November 18 for its OS X Yosemite operating system and iOS 8 mobile operating system, adding improvements and closing an unlimited passcode attempt vulnerability in iOS 8.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/apple-releases-updates-for-os-x-and-ios/article/383995/>
30. *November 18, Securityweek* – (International) **Flashpack exploit kit uses ad networks to deliver Cryptowall, Dofail malware.** Trend Micro researchers identified a malicious advertisement campaign that uses free ads to attempt to redirect users to a page hosting the Flashpack exploit kit, which then attempts to serve a variant of the Dofail trojan or the Cryptowall ransomware.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/flashpack-exploit-kit-uses-ad-networks-deliver-cryptowall-dofail-malware>
31. *November 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Legit Windows Phone apps can be replaced by malicious ones through copy/paste.** A researcher reported that rogue versions of

legitimate apps can be installed onto Windows Phone mobile devices after the installation of the legitimate app by replacing the files with the rogue app files.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Legit-Windows-Phone-Apps-Can-Be-Replaced-By-Malicious-Ones-Through-Copy-Paste-465311.shtml>

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Communications Sector

32. *November 19, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Investigators probe Kennewick radio transmitter arson, offer \$10,000 reward.** Authorities are searching for the suspects responsible for November 15 arson fire at a radio transmitter station in Kennewick that caused more than \$100,000 in damages, destroyed equipment, and knocked three local radio stations off the air. One station remains off air indefinitely while authorities continue to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2014/11/18/3266962/investigators-probe-kennewick.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

33. *November 19, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **1 dead, 14 hurt in Brooklyn apartment fire: officials.** A fire that broke out November 19 at an apartment building in the Brooklyn area of New York City killed 1 resident and injured 14 others, including 6 individuals that are in critical condition. Officials are investigating the source of the blaze and working to determine if the structure that also houses a business needs to be demolished.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Fire-Flatbush-Apartment-Building-NY-Brooklyn-15-Hurt-283167281.html>
34. *November 19, Austin Time Warner Cable News* – (Texas) **Round Rock apartment fire displaces 37.** Authorities are investigating the cause of a November 19 fire at the Apple Creek Apartments complex in Round Rock that damaged 16 units and displaced 37 residents.
Source: <http://austin.twcnews.com/content/news/306235/round-rock-apartment-fire-displaces-37/>
35. *November 18, Times of Trenton* – (New Jersey) **Four-alarm blaze destroys building at historic Columbus Farmers Market in Burlington.** A 4-alarm fire inside Building

No. 4 at the Columbus Farmers Market in Springfield Township November 18 destroyed at least 10 businesses housed within the structure. The market was closed at the time of the fire and employees were safely evacuated.

Source: <http://www.nj.com/mercer/index.ssf/2014/11/four-alarm-blaze-destroys-building-at-historic-columbus-farmers-market-in-burlington-county.html>

36. *November 18, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Mississippi) **Dollar General in Brooklyn, Mississippi, cited for repeat safety hazards; more than \$51K in fines proposed.**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Dollar General Corp., for four repeat safety violations and assessed \$51,700 in penalties following an August inspection at a store in Brooklyn, Mississippi. OSHA has performed 72 inspections at Dollar General stores nationwide since 2009, 32 of which resulted in citations.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27015

37. *November 17, Minnesota Public Radio News* – (Minnesota) **Thieves grab \$300,000 in watches from St. Paul store.** Police are searching for a group of men who broke into the R.F. Moeller Jeweler store in the Highland Park area of St. Paul November 15 and used hammers to smash glass display cases and steal about 30 Rolex watches valued at around \$300,000.

Source: <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2014/11/17/watch-robbery-st-paul>

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