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- A Haverhill, Massachusetts man pleaded guilty to charges December 4 in connection to a scheme where he created fake prescriptions in order to obtain and distribute more than 10,000 oxycodone pills from 2012 to 2014. – *Waltham Daily News Tribune* (See item [17](#))
- A December 5 fire at an Augusta, Maine apartment building rendered the structure a total loss and prompted the rescue of at least 23 residents while 7 others were transported to an area hospital for minor injuries. – *WMTW 8 Poland Spring* (See item [33](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *December 4, Bismarck Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Mechanical failure shuts down power plant.** Otter Tail Power Company energy officials announced that the Coyote Station near Beulah, North Dakota, is closed until they can assess the amount of damage from a December 4 fire caused by a major mechanical failure at the plant. Authorities determined that one of the power plant's turbine-driven boiler pumps suffered a mechanical failure which prompted oil lines to rupture, causing a fire. Source: http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/mechanical-failure-shuts-down-power-plant/article_339b4092-7be8-11e4-bb8a-cb4d843b92d7.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *December 4, Detroit News* – (National) **Mazda expands Takata air bag recall by 40,000 vehicles.** Mazda announced December 4 that it is expanding a recall of vehicles in high-humidity States to include 40,000 vehicles registered in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas due to the vehicles being equipped with airbags manufactured by Takata that can explode upon deployment and spray the passenger compartment with shrapnel. Ford and Chrysler also announced additions to previous recalls for the Takata airbags December 3, expanding their recalls by 149,150 vehicles and 13,000 vehicles, respectively. Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/foreign/2014/12/04/mazda-expands-takata-air-bag-recall-vehicles/19904197/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

3. *December 4, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **4 Miami residents accused of bank fraud arrested.** Four individuals from Miami, Florida, were arrested December 4 on charges that they allegedly operated a bank fraud and payment card fraud operation that defrauded financial institutions of more than \$100,000.
Source: <http://www.local10.com/news/4-miami-residents-accused-of-bank-fraud-arrested/30055104>
4. *December 3, KCBS 2 Los Angeles* – (California) **2 O.C. residents charged in \$11M Ponzi scheme.** The Orange County-based owner and operator of MBP Insurance Services Inc., and an agent at the company were charged December 3 for allegedly operating the company as a Ponzi scheme that defrauded victims of more than \$11.3 million.
Source: <http://losangeles.cbslocal.com/2014/12/03/2-o-c-residents-charged-in-11m-ponzi-scheme/>
5. *December 3, Lexington Dispatch* – (North Carolina; Alabama) **Striped hoodie bandit arrested in Huntsville, Ala., on Tuesday.** A suspect known as the “Striped Hoodie Bandit” wanted for three bank robberies in North Carolina was arrested in Huntsville, Alabama, December 2. The suspect was wanted in connection to bank robberies in High Point, Asheboro, and Huntersville in North Carolina as well as for a convenience store robbery in the State.
Source: <http://www.the-dispatch.com/article/20141203/NEWS/312039992/1005?Title=Striped-hoodie-bandit-arrested-in-Huntsville-Ala-on-Tuesday&tc=ar>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *December 5, WBMA 58 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Overnight lane closures continue from I-59 tanker spill.** All but one lane of Interstate 59 in Etowah County reopened to traffic December 5 with one southbound lane expected to be closed for continued cleanup after a semi-truck carrying 8,000 gallons of gasoline overturned December 4, spilling fuel and prompting authorities to close the highway.
Source: <http://www.abc3340.com/story/27554006/overnight-lane-closures-continue-from-i-59-tanker-spill>
7. *December 5, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Plane from Detroit makes emergency landing in Ohio.** A Delta Airlines flight from Detroit to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, made an emergency landing in Toledo, Ohio, December 4 when a smoky odor was detected in the flight deck. The plane landed without incident and passengers were transferred onto a new flight.
Source:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/michigan/2014/12/05/plane-detroit-makes-emergency-landing-ohio/19939027/>

8. *December 4, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **Fatal crash closes 395 and Jump Off Joe Road.** One man was killed following a head-on collision between a semi-truck and a passenger vehicle on Highway 395 in Stevens County that prompted authorities to shut down the road in both directions for several hours December 4.
Source: <http://www.krem.com/story/news/local/spokane-county/2014/12/04/fatal-crash-closes-395-and-jump-off-joe-road/19901065/>
9. *December 4, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Traffic gridlocks New Orleans CBD, Warehouse District even as most I-10 lanes reopen.** A single-vehicle accident on Interstate 10 in New Orleans December 4 shut down the highway in both directions with westbound lanes opening 5 hours after a semi-truck heading east crashed into the median and spilled about 100 gallons of diesel fuel before catching fire.
Source:
http://www.nola.com/traffic/index.ssf/2014/12/dump_truck_crash_spills_100_ga.html

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *December 5, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (International) **Nebraska firm recalls pork belly product produced without import inspection.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced December 4 that Quality Meats, Inc., recalled about 44,372 pounds of Frozen Pork Single Ribbed Bellies products because they were not provided the benefit of a full FSIS import inspection after they were not presented at the border for examination. The affected products were imported from Ireland and sent to retailers and distributors in Georgia, Illinois, and Washington.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-083-2014-release>
11. *December 4, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Abdallah Candies announces the voluntary recall of Holiday Caramel Bites.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported December 4 that Abdallah Candies voluntarily issued a nationwide recall for certain packages of its Holiday Caramel Bites due to the possibility of undeclared peanuts caused by mislabeling. The recall was initiated after a consumer reported finding a peanut butter bite candy inside a Holiday Caramel Bites package.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm425823.htm>
12. *December 2, Janesville Gazette* – (Wisconsin) **Grain elevator fire challenges Wisconsin firefighters.** A DeLong Company-owned grain elevator in Sharon, Wisconsin, suffered more than \$100,000 in damage following a December 2 fire that broke out in a 20,000-bushel bin holding wet corn. Firefighters declared the bin unsound and crews were brought in to aid with salvage and recovery efforts.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/11785694/grain-elevator-fire-challenges-sharon-wisconsin-firefighters>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *December 4, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Heavy rain causes sewer overflow into Willamette River.** The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services issued a combined sewer overflow advisory recommending the public should avoid contact with the Willamette River from the Morrison Bridge to the Columbia River near Kelley Point Park following a sewer overflow that resulted from heavy rain December 4.
Source: <http://www.kgw.com/story/news/local/2014/12/04/sewer-overflow-into-willamette-river/19917931/>
14. *December 4, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Tredyffrin Twp. agrees to costly settlement in Valley Forge water pollution case.** Tredyffrin Township agreed in a settlement with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to replace aging sewage pipeline that ruptured several times in recent years, spilling millions of gallons of untreated sewage into the Valley Forge National Park and Valley Creek. The settlement includes a penalty of \$110,000 against the township.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/12/04/tredyffrin-twp-agrees-to-costly-settlement-in-valley-forge-water-pollution-case/>
15. *December 4, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Water main break affecting 500 Baltimore apartments.** Crews worked overnight December 3 to repair a 6-inch water main break in Baltimore that affected approximately 500 apartment units and a Johns Hopkins University residence hall.
Source: <http://www.abc2news.com/news/region/baltimore-city/water-main-break-affecting-500-baltimore-apartments>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *December 5, Help Net Security* – (National) **Health insurance online threats revealed.** RiskIQ researchers found that Web sites hosted by third party code libraries, external providers, and excessive mobile app permissions represent the largest risk to users of health insurance Web and mobile self-service tools now that providers are investing in Web and mobile app infrastructures to establish new customer touch points.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17718>
17. *December 4, Waltham Daily News Tribune* – (Massachusetts) **Man charged in connection with alleged Waltham credit card fraud.** A Haverhill man pleaded guilty to charges December 4 in connection to a scheme where he created hundreds of fake prescriptions in order to obtain and distribute more than 10,000 oxycodone pills after

allegedly stealing prescription paper and using the names of physicians and authorization numbers to create the fraudulent documents from 2012 to 2014. The suspect and an accomplice employed at the Copper House Tavern in Waltham also stole customer's credit card information and opened fraudulent credit cards.

Source: <http://waltham.wickedlocal.com/article/20141204/NEWS/141208245>

18. *December 3, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **DA: Great Neck doctor stole patient information from computer system.** A Great Neck doctor was arrested and charged December 3 for allegedly stealing the personal and health information of nearly 97,000 patients while he worked at Garden City-based NRAD Medical Associates by improperly accessing the computer system between January and April. Patients were notified of the breach in June.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/da-great-neck-doctor-faces-charges-he-stole-patient-information-1.9678047>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *December 5, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Kenwood High School evacuated after bomb threat, device found outside of school.** An emailed bomb threat December 4 prompted officials to evacuate and dismiss classes at Kenwood High School in Baltimore County December 5 after a device was found outside the building.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/essex/bs-md-co-kenwood-bomb-threat-20141205-story.html>

20. *December 5, Iowa City Press-Citizen* – (Iowa) **School bus crash near Solon kills 1.** One person was killed and 5 others were injured, including 4 students, in an accident involving a Solon Community School District bus that collided with a car near Iowa Highway 382 west of Solon December 4.

Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/education/k-12/2014/12/04/solon-school-bus-accident-highway-382/19904677/>

21. *December 4, Great Falls Tribune; Associated Press* – (Montana) **2 injured in MSU dorm explosion.** A December 4 explosion at Montana State University's Langford Hall dormitory in Bozeman left two students injured and caused structural damage to several rooms on the third floor. Students were temporarily evacuated and authorities determined the explosion was set off by an aerosol product that was sprayed in the air and ignited with a lighter.

Source: <http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2014/12/05/injured-msu-dorm-explosion/19934405/>

22. *December 4, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Suspected CO leak sends kids to hospital.** Crews aired out Earl Nance Elementary School in St. Louis following a suspected carbon monoxide leak that caused three students to be transported to an area hospital with symptoms December 4. The school was evacuated and reopened once officials cleared the scene and determined that the carbon monoxide may have

originated from the exhaust of a boiler.

Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/12/04/carbon-monoxide-leak-earl-nance-elementary/19885837/>

23. *December 4, U-T San Diego* – (California) **Fire at SDSU chiller plant causes \$300K in damage.** A December 3 fire at an air conditioning plant at San Diego State University in California caused \$200,000 in damage to the building and \$100,000 in damage to its contents after scaffolding and construction materials were destroyed in the fire.

Source: <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2014/dec/04/fire-chiller-plant-sdsu-300k-damage/>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *December 4, Los Angeles Times* – (Ohio) **Cleveland police use ‘unnecessary’ force, Justice Department finds.** The U.S. Department of Justice released the results of an investigation December 4 which determined that Cleveland police routinely engage in “unreasonable and unnecessary” force, and that there is cause to believe that officers engage in a pattern or practice of unreasonable force in violation of the U.S. Constitution due to organizational deficiencies.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-cleveland-police-probe-20141204-story.html>

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Information Technology Sector

25. *December 5, The Register* – (International) **‘Sign in with LinkedIn’ spoof allows baddies to penetrate Slashdot, NASDAQ.com and more.** Researchers with IBM identified and reported a vulnerability that could have allowed attackers to gain access to Web sites that use MyDigiPass to enable logins using social media accounts due to LinkedIn and Amazon allowing the use of accounts without confirmed email addresses. The issue was closed before the findings were disclosed and affected Web sites including NASDAQ.com, Slashdot, Crowdfunder, and among many others.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/05/top_sites_massive_potential_security_flaw_highlighted/

26. *December 5, The Register* – (International) **VMware warns of vCenter cross-site-scripting bug.** VMware released six patches for vulnerabilities in its vCenter Server Appliance, one of which could allow cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks if a user is logged-in to vCenter and is tricked into clicking a malicious link or visiting a malicious Web page.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/05/vmware_warns_of_vcenter_crosssitescripting_bug/

27. *December 4, Dark Reading* – (International) **‘DeathRing’ malware found pre-installed on smartphones.** Researchers with Lookout published a report that found that low-cost and counterfeit smartphones manufactured in Asia and Africa that come with a piece of pre-loaded malware known as DeathRing originates from China. The command and control server for the malware appears to be offline, and the malware could be used for SMS or browser phishing.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/mobile/deathring-malware-found-pre-installed-on-smartphones/d/d-id/1317901>

28. *December 4, Threatpost* – (International) **Details emerge on Sony wiper malware Destover.** Kaspersky Lab researchers released a report analyzing the Destover wiper malware used in the recent attack on Sony Pictures Entertainment and stated that the malware appeared to use similar driver files and to have been developed on a similar timeline to the malware used in the Shamoon attack on Saudi Aramco and the DarkSeoul attack against South Korea in 2013.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/details-emerge-on-sony-wiper-malware-destover/109727>

29. *December 4, Threatpost* – (International) **Critical remote code execution flaw found in WordPress plugin.** Researchers with Sucuri identified and reported a vulnerability in the WP Download Manager plugin for WordPress that could have allowed attackers to implant a backdoor or gain access to administrative accounts on vulnerable Web sites. The developers of WP Download Manager released an update to close the vulnerability the week of December 1.

Source: <http://threatpost.com/critical-remote-code-execution-flaw-found-in-wordpress-plugin/109720>

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Communications Sector

30. *December 4, Morganton News Herald* – (North Carolina) **Radio station offline after copper theft wrecks transmitters.** WCIS 760 AM Morganton, a radio station covering 7 counties across North Carolina, was knocked off the air after thieves damaged its transmitter building in Burke County December 4 stealing between 80 and 200 pounds of copper and causing an estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 worth of property damage. The station is expected to resume operations the week of December 8.

Source: http://www.morganton.com/news/radio-station-offline-after-copper-theft-wrecks-transmitters/article_071d2412-7bf8-11e4-907c-af37597c4c49.html

31. *December 4, Bluefield Daily Telegraph* – (West Virginia) **Police probe copper theft.** Authorities are searching for suspects responsible for disrupting landline phone service to residents in the Davy area of McDowell County December 3 after an estimated 2,500 feet of Frontier Communications' copper cables were stolen.
Source: http://www.bdonline.com/news/police-probe-copper-theft/article_977ae192-7b59-11e4-9539-d788ce4e7e47.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *December 5, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Bebe stores confirms credit card breach.** Officials from bebe stores inc., warned consumers December 4 that their personal information, including payment card data, may have been compromised after an investigation confirmed that hackers breached the company's payment systems at stores in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands between November 8 and November 26. The company has since blocked the attack and has added additional security features to its networks.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2014/12/bebe-stores-confirms-credit-card-breach/>
33. *December 5, WMTW 8 Poland Spring* – (Maine) **More than 20 rescued from Augusta apartment building fire.** A December 5 fire at an 18-unit apartment building in Augusta, Maine, caused a partial building collapse and rendered the structure a total loss. At least 23 residents were rescued from the building, and at least 7 residents were transported to an area hospital for minor injuries and smoke inhalation.
Source: <http://www.wmtw.com/news/fire-crews-fight-augusta-apartment-fire/30071600>
34. *December 4, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Cleanup underway after storm rocked Bay Area.** Seven businesses at the Cove Shopping Center in Marin County were closed December 4 due to flooding caused by an equipment failure at the county's pumping station during heavy rains December 3. Businesses in the Mission District of the county also suffered flood damage caused by the heavy rains and a water main rupture.
Source: <http://abc7news.com/weather/cleanup-underway-after-storm-rocked-bay-area-/422889/>
35. *December 4, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Stolen car careens into Seattle daycare, bursts into flames.** Seattle police are searching for three suspects who fled the scene after they crashed a stolen vehicle into the Kindercare daycare center December 4 prompting the center to close indefinitely while crews repair the building. Several apartment units located above the center were evacuated due to the incident.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Car-careens-into-Seattle-daycare-bursts-into-flames-284746111.html>

36. *December 4, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Red Cross helping people find shelter after huge Affton apartment fire.** Residents from 24 units at the Wedgewood Apartments complex in Affton were temporarily displaced following a 2-alarm fire December 4. Officials are investigating the cause of the fire that is believed to have started in an apartment unit when no one was home.
Source: <http://fox2now.com/2014/12/04/st-louis-bomb-and-arson-squad-investigates-huge-affton-apartment-fire/>
37. *December 4, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Fire guts mattress warehouse in Paramount, collapsing roof.** Authorities are investigating the source of a 2-alarm fire that caused a roof collapse at the AC Mattress Manufacturing warehouse in Paramount and gutted the building December 4. Crews temporarily cut off power to nearby businesses while they battled the blaze.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Fire-Guts-Mattress-Store-in-Los-Angeles-284723231.html>
38. *December 4, Central Valley Business Times* – (California) **Fire damages Modesto business.** The West Side Market in Modesto suffered an estimated \$500,000 in damage following a 2-alarm fire December 4 that gutted the store. The fire is believed to be accidental in nature and was contained to the structure's interior.
Source: <http://www.centralvalleybusinesstimes.com/stories/001/?ID=27284>

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