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- Rail service for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's Blue, Orange, and Silver lines that run through downtown Washington, D.C. was partially suspended for about 3 hours December 16 due to a water main break that caused flooding in a subway station. – *WTOP 103.5 Washington, D.C.* (See item [4](#))
- The Associated Milk Producers Inc. cheese packaging plant in Portage, Wisconsin, is expected to resume operations the week of December 15 after a fire broke out in a storage area at the facility December 12 and prompted the evacuation of about 70 employees. – *Portage Daily Register* (See item [14](#))
- Crews continued efforts to clean up and disinfect the streets of Georgetown, South Carolina, December 16 after a water main carrying wastewater to the city's treatment plant was found leaking an estimated 267,000 gallons of untreated wastewater. – *WCSC 5 Charleston* (See item [15](#))
- The owner of Pharmicare and Caremerica, a pharmacy chain, pleaded guilty before a federal jury in Baltimore, Maryland, December 15 to submitting false claims for prescription refills and defrauding Medicaid and Medicare of \$1.5 million. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 15, Vancouver Columbian* – (Washington) **Brief power outage affects 22,000 in Clark County.** Approximately 22,327 Clark Public Utilities customers in Clark County experienced a power outage for about an hour December 15 when a tree fell into a transmission line near the Evergreen substation due to strong winds.
Source: <http://www.columbian.com/news/2014/dec/15/brief-power-outage-affects-22000-customers/>
2. *December 12, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Raccoon to blame for Jersey City power outage, PATH shutdown.** A major power outage in Jersey City December 13 left about 12,250 Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) customers without power and suspended PATH Train service for almost 2 hours when a raccoon came in contact with electrical equipment at its switching station.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2014/12/12/major-power-outage-in-jersey-city-shuts-down-most-path-service/>

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Financial Services Sector

3. *December 15, SC Magazine* – (International) **Researcher identifies XSS vulnerability affecting Citibank website.** A security researcher identified and reported a cross-site

scripting (XSS) vulnerability in a Web site belonging to Citibank that could allow the personal information, login credentials, and cookies of users and administrators to be stolen.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/researcher-identifies-xss-vulnerability-affecting-citibank-website/article/388433/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

4. *December 16, WTOP 103.5 Washington, DC* – (Washington, D.C.) **Metro's Blue, Orange, Silver lines resume service after main break.** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority partially suspended rail service on the Blue, Orange, and Silver lines that run through downtown Washington, D.C. for about 3 hours December 16 due to a water main break that submerged rails underwater, affecting tens of thousands of commuters. Crews worked to repair the ruptured water main which was expected to take at least 13 hours.
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/654/3763819/Water-main-break-causes-major-Metro-delays>
5. *December 15, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Lake Oswego man killed in crash on slick Hwy. 97.** Winter weather conditions contributed to a string of accidents on roadways in Bend, Oregon, December 15, including one accident that prompted Highway 97 to close for more than 3 hours and a second collision that closed Highway 126 for almost 3 hours. Freezing fog December 14 - December 15 also prompted the delay and cancellation of several flights at Redmond Airport.
Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/slick-c-oregon-roads-lead-to-crashes-one-fatal/30241110>
6. *December 15, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Truck accident in Howell shuts down Route 9 South.** A semi-truck overturned and spilled 20 tons of stone on Route 9 near Ford Road in Howell Township December 15 blocking all four southbound lanes for nearly 3 hours.
Source: <http://www.app.com/story/news/crime/jersey-mayhem/2014/12/15/truck-accident-howell-shuts-route-south/20459931/>
7. *December 15, Bay City News* – (California) **Weather causing SFO flight delays.** San Francisco International Airport officials reported that inclement weather December 15 prompted the cancellation of around 80 flights and delayed several more flights. Officials implemented a ground delay program that was used to slow the rate of arriving flights and was expected to last at least 16 hours.
Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/sanfrancisco/weather-causing-sfo-flight-delays/Content?oid=2914354>
8. *December 15, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Montana) **Seattle-Paris flight diverted to Billings,**

Mont. A Delta Airlines flight from Seattle to Paris made an emergency landing December 15 in Billings, Montana, after the crew detected a smoking odor in the cabin of the plane. Crews evaluated the plane and continued its flight to Paris.

Source: <http://www.kirotv.com/news/news/seattle-paris-flight-diverted-billings-mont/njS2g/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *December 16, KMTV 3 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **1 shot and killed at Nebraska packing plant; suspect arrested.** Police arrested a suspect in connection with a December 15 shooting outside the Gibbon Packing meat-packing facility in Buffalo County that left one person dead.
Source: <http://www.jrn.com/kmtv/news/1-shot-and-killed-at-Nebraska-packing-plant-suspect-arrested--285928031.html>
10. *December 16, KWOA 730 AM Worthington* – (Minnesota) **7,500 turkeys lost in fire in Lorain Township.** A December 16 fire at the Meyer Turkey Farm in Lorain Township engulfed a barn and killed about 7,500 turkeys housed in the structure. Authorities are investigating the blaze that is believed to be electrical in nature.
Source: <http://kwoa.com/news/2014/12/16/7500-turkeys-lost-fire-lorain-township>
11. *December 15, KAAL 6 Austin* – (Minnesota) **Dangerous chemical leak under investigation.** The Minnesota Department of Agriculture is investigating after about 9,000 gallons of anhydrous ammonia leaked at the Watonwan Farm Service-owned Clarks Grove Fertilizer facility in Freeborn County December 15 prompting the evacuation of 15 nearby homes. The leak was contained and one firefighter was treated at the scene for inhalation issues.
Source: <http://www.kaaltv.com/article/stories/s3650486.shtml>
12. *December 15, Associated Press* – (International) **Indictment accuses US halal beef supplier of misleading Muslims about slaughter methods.** Cedar Rapids-based Midamar Corp., its directors, and a second company operated by the directors were indicted on charges unsealed December 5 for allegedly selling at least \$4.9 million in beef mislabeled as halal to customers worldwide, falsifying export documentation, wire fraud, and other charges after the employees removed labels and replaced them with fraudulent halal-certified labels.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/12/15/indictment-accuses-us-halal-beef-supplier-misleading-muslims-about-slaughter/>
13. *December 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **Extreme temperatures and other safety hazards found at Birds Eye Foods plant in Darien, Wisconsin.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Birds Eye Foods Inc. for 1 repeat and 12 serious safety violations after a May inspection of the company's frozen-food

processing plant in Darien revealed that workers were exposed to extreme temperatures without proper protective equipment in addition to other slip, trip, and fall hazards. Proposed penalties total \$109,400.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27123

14. *December 14, Portage Daily Register* – (Wisconsin) **AMPI manager hopes plant shutdown will be brief after fire Friday.** About 70 employees were evacuated from the Associated Milk Producers Inc. cheese packaging plant in Portage December 12 after a fire broke out in a storage area at the facility. Officials were investigating the fire and hoped to resume operations at the plant during the week of December 15.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/fire-damages-ampi-dairy-plant-in-portage/article_b0f2a0ad-782c-5907-b086-6b4a35ba4510.html

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *December 16, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Georgetown wastewater leak not as large as initially believe, crews say.** Crews continued efforts to clean up and disinfect the city streets of Georgetown, South Carolina, December 16 after a water main carrying wastewater to the city's treatment plant was found leaking an estimated 267,000 gallons of untreated wastewater.
Source: <http://www.live5news.com/story/27634376/portion-of-road-shuts-down-after-1-million-gallon-wastewater-leak>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *December 16, IDG News Service*– (Illinois) **Illinois hospital reports data blackmail.** Clay County Hospital in Illinois notified affected patients after receiving an anonymous e-mail containing protected health information of some patients asking for a substantial payment to avoid patient data being released. Law enforcement agencies were notified and an investigation found the compromised data was limited to patients who visited the hospital on or before February 2012 and limited to name, physical address, social security numbers and date of birth.
Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/article/2859026/illinois-hospital-reports-data-blackmail.html>
17. *December 15, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Pharmacy owned convicted of health care fraud.** The owner of Pharmicare and Caremerica, a pharmacy chain, pleaded guilty before a federal jury in Baltimore December 15 to submitting false claims for prescription refills and defrauding Medicaid and Medicare of \$1.5 million.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/pharmacy-owned-convicted-of-health-care-fraud/2014/12/15/d7380f00-84c1-11e4-abcf-5a3d7b3b20b8_story.html

18. *December 12, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **Pharmacy technician accused of stealing, selling \$50K in prescription drugs.** A Boiling Springs pharmacy technician was arrested December 10 for allegedly stealing thousands of pills with an estimated street value of \$50,000 from her employer and distributing them to others. Five others were also arrested and charged in connection with the alleged prescription drug ring. Source: <http://www.wsoc9.com/news/news/local/pharmacy-technician-accused-stealing-selling-50k-p/njRWF/>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *December 16, Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star* – (Virginia) **Two Spotsylvania schools reopen following water main break.** Classes were scheduled to resume at Ni River Middle and Wilderness Elementary School in Spotsylvania County December 16 after being closed December 15 due to a water main break. Source: http://www.fredericksburg.com/news/local/spotsylvania/two-spotsylvania-schools-reopen-following-water-main-break/article_e6311491-e60f-517f-9c88-2ccfd6ff18de.html
20. *December 15, South Florida Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Four Broward schools searched and declared OK after bomb threats.** Three Broward District Middle schools and one Elementary school were evacuated December 15 after authorities received bomb threats that were later believed to be prompted due to exams. Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/sfl-plantation-school-bomb-threat-20141215-story.html>
21. *December 15, Associated Press; WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Blown transformer knocks out power to buildings in D.C., causes small fire at OPM.** No injuries were reported after a small fire in the sub-basement level of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C. prompted an evacuation of employees and caused power outages at several government buildings for several hours December 15 due to a mechanical failure with an electrical transformer. The lights at the White House also flickered briefly in an unrelated accident when a cable was severed during construction. Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2014/12/blown-transformer-knocks-out-power-to-buildings-in-d-c-causes-small-fire-at-opm-109812.html>
22. *December 15, KION 46 Monterey* – (California) **City of Salinas still reporting phone service outages.** Crews continued work to restore service to about 100 city government lines in the City of Salinas December 15 following an outage that occurred December 12 due to strong winds and heavy rain. Source: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/news/local-news/city-of-salinas-still-reporting-phone-service-outages/30242540>

23. *December 14, USA Today* – (Oregon) **Police arrest 2nd suspect in shooting at Ore. high school.** Two suspects were arrested by Portland Police December 13 in connection to the December 12 shooting when a gunman opened fire and injured 4 people near Rosemary Anderson High School. Authorities are searching for a third suspect in connection with the shooting.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/12/13/police-arrest-suspect-portland-shooting/20350217/>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *December 16, Oxford Hills Sun Journal* – (Maine) **Wiring stolen from the Buckfield Fire-Rescue Station.** More than 100-feet of electrical wiring was reported missing from the walls of a fire and rescue station under construction in Buckfield December 11. The Oxford County Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft.
Source: <http://www.sunjournal.com/news/oxford-hills/2014/12/16/wiring-stolen-buckfield-fire-rescue-station/1631298>
25. *December 13, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Officer convicted of using fake ID to wire money.** A St. Paul Police Department officer was convicted of felony electronic identity theft in Ramsey County District Court December 12 for using a fake identity to wire \$1,500 to a her gang-member boyfriend in prison.
Source: <http://www.faribaultcountyregister.com/page/content.detail/id/757167/Officer-convicted-of-using-fake-ID-to-wire-money.html?isap=1&nav=5050>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *December 16, Securityweek* – (International) **Banking trojan abuses Pinterest in C&C routines.** Researchers with Trend Micro identified a variant of the BANKER malware known as TSPY_BANKER.YYSI that is currently targeting users of South Korean banking Web sites via redirection to a phishing site and accesses comments on the Pinterest social network instead of a command and control (C&C) server. The comments are decoded into IP addresses for the server hosting the phishing page.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/banking-trojan-abuses-pinterest-cc-routines>
27. *December 16, Securityweek* – (International) **CA Technologies fixes vulnerable CA Release Automation.** CA Technologies released a patch for its CA Release Automation continuous delivery system that closes a cross-site request forgery (CSRF), cross-site scripting (XSS), and SQL injection vulnerability in previous versions of the product.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/ca-technologies-fixes-vulnerabilities-ca-release-automation>

28. *December 15, Threatpost* – (International) **Shellshock worm exploiting unpatched QNAP NAS devices.** Researchers with the SANS Institute stated that network attached storage (NAS) devices manufactured by QNAP may still be vulnerable to attackers exploiting the Bash flaw that was patched previously due to the complexity and lack of automation in the patching process. The researchers published two hashes that have been used in recent attacks to perform click fraud against the JuiceADV advertising network.
Source: <http://threatpost.com/shellshock-worm-exploiting-unpatched-qnap-nas-devices/109870>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *December 16, Bloomberg News* – (Washington) **Amazon evacuates Seattle office after threatening note found.** The Amazon.com Inc. headquarters in Seattle was evacuated and employees were sent home as a precaution December 15 after a threatening note was found in a bathroom within the office building. Police investigated and cleared the scene after finding that no threat existed.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-12-15/amazon-evacuates-seattle-headquarters-after-threat-police-say.html>
30. *December 15, California News Service* – (California) **8 displaced after condo fire in Del Cerro.** A non-injury fire at a condominium complex in Del Cerro December 15 caused an estimated \$300,000 in damage and displaced eight residents. The cause of the fire was ruled accidental.
Source: <http://www.sandiego6.com/news/local/8-displaced-after-condo-fire-in-Del-Cerro--285843751.html>
31. *December 15, WPXI 11 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **8 hospitalized, dozens displaced after carbon monoxide leak in Baldwin.** Eight residents were sent to area hospitals, including four that were labeled “red patients” following a carbon monoxide leak at the Westminster Apartments complex in Baldwin December 15. Residents from about 25 apartment units were temporarily displaced while crews worked to contain the leak that

is believed to have come from a hot water tank in the building's basement.

Source: <http://www.wpxi.com/news/news/local/8-people-including-2-children-taken-hospital-after/njScC/>

32. *December 15, WLOS 13 Asheville* – (North Carolina) **Water department estimates water to return by Monday morning.** A ruptured water line December 14 left as many as 15 businesses in West Asheville without water service for about 27 hours prompting some businesses to close for the day. A city water department official reported that the entire 14-foot water line would be repaired before service was restored December 15.

Source: <http://www.wlos.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/water-department-estimates-water-return-monday-morning-18905.shtml>

33. *December 14, KSBY 6 San Luis Obispo* – (California) **Fire heavily damages longtime Santa Maria business.** A December 13 fire at the Mission Linen Supply business in Santa Maria caused an estimated \$675,000 in damage to the structure and its contents. The fire was ruled accidental while the source of the blaze is still under investigation.

Source: <http://www.ksby.com/news/fire-heavily-damages-longtime-santa-maria-business/>

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