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- A Kentucky man who controlled Florida payroll management company O2HR pleaded guilty December 23 to engaging in \$53 million in tax fraud, defrauding and misleading regulators, and conspiring to bribe bank executives. – *Reuters* (See item [4](#))
- Authorities are investigating potential sabotage after a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway train heading southbound from Prineville to Bend, Oregon, struck a rail December 23 spilling about 2,000 gallons of the train's diesel fuel. – *KTVZ 21 Bend* (See item [6](#))
- Two former administrators at Sacred Heart Hospital in Chicago pleaded guilty December 23 for their roles in a massive Medicare and Medicaid kickback fraud scheme. – *Chicago Tribune* (See item [17](#))
- A tornado that touched down December 23 in Columbia, Mississippi, killed 4 people, damaged several businesses and homes, prompted the closure of Highway 98, and knocked out power to at least 8,000 customers across 3 counties. – *WDAM 7 Laurel* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 24, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Crews cap gas leak at Monroe County fracking well.** Crews capped a gas leak and replaced a Triad Hunter-owned natural gas well in Monroe County December 23 after the well blew out December 13 prompting the evacuation of nearby homes. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will determine when crews can resume after the company originally reported that they were working on the well to unplug and prepare it for production when the pressure rose and gas poured out.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/12/23/Monroe-County-officials-reduce-evacuation-area-following-fracking-mishap.html>
2. *December 23, KTRE 9 Lufkin* – (Texas) **San Augustine Co. Sheriff's Office arrests 3rd suspect in oil field theft ring.** A third suspect who was allegedly involved in a string of oil field thefts in San Augustine County was arrested December 22 by sheriff's deputies. The thefts involved as many as 40 oil and gas drill sites that impacted 8 companies and netted \$26,000, and authorities believe more arrests could be made.
Source: <http://www.ktre.com/story/27695770/san-augustine-co-sheriffs-office-arrests-3rd-suspect-in-oil-field-thief-ring>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *December 23, Associated Press* – (Nevada; Tennessee) **Nevada agrees to take nuclear waste from Tennessee.** The State of Nevada and the U.S. Department of Energy announced December 23 a deal to allow the burial of low-level radioactive waste from the Oak Ridge facility in Tennessee at the Nevada National Security Site.
Source: http://elkodaily.com/news/nevada-agrees-to-take-nuclear-waste-from-tennessee/article_1c68889b-f371-5ace-ac04-9656d24b740d.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. *December 23, Reuters* – (National) **Kentucky businessman pleads guilty to \$53 mln tax fraud.** A Kentucky man who controlled Florida payroll management company O2HR pleaded guilty December 23 to engaging in \$53 million in tax fraud, defrauding and misleading regulators, and conspiring to bribe bank executives, charges that originated in the investigation of the failed New York-based Park Avenue Bank. The bank's former president and senior vice president were previously found guilty on fraud charges and an alleged co-defendant is also scheduled to go on trial in March 2015.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/23/usa-crime-tarp-idUSL1N0U721Q20141223>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. *December 24, KGNS 8 Laredo* – (International) **Bomb threat closes bridge number two.** Both lanes of bridge number two in Laredo were closed going in and out of Mexico from the U.S. for several hours December 23 due to a bomb threat which was cleared by the Laredo Fire Department.
Source: <http://www.kgns.tv/home/headlines/Bomb-threat-closes-bridge-number-two-286771761.html>
6. *December 24, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Bend train's diesel fuel spill may be work of saboteur.** A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway train heading southbound from Prineville to Bend struck a rail December 23 spilling about 2,000 gallons of the train's diesel fuel which prompted the closing of Revere and Olney avenues crossings and the Greenwood Avenue underpass for several hours during cleanup efforts. The railway is investigating the incident as a potential act of sabotage.
Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/train-diesel-fuel-spill-closes-ne-bend-crossings/30372512>
7. *December 23, CBS News; Associated Press* – (New York) **Southwest jet loses wingtip after bumping place at NYC airport.** The left winglet of a Southwest Airlines flight departing to Denver was ripped off after it made contact with an American Airlines' jet's left horizontal stabilizer as the plane was taxiing to its gate from Dallas at New York's LaGuardia Airport December 23. The Southwest Airlines plane was taken out of service for inspection and repairs and the American Airlines plane was kept in New

York for inspection while passengers from both flights were transported to their destinations through different flights.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/southwest-jet-loses-wingtip-after-bumping-plane-at-nyc-airport/>

8. *December 23, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Philadelphia, New York airline hubs cause flight delays to reach 1,500 across the country.** About 1,500 flights were delayed and 260 were cancelled at U.S. airline hubs in New York and Philadelphia December 23 due to fog that caused minimal visibility.

Source: <http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/mc-pa-philly-airport-delays-20141223-story.html>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. *December 23, New Philadelphia Times Reporter* – (Ohio) **Firefighters called to Sugarcreek Township farm.** A fire at Twin Fawn Farms in Sugarcreek Township December 23 caused an estimated \$15,000 in damage to a grain dryer and destroyed about 300 bushels of corn worth \$1,200.

Source:

<http://www.timesreporter.com/article/20141223/NEWS/141229717/10675/NEWS>

10. *December 23, KXII 12 Sherman* – (Texas) **Fire scorches Lamar County dairy farm.** A December 23 fire at Daisy Farms in Lamar County consumed an area of the dairy farm and killed eight calves before firefighters contained the blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.kxii.com/home/headlines/Fire-scorches-Lamar-County-dairy-farm-286720411.html>

11. *December 23, Associated Press* – (Delaware) **11 horses killed in Delaware barn fire, 1 escapes.** Authorities are investigating the source of a barn fire in Yorklyn December 21 that caused an estimated \$60,000 in structural damage and killed 11 horses.

Source: <http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/11-horses-killed-in-delaware-barn-fire-1-escapes/30366334>

12. *December 23, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California; Texas) **Recall notification report 088-2014 (DaBecca Sliced Uncured Apple Smoked Bacon).** The Food Safety and Inspection Service announced December 23 that Chicago-based DaBecca Natural Foods issued a recall for about 3,450 pounds of Sliced Uncured Apple Smoked Bacon because the products were packaged and shipped without a label that bears the U.S. Department of Agriculture's mark of inspection despite being produced under inspection. The affected products were sent to institutional distributors in California and Texas.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health->

[alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/rnr-088-2014](https://www.fda.gov/alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/rnr-088-2014)

13. *December 23, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream, Inc. voluntarily recalls ice cream, gelato, custard and sorbet because of possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced December 23 that Snoqualmie Gourmet Ice Cream, Inc., recalled all flavors and container sizes of its ice cream, gelato, custard, and sorbet produced between January 1 and December 15 due to possible *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination. The affected products were labeled under the Snoqualmie, Emerald & Spruce, and Top Pot brands and distributed and sold in various retail outlets in several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm427940.htm>
14. *December 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Oregon; Washington) **Kent, WA firm issues allergy alert on undeclared shellfish in Tofu Pad Thai Bowl and Thai Noodle Salad.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported December 22 that Real Foods issued a recall for 299 units of Tofu Pad Thai Bowl and 178 units of Thai Noodle Salad products due to undeclared shellfish caused by misbranding. The products were sent to retailers in Oregon and Washington.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm427935.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *December 23, Garner-Cleveland Record* – (North Carolina) **Johnston pipeline breaks, sewage spills into creek.** Authorities are investigating after a broken pipeline caused 13,000 gallons of untreated sewage to spill into an unnamed creek that feeds into the Neuse River in Johnston County December 22.
Source: http://www.garnercleveland.com/2014/12/23/4425030_johnston-pipeline-breaks-sewage.html
16. *December 23, KVAL 13 Eugene* – (Oregon) **High tide causes Coos Bay wastewater system to overflow.** High tides the weekend of December 20 caused an overflow and release of 21,000 gallons of fully treated and disinfected wastewater from a manhole in Coos Bay. The overflow stopped once the tide receded and officials reported that the wastewater was in full compliance with federal regulations.
Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/High-tide-causes-Coos-Bay-wasterwater-systemt-to-overflow-286698691.html>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

17. *December 23, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **2 former Sacred Heart Hospital**

executives plead guilty in scheme. Two former administrators at Sacred Heart Hospital in Chicago pleaded guilty December 23 for their roles in a massive Medicare and Medicaid fraud scheme in which doctor's referred patients to the hospital in exchange for kickbacks, netting tens of thousands of dollars. Eight other doctors and hospital executives face charges in the scheme.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-sacred-heart-hospital-fraud-met-20141223-story.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

18. *December 23, Pensacola News Journal* – (Florida) **Fort Pickens to close due to winds, surf.** Fort Pickens in Florida was closed December 23 until further notice by the Gulf Islands National Seashore due to winds and high surf that could cause low-lying sections of Fort Pickens Road to become impassable and over-washed.

Source: <http://www.pnj.com/story/news/local/pensacola/beaches/2014/12/23/fort-pickens-close-due-weather/20808725/>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *December 23, Reuters* – (Colorado) **FBI arrests Colorado man over online threats to kill police.** A Colorado man was arrested December 22 after posting threats that encouraged the killing of police officers on a social media site. The FBI's San Francisco office was alerted by Google representatives December 17 after a user left a threatening comment on a YouTube video.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/fbi-arrests-colorado-man-over-online-threats-to-kill-police/ar-BBh9XwK>

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Information Technology Sector

20. *December 24, Softpedia* – (International) **Malware families distributed through malicious campaign targeting WordPress sites.** Researchers with Zscaler identified a malware distribution campaign utilizing more than 50 WordPress Web sites used by exploit kits as malware drop sites. The researchers observed the Upatre and Hencitor malware droppers, Vawtrack (also known as NeverQuest) banking malware, and Extrat Xtreme remote access trojan (RAT) among the malware being distributed in the campaign.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Malware-Families-Distributed-Through-Malicious-Campaign-Targeting-WordPress-Sites-468301.shtml>

21. *December 24, The Register* – (International) **Rackspace restored after DDOS takes out DNS.** Rackspace stated that it has recovered from a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack that began December 22 and lasted for about 11 hours, resulting in some legitimate traffic to the company's DNS infrastructure being blocked.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/24/rackspace_restored_after_ddos_takes_out_dns/

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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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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Commercial Facilities Sector

22. *December 24, Rochester Post-Bulletin* – (Minnesota) **Bomb squad determines suspicious suitcase not a threat.** An apartment complex and nearby buildings in downtown Rochester, Minnesota, were evacuated for more than 3 hours December 23 while authorities investigated a suspicious suitcase that was left propped against a natural gas line. The scene was cleared after the St. Paul Bomb Squad determined the suitcase was not a threat.
Source: http://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/bomb-squad-determines-suspicious-suitcase-not-a-threat/article_10834331-9eca-5a80-8d87-157012b30bbb.html
23. *December 24, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Molotov cocktails hurled into Miami Gardens cafeteria.** Two Molotov cocktails were thrown into Shorty's Cafeteria in Miami Gardens December 23 during a possible arson attack that rendered the restaurant a total loss and damaged adjoining businesses. Police are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/miami-gardens/article4911648.html>
24. *December 24, WUSA 9 Washington, D.C.* – (Washington, D.C.) **Road closures for water main break on 8th St. in D.C.** A 12-inch water main that broke along 8th Street in Washington, D.C., December 24 prompted the closure of several businesses and restaurants in the area when crews shut off water to repair the line. Authorities reported

that repairs will take several hours.

Source: <http://www.wusa9.com/story/news/2014/12/24/water-main-break-8th-street-pennsylvania-ave-g-st-dc/20849323/>

25. *December 23, WDAM 7 Laurel* – (Mississippi) **Devastating tornado rips through south Mississippi; 4 dead, many injured.** A tornado that touched down December 23 in Columbia, Mississippi, damaged several businesses and homes, prompted the closure of Highway 98, and knocked out power to at least 8,000 customers across Marion, Lamar, and Jones counties, including one hospital that was forced to operate off of a generator. Four individuals were killed and at least 50 others were injured by the tornado.
Source: <http://www.wdam.com/story/27697479/devastating-tornado-rips-through-south-mississippi-4-dead-many-injured>
26. *December 23, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Police searching for gunman in Midtown theater shooting.** Two patrons sustained minor injuries when a gunman opened fire December 23 inside the Landmark Midtown Art Cinema theater in Atlanta following an altercation. Police are investigating the incident and working to locate the shooter.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/police-searching-for-gunman-in-midtown-theater-sho/njZhS/>
27. *December 23, WCBD 2 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Apartment complex evacuated after gas leak in North Charleston.** About 20 residents were evacuated from the Palmetto Rental Apartments in North Charleston for several hours December 23 after a semi-truck struck and severed a gas main in the area. Crews worked to contain the leak before they cleared the scene and residents could return.
Source: <http://www.counton2.com/story/27699045/apartment-complex-evacuated-after-gas-leak-in-north-charleston>
28. *December 23, Reuters* – (Florida) **Florida police hunt for shooters who injured nine on basketball court.** Police are searching for 2 suspected gunmen who opened fire during a drive-by shooting on a basketball court in suburban Miami December 23 injuring 9 youths.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/23/us-usa-florida-shooting-idUSKBN0K11L220141223>
29. *December 23, Securityweek* – (International) **RSA report dives deep into Backoff PoS malware.** Researchers at EMC's RSA Security Division released a report analyzing the Backoff point of sale (PoS) malware, which found that the malware's operators may be based in India and have used the presence of exposed surveillance cameras to indicate whether a potential target was a retail entity, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/rsa-report-dives-deep-backoff-pos-malware>
30. *December 22, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **2 hurt in western Pennsylvania car wash explosion.** Two individuals were injured at Ducky's Car Wash in McDonald,

Pennsylvania, December 21 when the business's owner lit a boiler which accidentally sparked a natural gas explosion. A mechanical room and two car wash bays were destroyed by the explosion.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/hurt-western-pennsylvania-car-wash-explosion-27761485>

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