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- A Germantown, Maryland resident pleaded guilty December 1 to embezzling at least \$1.02 million from her employer, a Chevy Chase-based financial institution, between December 2007 and June 2014. – *Bethesda Magazine* (See item [7](#))
- A Houston couple pleaded guilty December 2 to stealing the identities of 50,000 victims and using the identities to apply for and obtain 230 debit cards and earn \$250,000 in fraudulent Federal tax returns. – *Houston Chronicle* (See item [8](#))
- The founder and chief executive officer of Virginia-based VitalSpring Technologies, Inc. pleaded guilty December 2 to a \$30 million investment fraud scheme affecting 160 VitalSpring shareholders. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [24](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 5, Reuters* – (North Dakota) **At Dakota pipeline protest, activists gird for fight ahead.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced December 4 that it rejected an application for the Dakota Access Pipeline to tunnel under Lake Oahe, a reservoir formed by a dam on the Missouri River. Native Americans and activists protesting the project claim that the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline would damage sacred lands and could contaminate the Standing Rock Indian Reservation's water source.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-north-dakota-pipeline-idUSKBN13T0QX>
2. *December 3, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Foam fills Philadelphia streets after substation incident.** Authorities are investigating a December 3 HAZMAT situation at the PECO Energy Company substation in Philadelphia that caused the foam fire suppression system to trigger, covering an entire city block in foam after leaking out of the building. No injuries were reported and roughly 2,500 customers temporarily lost power.
Source: <http://abc13.com/news/foam-fills-philadelphia-streets-after-substation-incident/1638590/>

Chemical Industry Sector

3. *December 3, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Chemical weapon destruction in Pueblo halted after leak.** Officials announced December 2 that the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado was shutdown indefinitely after a November 20 incident where 450 gallons of hydrosolate, wastewater generated from washing mustard gas chemicals out of shells, leaked from a storage tank, followed by the November 23 discovery of a containment liner at the site leaking rainwater. The cause of the leaks remains under investigation and officials stated that the spilled chemicals do not pose a risk to the public.
Source: <http://gazette.com/chemical-weapon-destruction-in-pueblo-halted-after-leak/article/1591457>
4. *December 2, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Chlorine leak causes massive fire at Louisiana chemical plant.** A December 2 chlorine leak at the Dow Chemical Company in Plaquemine, Louisiana, forced a shelter-in-place for certain Iberville Parish residents, prompted the evacuation of non-essential employees from the plant, and forced the temporary closure of all lanes of Louisiana Highway 1 after the facility experienced a power interruption, causing a loss of electrical power. No injuries were reported and Iberville Parish authorities confirmed that the incident has been contained.
Source: <http://wtnh.com/2016/12/02/chlorine-leak-causes-massive-fire-at-louisiana-chemical-plant/>

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *December 4, Exelon Corporation* – (Maryland) **Calvert Cliffs Unit 2 offline.** Exelon Corporation officials reported that Unit 2 of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Lusby, Maryland, automatically shut down December 3 after hydraulic fluid leaked in

the system that opens and closes turbine steam valves on the non-nuclear side of the plant. Unit 1 remained at full power while crews worked to repair Unit 2.

Source: <http://www.exeloncorp.com/newsroom/calvert-cliffs-unit-2-offline>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *December 5, TheCarConnection.com* – (International) **Ford recalls 2013-17 Ford Fusion, 2013-15 Lincoln MKZ for seatbelt, seat back problems.** Ford Motor Company issued a recall December 5 for 602,739 of its model years 2013 –2017 Ford Fusion vehicles and model years 2013 –2015 Lincoln MKZ vehicles sold in the U.S. due to an issue with the seatbelt anchor pretensioners where heat generated during deployment can cause the pretensioner cables to separate, thereby causing the seatbelt to improperly restrain the occupant and increasing the risk of injury. The recall also affects 35,614 vehicles in Canada, 8,665 in Mexico, and 653 elsewhere.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1107607_ford-recalls-2013-17-ford-fusion-2013-15-lincoln-mkz-for-seatbelt-seat-back-problems

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

7. *December 2, Bethesda Magazine* – (Maryland) **Woman pleads guilty to defrauding Chevy Chase financial company of more than \$1 million.** A Germantown, Maryland resident pleaded guilty December 1 to embezzling at least \$1.02 million from her employer, a Chevy Chase-based financial institution, between December 2007 and June 2014. The charges allege that the defendant sent banks fictitious invoices where she forged the signature of another employee of her financial firm, and deposited over 60 checks issued by various banks including U.S. Bank, Bank of America, and JPMorgan Chase & Co. into her personal financial accounts.
Source: <http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Beat/Web-2016/Woman-Pleads-Guilty-To-Defrauding-Chevy-Chase-Financial-Company-of-More-than-1-Million/>
8. *December 2, Houston Chronicle* – (International) **Couple pleads guilty to stealing 50K identities in tax fraud scam.** A Houston couple pleaded guilty December 2 to stealing the identities of 50,000 victims and using the identities to apply for and obtain 230 debit cards from January 2014 – May 2015. The duo used the stolen identities to earn \$250,000 in fraudulent Federal tax returns, while attempting to obtain a total of \$1.9 million in tax refunds.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/article/Houston-couple-pleads-guilty-10688348.php>

Transportation Systems Sector

9. *December 5, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Plane landing gear collapses on landing at San Antonio airport.** Skywest Airlines Flight 5588 traveling from George Bush

- Intercontinental Airport in Houston to Monterrey International Airport in Mexico was forced to make an emergency landing at San Antonio International Airport in Texas December 4 after the crew discovered problems with the landing gear. Fifty-five passengers and crew members were safely evacuated from the plane.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2016/12/05/plane-landing-gear-collapses-on-landing-at-san-antonio-airport.html>
10. *December 5, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Route 9 reopens in Old Bridge after 20-hour closure from crash, downed wires.** U.S. Route 9 in Old Bridge, New Jersey, was closed for nearly 20 hours December 3 – December 4 after a multiple-vehicle crash knocked down power lines.
Source: http://www.nj.com/middlesex/index.ssf/2016/12/route_9_reopens_in_old_bridge_after_saturday_accid.html
 11. *December 5, WPEC 12 West Palm Beach* – (Indiana) **Frontier flight from Chicago to PBI makes emergency landing.** A Frontier Airlines flight en route to Palm Beach International Airport in Florida from O'Hare International Airport in Chicago was forced to make an emergency landing at Indianapolis International Airport in Indiana December 4 due to fuel issue. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://cbs12.com/news/local/frontier-flight-from-chicago-to-pbia-makes-emergency-landing>
 12. *December 5, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **Train carrying 120 BMWs derails in Fairfield Co.** A Norfolk Southern train carrying cars from the BMW AG factory in Greer, South Carolina, derailed near the Newberry County line December 4, causing damage to about 120 vehicles on 12 rail cars. Crews were working to repair the tracks.
Source: <http://wspa.com/2016/12/04/train-carrying-97-bmws-derails-in-fairfield-co/>
 13. *December 5, WGPH 8 High Point; WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Plane makes emergency landing at S.C. airport after baby born mid-flight.** Southwest Airlines Flight 556 en route to Orlando International Airport in Florida from Philadelphia International Airport in Pennsylvania was diverted to Charleston International Airport in South Carolina December 4 after a mother went into labor mid-flight. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://myfox8.com/2016/12/05/plane-makes-emergency-landing-at-s-c-airport-after-baby-born-mid-flight/>
 14. *December 4, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Tennessee) **Southwest flight to Houston diverted after striking bird.** Southwest Airlines Flight 486 traveling from Memphis International Airport in Tennessee to William P. Hobby Airport in Houston was forced to return to Memphis December 4 after the plane struck a bird. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/weird/southwest-flight-to-houston-diverted-after-striking-bird/362747041>

15. *December 4, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Train derails in east Toledo.** Fifteen cars on a 187-car CSX train derailed in east Toledo, Ohio, December 4, shutting down roads in the area until midday December 5. CSX reported one of the cars was carrying hazardous materials, however officials stated there is no active threat to the public.
Source: <http://nbc24.com/news/local/train-derails-in-east-toledo>
16. *December 4, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Rollover crash causes I-24 fuel spill.** Multiple eastbound lanes on Interstate 24 near La Vergne, Tennessee, were closed for several hours December 4 while crews worked to clear the wreckage following a crash involving at least two semi-trucks that caused fuel to spill on the roadway.
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/news/local-news/rollover-crash-causes-i-24-fuel-spill>
17. *December 2, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Fatal pedestrian crash closes I-35 near New Braunfels for several hours.** The southbound lanes of Interstate 35 in New Braunfels, Texas, were closed for several hours December 2 while police investigated after a pedestrian was struck and killed by a semi-truck.
Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/local/i-35-closed-south-of-new-braunfels-after-fatal-pedestrian-crash/362050412>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

18. *December 4, Food Safety News* – (National) **FDA warns against Apple Tree goat cheeses because of Listeria.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a consumer advisory December 2 warning the public against eating goat cheese products manufactured by the Apple Tree Goat Dairy after environmental samples and samples of finished product yielded 18 positive results for *Listeria monocytogenes* in the production facility and 2 positive results for *Listeria* in finished products. There have been no illnesses or adverse reactions reported and the products were sold to farmers markets in four States and Washington, D.C.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/12/fda-warns-against-apple-tree-goat-cheeses-because-of-listeria/#.WEW12LrKUK>
19. *December 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Kentucky; Indiana) **Derby City Vending issues allergy alert of undeclared milk, egg and soy in their Buffalo Chicken Sandwich.** Derby City Vending issued a recall December 2 for its Buffalo Chicken Sandwich products due to mislabeling and undeclared milk, egg, and soy after a Federal inspection discovered that the product was distributed in packaging that did not declare the presence of the allergens due to a change in the ingredients by the manufacturer when a different size of chicken patty was purchased. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the product was shipped to vending food machines in Indiana and Kentucky.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm531509.htm>
20. *December 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Royal Seafood Baza,**

Inc. recalls various ready to eat herring products because of possible health risk. Royal Seafood Baza, Inc. issued a recall December 2 for various refrigerated ready-to-eat herring products due to potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination after a Federal inspection revealed the presence of *Listeria* in the facility. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to seven States. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm531563.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

21. *December 4, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Boil advisory issued for water in some east suburbs.** Cleveland Water Department officials issued a precautionary boil water advisory December 3 for the area between Chagrin Boulevard south to Aurora Road/Solon Road, and Northfield Center Road east to the Chagrin River after a glitch that raised chlorine levels during inspection of the Green Road pumping station. Officials stated that the impacted area will not be expanded. Source: http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2016/12/boil_advisory_issued_for_water.html
22. *December 3, Keene Sentinel* – (New Hampshire) **Field mice cause Keene water tank to be taken offline.** The Keene Public Works Department in New Hampshire temporarily took its 100,000-gallon Drummer Hill water storage tank offline following a routine inspection December 2 that uncovered several dead field mice inside. Officials reported the tank will be drained, disinfected, flushed, and refilled during the outage. Source: http://www.sentinel-source.com/news/local/field-mice-cause-keene-water-tank-to-be-taken-offline/article_a84c042e-384a-578d-bb32-f182337072a2.html

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. *December 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers can compromise smart defibrillators and kill the host, researchers warn.** A team of security researchers discovered that a malicious actor can compromise and intercept the wireless communication system between Implantable Medical Devices (IMDs) and their monitors to launch reverse engineering and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks to compromise the devices' security systems and take control of the devices' functions. Researchers stated that a standby mode after the communication between the monitors and implanted devices ends is the most effective way to avoid the hack. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/hackers-can-compromise-smart-defibrillators-and-kill-the-host-researchers-warn-510732.shtml>
24. *December 2, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Delaware; Virginia) **CEO of Virginia health care technology company pleads guilty to \$30 million shareholder fraud and \$7.5 million employment tax fraud.** The founder and chief executive officer of Virginia-based VitalSpring Technologies, Inc. pleaded guilty December 2 to a \$30 million investment fraud scheme where the former executive provided materially fraudulent and misleading information to 160 VitalSpring shareholders to induce

investments in the company. The founder concealed that VitalSpring failed to account for and pay over \$7.5 million in employment taxes to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and falsely claimed that the sale of the company was imminent, which would have resulted in substantial profits for the shareholders, among other misrepresentations.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/ceo-virginia-health-care-technology-company-pleads-guilty-30-million-shareholder-fraud-and-75>

25. *December 2, WEAU 13 Eau Claire* – (Wisconsin) **Two dozen vets come in for blood testing following Tomah VA contamination scare.** The Tomah Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Wisconsin reported November 29 that 592 patients may have been exposed to HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C after a dentist at the facility improperly reused his own dental equipment instead of using the sterilized, disposable tools required by VA standards.

Source: <http://www.weau.com/content/news/Two-dozen-vets-come-in-for-blood-testing-following-Tomah-VA-contamination-scare-403891156.html>

26. *December 2, Glendale News-Press* – (California) **Nurse fired after 528 patients' records breached at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.** Officials from the Glendale Adventist Medical Center in California reported December 2 that the protected health information of 528 patients was improperly accessed by an unauthorized hospital employee after discovering the breach during a routine security review in June 2016. Officials stated the breach included 88 patient records from the facility's sister hospital, White Memorial Medical Center in Boyle Heights.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/socal/glendale-news-press/news/tn-gnp-me-privacy-breach-20161202-story.html>

Government Facilities Sector

27. *December 5, Birmingham News* – (Tennessee) **Death toll 14; cause of wildfire investigated; some Christmas events cancelled.** Great Smoky Mountain National Park officials reported December 5 that 14 people have died as a result of wildfires that have damaged 1,700 structures and scorched more than 17,000 acres in Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and Sevier County, Tennessee, since November 28. An evacuation order remains in place for the City of Gatlinburg.

Source:

http://www.al.com/news/index.ssf/2016/12/gatlinburg_fire_latest_update_1.html

28. *December 5, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Pinnacle Mountain wildfire now 100 percent contained.** Crews reached full containment December 5 of the Pinnacle Mountain Fire that burned 10,645 acres in the Table Rock State Park in Pickens County, South Carolina. The firefighting efforts have costed an estimated total of \$4.8 million.

Source: <http://www.live5news.com/story/33858955/pinnacle-mountain-wildfire-consumes-over-10k-acres-92-percent-contained>

29. *December 3, Lemont Patch* – (Illinois) **Lemont High School evacuated due to bomb**

threat. Lemont High School in Illinois was evacuated and students were dismissed several hours early December 2 after the school received a bomb threat via email. Authorities determined the threat was a hoax.

Source: <http://patch.com/illinois/lemont/lemont-high-school-evacuated-after-threatening-email>

30. *December 2, ABC News* – (Washington, D.C.) **Washington Monument to remain closed for repairs until 2019.** The U.S. National Park Service reported December 2 that the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. will remain closed until at least 2019 while crews modernize the structure's elevator and construct a permanent screening facility. The elevator's renovations are expected to cost up to \$3 million, and will include the addition of a diagnostic system to make it easier to identify and rectify future issues, and the installation of landings in the elevator shaft, among other upgrades.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/washington-monument-remain-closed-repairs-2019/story?id=43936725>

For another story, see item [25](#)

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

31. *December 2, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Eight vulnerabilities found in Moxa NPort devices.** The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) reported that Moxa's NPort serial device servers are plagued by eight vulnerabilities after security researchers discovered three critical flaws that can be exploited to retrieve an administrator password without authentication, update the device's firmware without authentication, and use brute force to bypass authentication, as well as high security flaws that can be exploited to cause a denial-of-service (DoS) condition and remotely execute arbitrary code, among other flaws. Moxa released firmware updates for most of the affected servers and advised its customers to install the updates.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/eight-vulnerabilities-found-moxa-nport-devices>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *December 5, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **North Austin hotel evacuated after fire.** A fire at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Austin, Texas, caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage and prompted guests to evacuate. No injuries were reported and authorities believe an electrical short caused the fire.
Source: <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/north-austin-hotel-evacuated-after-fire/ntJmP/>
33. *December 4, WAGA 5 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Fire crews battle massive Buckhead apartment fire.** A fire at the 711 Lindbergh Apartments complex in northeast Atlanta damaged or destroyed 32 units and displaced up to 80 people December 3. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.fox5atlanta.com/news/221300971-story>
34. *December 4, KABB 29 San Antonio* – (Texas) **People evacuated out of Leon Valley hotel.** The Stay Express Inn and Suites in Leon Valley, Texas, was closed until further notice and dozens of guests were evacuated after authorities shut down the business due to several complaints, as well as major fire code and health code violations.
Source: <http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/people-evacuated-out-of-leon-valley-hotel>
35. *December 3, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Fire causes \$100K in damage at Boca restaurant.** The Boca and Sotto restaurants in downtown Cincinnati were temporarily closed December 2 after a fire caused an estimated \$100,000 in damages to the Boca restaurant. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2016/12/02/fire-reported-maisonette-building-downtown/94807062/>
36. *December 3, Elgin Courier-News* – (Illinois) **3 Elgin stores damaged by fire.** Three stores sustained an estimated \$150,000 in damages December 2 and will be closed until further notice after a fire broke out at the Amazing Dollar store in Elgin, Illinois. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/elgin-courier-news/news/ct-ecn-dollar-store-fire-elgin-st-1204-20161203-story.html>
37. *December 2, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Former GM of West County Honda indicted on fraud charges.** A former General Manager of West County Honda in Ellisville, Missouri, was indicted December 1 for an alleged scheme to obtain \$395,000 in fraudulent earnings that caused over \$1.8 million in losses to the dealership from September 2011 – June 2013. The charges allege that the defendant received more than \$50,000 in bribes and kickbacks from third parties that did business with the dealership.
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/story/33854672/former-gm-of-west-county-honda>

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Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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