



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 07 December 2016

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- A Federal court fined Sharon, Connecticut-based Wilkinson Financial Opportunity Fund \$22 million December 3 for orchestrating a Ponzi scheme that bilked 30 investors out of \$11 million. – *WSHU 91.1 FM Fairfield* (See item [2](#))
- Federal officials announced December 5 that a multinational operation involving arrests and searches in four countries successfully dismantled Avalanche, a complex network of computer servers that allegedly facilitated financial crimes and money laundering campaigns worldwide. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [16](#))
- Authorities continued searching for victims December 5 after a fire at a converted warehouse in Oakland, California, that killed at least 36 people December 2. – *CNN* (See item [17](#))
- A 10-alarm fire in Cambridge, Massachusetts, displaced 125 people and caused over 1,600 customers to lose power December 3. – *Cambridge Patch* (See item [18](#))

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## Energy Sector

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## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

1. *December 6, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Backdoor found in many Sony security cameras.** Sony Corporation released firmware updates for 80 of its SNC series Internet Protocol (IP) cameras equipped with the IPELA ENGINE signal processing system after researchers from SEC Consult found that the firmware contains hardcoded password hashes for the admin and root users that are easy to crack, and discovered a Common Gateway Interface (CGI) binary that allows a remote user to enable the Telnet service on a device by sending it a specially crafted Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) request with authentication data, which can be easily found in plain text in a file, and then leverage the root account to gain remote access with elevated privileges. Once an attacker gains root access to a camera, the malicious actor can disrupt camera functionality, spy on the user, breach the network that houses the camera, and infect it with Mirai-like malware.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/backdoor-found-many-sony-security-cameras>

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

## Financial Services Sector

2. *December 5, WSHU 91.1 FM Fairfield* – (Connecticut) **Conn. investment firm fined \$22 million for running Ponzi scheme.** A Federal court fined Sharon, Connecticut-based Wilkinson Financial Opportunity Fund \$22 million December 3 for orchestrating a Ponzi scheme that bilked 30 investors out of \$11 million. Beginning in 2005, a member of the firm's board of directors falsely promised friends, relatives, and business partners 10 to 30 percent returns from their investments, and paid off old clients with earnings coming in from new clients when the promised returns failed to materialize.

Source: <http://wnpr.org/post/conn-investment-firm-fined-22-million-running-ponzi-scheme>

3. *December 4, Franklin Home Page* – (Tennessee) **Franklin man convicted on 31 counts of conspiracy, computer access and wire fraud.** Two men were convicted

December 2 for altering the denomination distribution amounts of cash dispensed from Safe Cash Systems, LLC ATMs at convenience stores, bars, and restaurants in Nashville, Tennessee, from January 2009 – March 2010 using passwords that one of the co-conspirators knew from his previous employment as a Safe Cash ATM technician. Once the denomination distribution amounts were changed, the duo made more than 800 withdrawals from Safe Cash ATMs using 9 bank accounts and 17 bank cards to steal over \$600,000 from the company, 20 times the amount that was debited from their bank accounts.

Source: <http://franklinhomepage.com/franklin-man-convicted-on-31-counts-of-conspiracy-computer-access-and-wire-fraud/>

4. *December 3, WCCO 4 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Jury convicts Minnesota chiropractor of tax evasion.** A Minnesota chiropractor was convicted December 2 after he neglected to file individual income tax returns from 2004 – 2014, created a religious organization, Sovereign Christian Mission, to conceal his income and pay personal expenses, and presented a fraudulent financial instrument allegedly worth \$300 million to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), claiming it covered the taxes he was responsible for. The chiropractor tried to conceal his income by diverting money to a warehouse bank, MYICIS, cashing more than \$800,000 in business checks, and submitting fictitious money orders and other financial instruments to the IRS.  
Source: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2016/12/03/minnesota-chiropractor-tax-evasion/>

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## Transportation Systems Sector

5. *December 6, KIRO 7 Seattle*– (Washington) **More than 80 flights canceled at Sea-Tac airport icy conditions.** At least 32 departures and 52 arrivals at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Washington were canceled December 5 – December 6 due to wintry weather conditions.  
Source: <http://www.kiro7.com/news/local/alaska-airlines-cancels-20-flights-into-out-of-seattle-ahead-of-expected-snow/473091117>
6. *December 6, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (Ohio) **Delta flight bound for Atlanta makes emergency landing in Ohio.** Delta Airlines Flight 2392 en route to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta from Dayton International Airport in Ohio was forced to make an emergency landing in Dayton shortly after takeoff December 6 after an indication light signaled that the engine was getting too warm. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.cbs46.com/story/33930707/delta-flight-bound-for-atlanta-makes-emergency-landing-in-ohio>
7. *December 6, WTIC 61 Hartford* – (Connecticut) **Hartford man dies after being hit by tractor-trailer truck.** The northbound lanes of Interstate 91 in Hartford, Connecticut, were closed for 4 hours December 5 after a collision between a semi-truck and another vehicle that killed one person.  
Source: <http://fox61.com/2016/12/06/hartford-man-dies-after-being-hit-by-tractor-trailer-truck/>

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8. *December 5, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **METRO bus involved in 3-vehicle accident.** Police are investigating an accident involving a Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County bus and two other vehicles in north Harris County, Texas, December 5 that hospitalized three people.  
Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/metro-bus-involved-in-3-vehicle-accident>
9. *December 5, Florida Times-Union* – (Florida) **Crashes cause morning havoc in Jacksonville, leaving 3 dead and many injured.** The northbound lanes of Interstate 295 near Jacksonville, Florida, were closed for 8 hours December 5 after two vehicles collided, causing one of the vehicles to overturn several times. Two people were killed and four others were injured.  
Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/2016-12-05/crashes-cause-morning-havoc-jacksonville-leaving-3-dead-and-many-injured>

### **Food and Agriculture Sector**

10. *December 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Phil-Am Trading, Inc. recalls Phil-Am Smoked Mackerel (Hasa-Hasa) because of possible health risk.** Phil-am Trading, Inc. issued a recall December 3 for its Phil-am Smoked Mackerel (Hasa-Hasa) products sold in 7.05-ounce containers due to potential Clostridium botulinum contamination after sampling analysis revealed that the product is not eviscerated. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to four States.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm531746.htm>

### **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

11. *December 4, KEYE 42 Austin* – (Texas) **Boil water notice issued for W Travis County.** A December 4 water main break in west Travis County, Texas, prompted the West Travis County Public Utility Agency to issue a boil water order for the Village of Bear Creek, Bear Creek Estates, Hills of Texas, Friendship Ranch, Fox Run, and Reunion Ranch until further notice. Officials sent water samples to labs for testing and officials will cancel the boil water notice once the tests yield positive results.  
Source: <http://keyetv.com/news/local/boil-water-notice-issued-for-w-travis-county>
12. *December 4, KATC 3 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Point Blue Water System issues boil advisory.** Point Blue Water System officials issued a boil water notice for its customers in Ville Platte, Louisiana, until further notice December 4 following a break on a 6-inch main line.  
Source: <http://www.katc.com/story/33864171/point-blue-water-system-issues-boil-advisory>

### **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

Nothing to report

## Government Facilities Sector

13. *December 5, Gaston Gazette* – (North Carolina) **Chestnut Knob 100 percent contained.** Crews reached full containment December 4 of the Chestnut Knob Fire that burned 6,435 acres in the South Mountains State Park in Burke County, North Carolina. The park will remain closed until further notice while officials assess damage to the trails and other areas of the park.  
Source: <http://www.gastongazette.com/news/20161205/chestnut-knob-100-percent-contained>
14. *December 5, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Electrical fire prompts evacuation of Fair Grove Elementary.** About 400 students were evacuated from Fair Grove Elementary School in Missouri December 5 and transported to the nearby high school campus after an electrical fire filled parts of the school with smoke. A teacher extinguished the fire and fire crews responded to the scene to ensure the fire would not reignite.  
Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/education/2016/12/05/electrical-fire-prompts-evacuation-fair-grove-elementary/95009918/>

## Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

## Information Technology Sector

15. *December 5, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Chrome 55 patches 36 flaws, blocks Flash by default.** Google released Chrome 55 patching a total of 36 security flaws including 12 high risk flaws in PDFium, Blink, DevTools, and V8, as well as 9 medium severity issues, and 5 low risk flaws, among other patched vulnerabilities. In addition to resolving the security flaws, Chrome 55 enhances user security by blocking Websites that contain Adobe Flash content out-of-the-box.  
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/chrome-55-patches-36-flaws-blocks-flash-default>
16. *December 5, U.S. Department of Justice* – (International) **Avalanche network dismantled in international cyber operation.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced December 5 that a multinational operation involving arrests and searches in four countries successfully dismantled Avalanche, a complex network of computer servers that allegedly hosted more than two dozen of the most severe types of malicious software and facilitated financial crimes and money laundering campaigns worldwide. The Avalanche network reportedly served clients operating as many as 500,000 infected computers worldwide on a daily basis and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in losses.  
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/avalanche-network-dismantled-international-cyber-operation>

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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>

### Communications Sector

Nothing to report

### Commercial Facilities Sector

17. *December 6, CNN* – (California) **Oakland fire toll at 36; DA promises ‘thorough’ probe.** California State and Federal authorities continued searching for victims December 5 after a December 2 fire at a converted warehouse in Oakland that killed at least 36 people. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/12/05/us/oakland-fire-investigation/>
18. *December 6, Cambridge Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Cambridge fire: Neighborhood burned; 10 alarms struck; 125 displaced.** A 10-alarm fire in Cambridge, Massachusetts, December 3 damaged 16 buildings including a 20-unit affordable housing complex, displaced 125 people, and caused over 1,600 customers to lose power. No serious injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://patch.com/massachusetts/cambridge/cambridge-fire-blazing-reached-six-alarms>
19. *December 6, New Haven Register* – (Connecticut) **Fire at JCC of Greater New Haven in Woodbridge forces evacuation; 2 firefighters injured.** A 4-alarm fire at the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, Connecticut, prompted the evacuation of around 300 people and sent 2 responding firefighters to the hospital December 5. Center officials stated that the center will be closed until further notice and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.nhregister.com/general-news/20161205/fire-at-jcc-of-greater-new-haven-in-woodbridge-forces-evacuation-2-firefighters-injured>
20. *December 6, Des Moines Register* – (Iowa) **30 apartments evacuated during overnight fire on Des Moines’ east side.** At least 30 people were evacuated for several hours December 6 after a 2-alarm fire at the Logan Park Apartments in Des Moines, Iowa. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2016/12/06/des-moines-east-side-logan-park-apartments/95030798/>
21. *December 5, KOLN 10 Lincoln* – (Nebraska) **Monday morning fire ruled as arson.** A fire at the Aspen Haus senior living apartments in Lincoln, Nebraska, caused an estimated \$225,000 in damages December 5. Authorities determined the cause of the fire to be arson.

Source: <http://www.1011now.com/content/news/LFR-on-the-scene-of-an-overnight-fire-in-the-Belmont-neighborhood-404721335.html>

22. *December 5, Amarillo Globe-News* – (Texas) **AFD: No injuries after fire at Oakridge Apartments.** A fire at the Oakridge Apartments in Amarillo, Texas, caused an estimated \$185,000 worth of damages December 4. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://amarillo.com/news/latest-news/2016-12-05/afd-no-injuries-after-fire-oakridge-apartments>

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## **Dams Sector**

Nothing to report



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