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- A resident of Alaska was indicted December 15 for his alleged role in a scheme where he and 4 co-conspirators provided services to Iran that resulted in the unlawful distribution of roughly \$1 billion U.S. dollars. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Alaska* (See item [4](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *December 16, Chicago Daily Southtown* – (Illinois) **2 Homer Glen residents injured in area of reported gas leak, officials say.** Nicor Gas crews continued working December 16 to restore natural gas to customers who remained without service following a December 15 gas leak in Homer Glen, Illinois, which prompted officials to evacuate all residents within a half-mile radius of the leak for several hours. Two people were injured after their home caught fire roughly two blocks away from the gas leak, and the cause of the gas leak and explosion remain under investigation.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/ct-sta-homer-glen-explosion-st-1216-20161215-story.html>
2. *December 16, Medford Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Biomass One power plant down after fire.** The Biomass One LP power plant in White City, Oregon, remained shut down December 16 following a 2-alarm fire that broke out at the plant December 14 after a generator circuit breaker cabinet ignited. Officials were not sure when the plant would return to service, and technical experts were expected to evaluate the entire system December 16 to identify the root cause of the fire and determine what repairs are necessary.
Source: <http://www.mailtribune.com/news/20161215/biomass-one-power-plant-down-after-fire>

Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

3. *December 16, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Feds: Man suspected as ‘Buckeye Bandit’ indicted in Ohio.** A man dubbed the “Buckeye Bandit” was indicted December 15 for allegedly committing 7 armed bank robberies across central Ohio since 2013. He was previously indicted for one armed bank robbery in November, when authorities discovered over \$53,000 in his possession.
Source: http://www.dailyprogress.com/feds-man-suspected-as-buckeye-bandit-indicted-in-ohio/article_aa71dbf3-d68a-5fda-a4c5-be7496cb54f5.html

4. *December 15, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Alaska* – (International) **U.S. citizen charged with conspiring to provide unlawful services to Iran and international money laundering conspiracy.** An Anchorage, Alaska man was indicted December 15 for his alleged role in a scheme where he and 4 co-conspirators provided services to Iran that resulted in the unlawful distribution of roughly \$1 billion U.S. dollars equivalent of Iranian owned funds between January 2011 and at least April 2014 after the man stored the proceeds from fictitious sales of marble and other construction materials to an Iranian shell company in controlled South Korean bank accounts, and then converted the proceeds into more easily tradeable currencies by convincing the Korean regulators the transactions were lawful before transferring the finances to over 10 countries. The charges allege the man received between \$10 million and \$17 million from Iranian nationals for his criminal activities.
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/us-citizen-charged-conspiring-provide-unlawful-services-iran-and-international-money-1>
5. *December 13, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York* – (International) **Manhattan U.S. Attorney announces charges against six individuals in international high-yield investment fraud scheme.** Six individuals were charged in an indictment unsealed December 13 for their alleged roles in a \$50 million investment fraud scheme that defrauded investors in the U.S. and several foreign countries between at least June 2013 and August 2016 by purporting that their Cities Upliftment Program (CUP) would produce considerably high returns, claiming that half of the returns would help rejuvenate American cities recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, while the other half would be paid back to the investors at the rate of \$1 million per day for 75 banking days, and by using forged and counterfeit New York Fed documents, among other material misrepresentations, to persuade victims to invest in the CUP scheme. The group reportedly laundered the proceeds through various domestic and overseas bank accounts held in the names of shell companies they operated.
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/manhattan-us-attorney-announces-charges-against-six-individuals-international-high>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *December 16, Associated Press* – (California) **San Francisco: Flights being cancelled or delayed at airport due to storm.** More than 100 flights at San Francisco International Airport were canceled and 360 other flights were delayed for several hours December 16 due to a rainstorm moving across the northern California region.
Source: <http://www.actionnewsnow.com/news/san-francisco-flights-being-cancelled-or-delayed-at-airport-due-to-storm/>
7. *December 16, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Police identify Palm Bay woman killed in motorcycle crash.** U.S. Route 1 near Melbourne, Florida, was closed for several hours December 14 while officials investigated a collision between a motorcycle and another

vehicle that killed 1 person.

Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2016/12/14/palm-bay-motorcyclist/95445670/>

8. *December 16, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **SB I-75 back open after semi crash in Auglaize Co.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 75 in Auglaize County, Ohio, were closed for more than 2 hours December 15 while crews worked to clear the scene after a semi-truck crossed the median and collided with an unknown number of other vehicles. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.whio.com/news/traffic/back-open-after-semi-crash-auglaize/NLdnw09yq37oUA25WB6rfO/>
9. *December 16, Rockford Register Star* – (Illinois) **Allegiant Air flight hits geese, makes emergency landing at Chicago Rockford International Airport.** An Allegiant Air flight en route to Punta Gorda Airport in Florida from Chicago Rockford International Airport was forced to make an emergency landing at Rockford Airport December 15 after hitting a flock of geese, prompting the captain to shut down an engine. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.rrstar.com/news/20161215/allegiant-air-flight-hits-geese-makes-emergency-landing-at-chicago-rockford-international-airport>
10. *December 15, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Southwest flight makes emergency landing at Midway.** Southwest Airlines Flight 105 en route to McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas from Chicago Midway International Airport was forced to make an emergency landing in Chicago December 15 after the plane struck a bird during takeoff. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2016/12/15/southwest-flight-makes-emergency-landing-at-midway/>
11. *December 15, KARK 4 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **E-cig malfunction leads to emergency landing in LR.** American Airlines Flight 1129 en route to Indianapolis International Airport in Indiana from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Grapevine, Texas, was forced to make an emergency landing at Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas, December 15 after a passenger's electronic cigarette malfunctioned. The plane landed safely and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.arkansasmatters.com/news/local-news/e-cig-malfunction-leads-to-emergency-landing-in-lr/620822858>
12. *December 15, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York) **School bus, tractor-trailer involved in chain reaction crash on sunrise highway.** The Sunrise Highway in Sayville, New York, was closed for several hours December 15 after a pile-up collision involving almost 30 vehicles including a school bus and a semi-truck that injured 6 people. Officials reported white-out conditions and ice on the roadway caused the collision.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2016/12/15/sunrise-highway-chain-reaction-crash/>
13. *December 15, Bowling Green Daily News* – (Kentucky) **Morgantown man dead after**

- van travels into path of truck hauling corn on interstate.** Interstate 65 in Warren County, Kentucky, was closed for about 5 hours December 15 after a vehicle and a semi-truck collided, causing the semi-truck to overturn and spill a full load of shelled corn on the roadway. One driver was killed.
Source: http://www.bgdailynews.com/news/morgantown-man-dead-after-van-travels-into-path-of-truck/article_f8aef9f1-52ca-5e08-9481-5790674542f8.html
14. *December 15, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **I-395 in Plainfield reopens after dump truck rollover injures 1.** Southbound lanes of Interstate 395 in Plainfield, Connecticut, were closed for several hours December 15 after a semi-truck overturned, injuring 1 person.
Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/20161215/i-395-in-plainfield-reopens-after-dump-truck-rollover-injures-1>
15. *December 15, Glens Falls Post-Star* – (New York) **Tractor-trailer/plow truck crash closes part of Northway for more than 4 hours.** Interstate 87 near Lake George, New York, was closed for 4 hours December 15 after a semi-truck collided with a State Department of Transportation dump truck.
Source: http://poststar.com/news/local/tractor-trailer-plow-truck-crash-closes-part-of-northway-for/article_02caad35-0d35-51e3-95d3-9291cb5d9c32.html
16. *December 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Virginia) **OSHA fines USPS \$178K after inspectors find workers exposed to safety hazards at Merrifield distribution center.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the U.S. Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center with 3 repeat and 2 serious safety violations December 12 after a complaint alleging employee exposure to struck-by hazards prompted an investigation at the Merrifield, Virginia facility which revealed that the company allowed workers to operate powered industrial trucks without seatbelts, exposed workers to caught-between hazards, and allowed powered industrial trucks to be used without being inspected, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$178,156.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=33552

For another story, see item [23](#)

Food and Agriculture Sector

17. *December 16, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **All roads are back open after ammonia leak in Sanger.** The Del Monte Foods, Inc. plant in Sanger, California, remained closed December 16 after the roof collapsed and pulled down piping, causing a significant ammonia leak in the facility December 15. All roads in the area reopened December 16 but the plant remains closed.
Source: <http://abc30.com/news/roof-collapse-causes-ammonia-leak-at-sanger-business/1659239/>

18. *December 16, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **R&R Provision Company Inc. recalls breaded veal products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** R&R Provision Company Inc. issued a recall December 15 for approximately 23,040 pounds of its breaded veal products due to misbranding and undeclared whey and nonfat milk discovered during routine labeling verification activities. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to restaurants in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and sold at the establishment’s retail store in Easton, Pennsylvania.
Source: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-118-2016-release>
19. *December 15, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Ridley Block Operations announces voluntary recall of Ultralyx 24% + 3% Mag Composite.** Ridley Block Operations issued a voluntary recall December 14 for a single batch of its beef cattle feed product due to elevated levels of non-protein nitrogen (NPN) after a customer complaint revealed that the products contained elevated levels of NPN. Nine beef cows deaths are linked to this recall and the products were sold to farm supply dealers in six States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm533524.htm>
20. *December 15, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Connecticut; Pennsylvania; New York) **New Hope Mills expands recall of limited amounts of crepe mix as a precaution due to possible health risk.** New Hope Mills expanded a previous recall December 15 to include 1 additional lot of its New Hope Mills Crepe Mix products due to potential Salmonella contamination discovered after the ingredient supplier issued a recall of the bulk milk powder. The products were shipped to distributors and retail stores in New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm533592.htm>
21. *December 15, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Arcadia Trading Inc. recalls lizard fish due to possible health risk.** Arcadia Trading Inc. issued a recall December 15 for 34 cartons of its Lizard Fish products due to potential Clostridium botulinum contamination after analysis of the product confirmed that the fish were not properly eviscerated prior to processing. No illnesses or adverse reactions have been reported and the products were shipped to supermarkets nationwide.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm533633.htm>
22. *December 14, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **USDA revises guidance on date labeling to reduce food waste.** The Food Safety and Inspection Service issued updated information on food product labeling December 14 encouraging food manufacturers and retailers to replace product dating phrases such as “Sell-by” and “Use-by” with “Best if Used By” in order to provide consumers more clear and uniform labels and to reduce food waste after research revealed that “Best if Used By” phrase is easily understood by consumers as an indicator of quality..
Source: <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/newsroom/news-releases-statements-transcripts/news-release-archives-by-year/archive/2016/nr-121416-01>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

23. *December 13, WABC 7 New York* – (New Jersey) **Water main breaks in Jersey City; pressure returning.** United Water crews continued working on repairs to a 12-inch water main break in Jersey City, New Jersey, that left the southwestern section of the city with reduced or no water pressure for several hours, temporarily suspended New Jersey Transit light rail service between Marin Boulevard and Exchange Place, and prompted the Jersey City Medical Center to postpone elective surgeries for several hours December 13. Officials reported that all Jersey City Public School 16 students were relocated to Public School 3, and the opening of Ellis Island was delayed due to the break.
Source: <http://abc7ny.com/news/water-main-breaks-in-jersey-city;-pressure-returning-/1653465/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *December 16, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* – (California) **Data breach at Pomona health clinic affected patient information.** Pomona, California-based East Valley Community Health Center, Inc. announced December 14 that the patient information on 65,000 insurance claims from the past 6 years was compromised after an unauthorized actor hacked into its computer system and installed ransomware that encrypted files on a single server in October. There has been no indication that the patient information was accessed or illegally used.
Source: <http://www.dailybulletin.com/general-news/20161215/data-breach-at-pomona-health-clinic-affected-patient-information>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *December 16, KNSD 39 San Diego; Associated Press* – (California) **2 Navy contractors arrested, charged in separate bomb hoaxes.** An American Marine contractor and a BAE Systems plc contractor were charged December 14 for allegedly giving false information about 2 separate bomb hoaxes reported at Naval Base San Diego in May and the adjacent BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair facility in September that forced the shutdown of the ships and piers where the threats were found.
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Two-Navy-Contractors-Arrested-and-Charged-for-Unrelated-Bomb-Hoaxes-406967955.html>
26. *December 15, State College Centre Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Broken boiler forces Philipsburg-Osceola Area Middle School to evacuate.** More than 530 students were evacuated from Philipsburg-Osceola Area Middle School in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, for about 2 hours December 15 after a boiler broke. Fire officials responded to the school for testing to ensure the school was safe before allowing students to reenter.

Source:

<http://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/philipsburg/article121167388.html>

27. *December 15, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Armada elementary school evacuated due to gas leak.** Armada Area Schools officials dismissed students at Armada Area High School, Armada Middle School, and Orville C. Krause Later Elementary School in Armada, Michigan, several hours early December 15 after a gas leak at the elementary school.
Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/armada-elementary-school-evacuated-due-to-gas-leak>
28. *December 15, KWQC 6 Davenport* – (Illinois) **Black Hawk College health insurance computer breach.** Black Hawk College officials announced December 15 it was notified of a possible cybersecurity incident that may have compromised the personal information of about 1,000 of its current and former employees after Summit Reinsurance Services, Inc., the carrier utilized by the school's former third-party health insurance administrator, discovered a ransomware on its server in August 2016. Summit officials reported there is no evidence the information has been misused and the breach remains under investigation.
Source: <http://kwqc.com/2016/12/15/black-hawk-college-health-insurance-computer-breach/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

29. *December 16, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Joomla patches dangerous security flaws.** Joomla released version 3.6.5 to resolve three security issues, including a high severity flaw plaguing all Joomla iterations from 1.6.0 – 3.6.4 which could be exploited to allow an attacker to modify existing user accounts including altering usernames, user group assignments, and passwords. In addition to the patches, the update included additional security hardening mechanisms.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/joomla-patches-dangerous-security-flaws>
30. *December 15, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Suspect arrested in JPMorgan, Dow Jones data theft case.** A U.S. citizen living in Moscow was arrested at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York December 14 after he allegedly orchestrated computer hacking crimes against U.S. financial institutions, brokerage firms, and financial news publishers, including a hack that compromised the data on 7 million businesses and 76 million household customers of JPMorgan Chase & Co and other firms. The man and his co-conspirators also allegedly operated an Internet gambling scheme, an unlawful bitcoin exchange, and an illicit payment processing operation for fraudulent online pharmaceutical sellers.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/suspect-arrested-jpmorgan-dow-jones-data-theft-case>

31. *December 15, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Over 8,800 WordPress plugins have flaws: Study.** RIPS Technologies researchers released a report after analyzing 44,705 plugins in the official WordPress plugins directory, which found a total of 67,486 vulnerabilities in the plugins, including 41 critical flaws, 2,799 high severity flaws, and more than 4,600 medium severity security holes. The study also revealed that more than 68 percent of the vulnerabilities discovered are cross-site scripting (XSS) issues and over 20 percent are Structured Query Language (SQL) injection flaws.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/over-8800-wordpress-plugins-have-flaws-study>

32. *December 15, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Nymaim trojan fingerprints MAC addresses to bypass virtualization.** SophosLabs security researchers reported that the Nymaim trojan was spotted comparing a targeted machine's media access control (MAC) address against a hardcoded list of blacklisted vendors, enabling the malware to avoid virtual environments and hinder analysis tools. The researchers also found that the trojan includes a list of checks and continues running even after those checks fail in order to hide its failure.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/nymaim-trojan-uses-mac-addresses-bypass-virtualization>

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>

Communications Sector

33. *December 15, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Malvertising campaign targets routers.** Proofpoint security researchers reported that attackers behind the DNSChanger exploit kit (EK) were attempting to infect home or small office (SOHO) routers using an enhanced version of the DNSChanger, and subsequently expose the router to further attacks as the EK changes network rules to make the administration ports available from external addresses. The researchers reported malicious actors are leveraging the attacks in order to steal traffic from large Web ad agencies, and users can prevent their devices from being infected by updating their routers to the most updated firmware.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/malvertising-campaign-targets-routers>

34. *December 15, Iowa City Press-Citizen* – (Iowa) **Mediacom services restored in Iowa City area.** Up to 1,800 Mediacom customers in the Iowa City, Iowa area were without Internet, cable, and phone services for more than 10 hours December 14 after a city-owned construction vehicle inadvertently cut a main line of a fiber optic cable.
Source: <http://www.press-citizen.com/story/money/business/2016/12/14/mediacom-outage-iowa-city-area-may-take-hours-repair/95445896/>

35. *December 14, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska; Minnesota) **Man critically injured in fire in Sprint building Tuesday; voice, data service disrupted.** A December 13 fire in the main electrical breaker at a Sprint Corporation building in Omaha, Nebraska, impacted 236 towers in the city and caused customers in Omaha and Minneapolis to lose Internet, phone, and potentially 9-1-1 services for several hours. One person was critically injured in the fire.
Source: http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/person-critically-injured-in-fire-in-sprint-building-at-th/article_cba9076e-c125-11e6-8570-9ff513dd1da4.html

Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *December 16, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Charlestown apartments, laundromat featured in ‘The Town’ destroyed in 6-alarm fire.** A 6-alarm fire at a mixed-use building in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston displaced 23 people and damaged multiple apartments and a laundromat December 16, causing an estimated \$2 million in damage. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2016/12/16/bunker-hill-street-fire-charlestown-boston/>
37. *December 15, Muskegon Chronicle* – (Michigan) **6 people injured, 81 displaced after Hart apartment fire.** A fire at the Parkview Manor apartments in Hart, Michigan, injured 6 people and displaced 81 residents December 15. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2016/12/6_injured_80_displaced_after_h.html
38. *December 15, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **South side apartment fire displaces 75 residents.** Roughly 75 people were displaced following a fire that caused an estimated \$250,000 in damages to the Sawmill Apartments in Indianapolis December 15. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://fox59.com/2016/12/15/south-side-apartment-fire-displaces-75-residents/>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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