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- U.S. auto safety regulators fined Takata Corporation November 3 for deliberately mishandling a recall of more than 23 million air bags that have contributed to the death of at least 7 Americans. – *CBS News* (See item [5](#))
- The Federal U.S. Attorney’s Office announced November 3 that nine Jacksonville, Florida residents were charged for allegedly defrauding the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) of more than \$1.8 million by redeeming SNAP benefits through unauthorized Electronic Benefits Transfers. – *WJXT 4 Jacksonville* (See item [20](#))
- Researchers from Akamai discovered a new spam botnet in the wild, dubbed Torte that infects machines via Executable and Linkable Format Linux binaries and Hypertext Preprocessor scripts placed on the targeted server’s filesystem. – *Softpedia* (See item [22](#))
- FireEye researchers discovered the malware XcodeGhost is still active and has evolved to support Xcode 7 and iOS 9, allowing attackers collect information from infected devices and open arbitrary Web sites. – *Securityweek* (See item [23](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *November 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Arizona) **U.S. EPA requires ASARCO to cut toxic emissions at 103-year-old Arizona copper smelter.** The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reached a settlement with ASARCO November 3 resolving Clean Air Act violations at the company's Hayden, Arizona plant after an investigation found the company failed to adequately control emissions from hazardous pollutants. ASARCO will spend over \$150 million to install new equipment and pollution control technology, fund local environmental projects, replace a diesel locomotive, and will pay a \$4.5 million civil penalty.  
Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/3E86A0585A043C2585257EF2006E1BFD>
2. *November 3, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **13 arrested in copper cable theft ring.** The Florida Department of Law Enforcement announced November 3 that 13 suspects were arrested for allegedly stealing over \$500,000 in underground copper cable stretching from south Florida and central Florida, and selling it to metal recycling facilities across Miami-Dade County. Seven of the suspects worked for the subcontractor Megatran, and would install the copper cables during the day and return to steal it at night.  
Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/story/30426920/13-arrested-in-copper-cable-theft-ring>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

## Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *November 4, WITN 7 Washington* – (National) **Fire risk prompts GE air conditioning and heating units recall.** Three consumer reports involving smoking and/or fires prompted General Electric (GE) to recall more than 33,000 GE Zoneline Air Conditioning and heating units sold between January 2010 and December 2013 due to a fire risk potentially caused by moisture that can accumulate near the heater, and two shorted electrical components that can create an electrical ground path causing a hazard November 4.  
Source: <http://www.witn.com/home/headlines/GE-is-recalling-more-than-33000-air-conditioning-and-heating-units-340045872.html>
4. *November 4, WREX 13 Rockford* – (National) **Volkswagen recalls 92,000 vehicles for camshaft problems.** Volkswagen Group issued a nationwide recall November 4 for approximately 92,000 model year 2015 – 2016 Beetle, Golf, Jetta, and Passat vehicles

with 1.8-liter and 2-liter turbocharged four-cylinder gas engines due to a camshaft failure where pieces of the camshaft can fall off and can cause vacuum loss in power brakes, leading to longer stopping distances. The company has received several reports of failures and will release a fix by the end of March.

Source: <http://www.wrex.com/story/30434169/2015/11/04/volkswagen-recalls-92000-vehicles-for-camshaft-problems>

5. *November 3, CBS News* – (International) **Takata fined up to \$200 million for air bag bungle.** U.S. auto safety regulators fined Japanese automotive parts maker Takata Corporation November 3 for deliberately mishandling a recall of more than 23 million air bags that have contributed to the death of at least 7 Americans. Takata will be forced to pay up to \$200 million in penalties, stop all sales of inflators that use ammonium nitrate propellant, and will be subject to Federal oversight for 5 years, among other requirements.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/takata-fined-up-to-200-million-for-air-bag-bungle>

## Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *November 3, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **Pentagon suspends troubled missile defense system at center of ‘runaway blimp.’** Officials from the Pentagon announced November 3 the indefinite suspension of a trial run of the missile defense system Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System (JLENS) pending an investigation following an October 28 incident where a giant, radar-carrying blimp became loose over Maryland and Pennsylvania. The blimp dragged a 6,700-foot-long mooring cable, which cut off power and disrupted civil aviation.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-pentagon-suspends-jlens-runaway-blimp-20151103-story.html>

## Financial Services Sector

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## Transportation Systems Sector

7. *November 4, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Prosecutor: Unruly AA passenger faces federal charges.** American Airlines flight headed to New York from Phoenix was diverted to Wichita, Kansas, November 3 due to an unruly passenger. Law enforcement officials boarded the flight and took the passenger into custody while the remaining passengers continued to their destination a few hours later.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/aa-flight-diverted-wichita-due-disruptive-passenger-34960440>

8. *November 3, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **NTSB: Plane on fire at Fort Lauderdale airport had disconnected fuel line.** The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board reported November 3 that an investigation revealed that the cause of an October 29 fire at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport was due to a disconnected main

fuel line on a Dynamic International Airway. Officials also reported that the Boeing 767 plane was in storage for more than 2 years until Dynamic International Airway leased the plane in September.

Source:

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/broward/article42782073.html>

9. *November 3, KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **Big-rig crash blocks traffic on I-880, spawns multiple accidents, one fatal.** Interstate Highway 880 in San Jose was shut down for several hours November 3 while officials responded to a multi-vehicle accident involving a semi-truck that lost control and spun out, striking other vehicles and killing one person.

Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Multi-Vehicle-Collision-Involving-Big-Rig-Blocks-SB-I-880-Lanes-339861012.html>

10. *November 3, Bel Air Patch* – (Maryland) **Fatal crash closed I-95 north near Joppa: Police.** A section of Interstate 95 in the Joppa area was shut down for approximately 3 hours November 3 following a fatal 3-vehicle accident that involved a tractor-trailer and two vehicles.

Source: <http://patch.com/maryland/belair/fatal-crash-closes-i-95-north-near-joppa-police>

11. *November 3, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Highway 28 near 69 in Adair shut down after accident.** A section of Highway 28 near 69 in Adair was shut down November 3 while officials investigated the cause of a multiple-vehicle accident after a semi-truck crossed the railroad tracks and was struck by a train. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://ktul.com/news/local/highway-28-near-69-in-adair-shut-down-after-accident>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

12. *November 4, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Marijuana products pulled in Denver in largest pesticide recalls.** The Denver Department of Environmental Health announced November 3 that Gaia's Garden and Green Cross, 2 companies involved in the selling of edible marijuana products, recalled nearly 30,000 products October 30 and November 3 due to potential pesticide contamination after both companies purchased marijuana trim from TruCannabis, which was the subject of a pesticide-related voluntary recall.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/news/cj\\_29066578/marijuana-products-pulled-denver-largest-pesticide-recalls](http://www.denverpost.com/news/cj_29066578/marijuana-products-pulled-denver-largest-pesticide-recalls)

13. *November 3, Reuters* – (Oregon; Washington) **Chipotle now linked to 35 confirmed E. coli cases.** Health officials in Portland, Oregon, and Seattle reported 35 confirmed cases of E. coli infection November 3 connected to Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. restaurants throughout the two States. The outbreak, which has hospitalized 12 people, has forced Chipotle to temporarily close 43 restaurants in and around Seattle and Portland.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/chipotle-now-linked-to-35-confirmed-e>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

14. *November 4, Vicksburg Post* – (Mississippi) **Power outage at water plant forces citywide boil water alert.** Vicksburg officials issued a citywide boil water advisory for an estimated 10,000 water system customers November 4 following a power outage at the Vicksburg Water Treatment Plant. Some schools were forced to close due to the water outage while crews restored water, arranged temporary bathrooms, and provided bottled water.  
Source: <http://www.vicksburgpost.com/2015/11/04/citywide-boil-water-notice-issued-wednesday/>
15. *November 3, WHNS 21 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Officials: Almost 12,000 gallons of wastewater spilled.** About 12,000 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled from the Hendersonville Wastewater Collection System and flowed into the Mud Creek of the French Broad River Basin November 2 following a damaged manhole caused by excessive rainfall and flooding. Crews were working to repair the manhole.  
Source: <http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/30427670/officials-almost-12000-gallons-of-wastewater-spilled>
16. *November 3, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **200,000 gallons of sewage spill in DeKalb County.** DeKalb County crews are working to clean up several major sewage spills after more than 200,000 gallons of sewage spilled between November 2 – November 3 following recent heavy rain and flash flooding in the area.  
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/200000-gallons-sewage-spills-dekalb-county/npFWM/>

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *November 3, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Legionella bacteria at Syracuse hospital found in two patient sinks, ice machine.** St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse reported November 3 that testing by the New York Health Department found Legionella bacteria in 2 patient sinks and 1 ice machine following the diagnosis of Legionnaires' disease in 3 patients. The hospital installed 1,000 special filters on faucets in all patient areas and hired consultants to conduct further testing.  
Source:  
[http://www.syracuse.com/health/index.ssf/2015/11/legionella\\_bacteria\\_at\\_syracuse\\_hospital\\_found\\_in\\_two\\_patient\\_sinks\\_ice\\_machine.html](http://www.syracuse.com/health/index.ssf/2015/11/legionella_bacteria_at_syracuse_hospital_found_in_two_patient_sinks_ice_machine.html)

For another story, see item [21](#)

## **Government Facilities Sector**

18. *November 3, Saginaw News* – (Michigan) **2 killed, driver survives when vehicle hits Midland Academy.** Classes at Midland Academy in Michigan were cancelled November 3 after a vehicle crashed through the wall of the school, killing two people

and injuring a third. The accident is under investigation.

Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/11/2\\_killed\\_when\\_vehicle\\_hits\\_m\\_id.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2015/11/2_killed_when_vehicle_hits_m_id.html)

19. *November 3, Houston Herald* – (Missouri) **Bomb threat closes Texas County Justice Center.** A phoned bomb threat forced the evacuation and closure of the Texas County Justice Center in Missouri November 3. No suspicious devices were found after police conducted a search of the building.

Source: [http://www.houstonherald.com/news/bomb-threat-closes-texas-county-justice-center/article\\_4f49c5f8-824e-11e5-890f-973e5d2bbf90.html](http://www.houstonherald.com/news/bomb-threat-closes-texas-county-justice-center/article_4f49c5f8-824e-11e5-890f-973e5d2bbf90.html)

20. *November 3, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **9 indicted for SNAP fraud in Jacksonville.** The Federal U.S. Attorney's Office announced November 3 that 9 Jacksonville, Florida residents were charged for allegedly defrauding the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) of more than \$1.8 million by reportedly redeeming SNAP benefits through unauthorized Electronic Benefits Transfers, and for setting up fake stores at local homes that never sold goods. Six suspects were in custody while the remaining 3 are still on the run.

Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news/9-indicted-for-snap-fraud-in-jacksonville/36230982>

21. *November 3, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Roofing company pleads guilty in unemployment fraud case over 'banking hours.'** Lutz Roofing Company in Shelby Township pleaded guilty November 2 to defrauding Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency of more than \$104,000, and multiple health care plans of more than \$70,000 by allowing part-time employees to file for full unemployment benefits and log 'banking hours,' as well as directing workers to falsely reports on-the-job injuries in order to obtain health care benefits.

Source:

[http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2015/11/roofing\\_company\\_pleads\\_guilty.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/detroit/index.ssf/2015/11/roofing_company_pleads_guilty.html)

For another story, see item [14](#)

## **Emergency Services Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Information Technology Sector**

22. *November 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Spam botnet leverages vulnerable WordPress sites.** Researchers from Akamai Security Intelligence Research Team (SIRT) discovered a new spam botnet in the wild dubbed Torte that infects machines via Executable and Linkable Format (ELF) Linux binaries and Hypertext Preprocessor (PHP) scripts placed on the targeted server's filesystem after the SIRT team received a suspicious PHP script for analysis. The botnet is one of the largest in recent years and

accounts for 83,000 infections across 2 of 4 infection layers.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/spam-botnet-leverages-vulnerable-wordpress-sites-495659.shtml>

23. *November 3, Securityweek* – (International) **XcodeGhost Malware updated to target iOS 9.** FireEye researchers discovered the malware XcodeGhost designed to target Apple’s mobile operating system (iOS) and graphical interface operating systems (OS X) is still active and has evolved to support Xcode 7 and iOS 9, allowing attackers to perform various actions including collecting information from infected devices and opening arbitrary Web sites. The malware has primarily targeted China, Germany, and the U.S.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/xcodeghost-malware-updated-target-ios-9>

24. *November 3, Securityweek* – (International) **Malware served via anti-adblocking service pagefair.** The anti-adblocking solutions provider, PageFair reported hackers breached its systems after gaining access to a key email account via a spear phishing attack, which allowed attackers to hijack the content delivery network MaxCDN account and change its settings to replace the legitimate analytics JavaScript tag with malware disguised as an Adobe Flash Player update. PageFair reported that just 2.3 percent of the affected Web sites’ visitors were at risk of infection before neutralizing the attack.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/malware-served-anti-adblocking-service-pagefair>

25. *November 3, The Register* – (International) **Password reset invoked after vBulletin.com forum software site defaced.** The official Web site of vBulletin.com was compromised October 30 following a hacker attack that used the handle “Coldzer0” by exploiting a zero-day vulnerability in its systems to hack its Web site and other Web sites powered by the company. User data including user names, email addresses, security questions and answers, and password salts were exposed, and as a precaution, vBulletin reset all account passwords.

Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/11/03/vbulletin\\_forum\\_software\\_hacked\\_defaced/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/11/03/vbulletin_forum_software_hacked_defaced/)

### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [soc@us-cert.gov](mailto:soc@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

26. *November 3, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Hilton, M.C. Dean being fined for blocking guests’ Wi-Fi.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission announced November 2 that Hilton Worldwide and M.C. Dean face a total of \$750,000 in fines related to complaints that revealed the companies allegedly obstructed people from

accessing personal Wi-Fi hot spots at the Baltimore Convention center. M.C. Dean also faces fines for failure to cooperate with the investigation that revealed the hotel chain blocked Wi-Fi access at its properties.

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/capital-business/wp/2015/11/03/hilton-m-c-dean-being-fined-for-blocking-guests-wi-fi/>

## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

27. *November 3, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **Crews employ air boat at Green Bay Packaging fire.** A November 3 fire at the Green Bay Packaging building prompted about 100 people to evacuate November 3 while crews remained onsite for about 2 hours containing the incident. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.  
Source: <http://wbay.com/2015/11/03/crews-respond-to-fire-at-green-bay-packaging/>
28. *November 3, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Firefighter, resident burned in Detroit apartment fire.** An November 3 fire at a 3-story apartment complex on Detroit's west side severely damaged 48 units and injured 5 people after a 3-alarm fire began on the third floor and spread to surrounding units. Fire crews contained the incident.  
Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2015/11/03/detroit-apartment-fire/75104766/>
29. *November 3, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Several displaced in Arlington apartment fire.** A 3-alarm fire at the Trails at River Park Apartments located in Arlington, Texas, damaged 12 units and displaced several residents November 3 after the fire began in a first-floor unit and spread to surrounding units. No injuries were reported.  
Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/2015/11/03/several-displaced-after-arlington-apartment-building-catches-fire/75081068/>
30. *November 2, Norcross Patch* – (Georgia) **Flooding rain forces mobile home park evacuation, closes roads.** Officials reported November 2 that about 30 residences were evacuated from the Jones RV and Mobile Home Park in Norcross, Georgia, after flood waters as deep as 4 feet inundated the park. Authorities believe the flooding was due to rain-swollen Beaver Ruin Creek and officials reported residents will be unable to return home until water levels recede and utilities are restored.  
Source: <http://patch.com/georgia/norcross/flooding-rain-forces-mobile-home-park-evacuation-closes-roads-0>

## **Dams Sector**

31. *November 3, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (California) **State warn foothills dam could collapse this winter.** California State officials reported November 3 that a 99-year-old dam could potentially collapse this winter and cause flooding in Jackson, California, after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a report stating that the dam that holds 169,000 cubic yards of arsenic-contaminated tailings is structurally unsound and at risk of collapse. The State has begun a \$1 million emergency repair operation at the dam, and a temporary fix is expected to be completed by November 23.  
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/state-warns-foothills-dam-could-collapse-this->



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