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- A former JPMorgan Chase & Co. broker pleaded guilty to securities fraud and embezzlement November 5 for defrauding 10 of his clients out of more than \$20 million by withdrawing hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars from their accounts. – *Bloomberg News* (See item [5](#))
- Two men pleaded guilty November 4 to stealing up to \$1.5 million in food stamp benefits at their Massachusetts bodega by charging customers paying with Electronic Benefit Transfer for more than the items they purchased. – *Boston Herald* (See item [15](#))
- About 200 firefighters remained on site for about 8 hours November 5 after a fire at the Acorn Design & Manufacturing facility in Pennsylvania caused approximately \$1 million in damages. – *LancasterOnline.com* (See item [20](#))
- Newark, New Jersey officials condemned four housing properties owned by Virginia-based Realty Management Associates November 5 after determining that the buildings were a public safety issue and a public health issue. – *Newark Star-Ledger* (See item [23](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 6, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **42,000 gallons of crude oil spilled from pipeline in Noble County.** A Magellan Midstream Partners pipeline in Billings was shut down following the spill of approximately 42,000 gallons of crude oil November 5. The spill was contained and crews worked to clean up the oil.
Source: <http://www.koco.com/news/1000-barrels-of-crude-oil-spilled-from-pipeline-in-noble-county/36295590>
2. *November 5, Mankato Free Press* – (Minnesota) **USDA awards millions for rural electric infrastructure.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture Development State Director in Minnesota announced November 5 that nearly \$222 million in loans will be distributed to 16 utilities and cooperatives throughout the State to build and improve 12,000 miles of electrical distribution and transmission lines in rural communities.
Source: http://www.mankatofreepress.com/news/local_news/usda-awards-millions-for-rural-electric-infrastructure/article_3c926c18-8333-11e5-87b5-5f343c648cde.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *November 4, New York Times* – (International) **Mercedes-Benz recalls 126,000 vehicles over problems with airbags.** Mercedes-Benz issued a recall November 4 for 126,000 model year 2008 – 2009 C300, C350, and C63 AMG vehicles, as well as 2010 GLK350 vehicles in the U.S. due to a malfunctioning control unit in its airbags that could cause them to improperly deploy in a crash or deploy immaturely. Mercedes has received at least 3 reports of inadvertent deployments in the U.S.
Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/05/business/mercedes-benz-recalls-126000-vehicles-over-problems-with-airbags.html?_r=0

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *November 6, KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **‘Hipster Bandit’ hits 3rd bank.** Authorities are searching for a suspect known as the ‘Hipster Bandit’ who reportedly robbed three bank branches in San Diego, with the most recent heist taking place at a

Wells Fargo banking desk inside a Vons store November 2. The suspect allegedly robbed U.S. Bank branches in Albertsons supermarkets July 2 and September 25, and usually hands the teller a demand note.

Source: <http://fox5sandiego.com/2015/11/05/hipster-bandit-hits-3rd-bank/>

5. *November 5, Bloomberg News* – (National) **JPMorgan broker faces up to 50 years for \$20 million scam.** A former JPMorgan Chase & Co. broker pleaded guilty to securities fraud and embezzlement November 5 for defrauding 10 of his clients out of more than \$20 million by withdrawing hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars from their accounts with the promise of investment into low-risk municipal bonds. The suspect never invested the money and used it for personal expenses.

Source:

<http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20151105/FINANCE/151109924/jpmorgan-broker-faces-up-to-50-years-for-20-million-scam>

6. *November 4, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York* – (New York) **New York attorney and two registered brokers arrested for engaging in a \$300 million market manipulation scheme.** Federal and State authorities reported November 4 that the founder of Ofsink LLC and the managing director of Halcyon Cabot Partners, Ltd., and a registered broker were arrested for their roles in a \$300 million market manipulation scheme where the trio, along with 7 other co-conspirators took part in the scheme to mislead securities markets and the public through false and misleading press releases and manipulated trading activity.

Source: <https://www.fbi.gov/newyork/press-releases/2015/new-york-attorney-and-two-registered-brokers-arrested-for-engaging-in-a-300-million-market-manipulation-scheme>

Transportation Systems Sector

7. *November 6, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Parks Highway diesel cleanup successful after collision.** The Parks Highway in Fairbanks was shut down for several hours November 5 while crews worked to clean up 180 gallons of fuel that spilled the week of November 2 after 2 semi-trucks collided and injured 1 person.

Source: http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/parks-highway-diesel-cleanup-successful-after-collision/article_e5db8296-8464-11e5-8ee0-b7fabad419b4.html

8. *November 6, WJAX 47 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **I-10 EB opens after multi-vehicle crash involving overturned tractor-trailer.** Interstate 10 in Jacksonville was shut down for 3 hours November 6 while crews repaired damaged roadway caused by a 5-vehicle accident involving a semi-truck. The accident remains under investigation and no injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/news/local/overturned-semi-truck-crash-closes-eb-i-10-chaffee/npHTC/>

9. *November 6, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **6 dead in Michigan charter bus crash in Arkansas.** Interstate 40 in Little Rock, Arkansas, was shut down for several hours November 6 while officials investigated an accident that killed 6 people and

injured 3 others after a charter bus collided with an abutment.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/story/news/2015/11/06/michigan-little-rock-charter-bus-crash/75281200/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *November 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Kozy Shack recalls one lot of Kozy Shack Indulgent Recipe Pudding.** Kozy Shack Enterprises LCC issued November 4 a nationwide recall for its Kozy Shack Indulgent Recipe Salted Caramel Pudding products due to misbranding and undeclared egg after it was discovered that the products, which were packaged in a cardboard sleeve, may contain Vanilla Bean Pudding cups.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm471519.htm>
11. *November 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Connecticut; New York) **Peru Food Imports, Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared sulfites in Mote Corn-Maiz Mote, Lot #38-16.** Fairview, New Jersey-based Peru Food Imports, Inc., issued a recall November 5 for its Peru Food Mote Corn-Maiz Mote, Lot #38-16 products packaged in 15-ounce bags and sold in Connecticut and New York retail stores due to misbranding and undeclared sulfites.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm471513.htm>
12. *November 3, California Department of Public Health* – (California) **CDPH issues warning about Dungeness and Rock crabs caught in waters along the central and northern California coast.** A statement released by the California Department of Public Health November 3 advised the public to avoid consuming Dungeness and Rock crabs caught in waters along the Oregon border and southern Santa Barbara county line until further notice due to high levels of domoic acid after State testing revealed that the toxin had consistently exceeded the State’s action level. The advisory will be lifted once the amount of domoic acid returns to acceptable levels.
Source: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Pages/NR15-082.aspx>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *November 5, WKYT 27 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **‘Code Red’ lifted after chlorine leak at Cynthiana water plant.** A chlorine leak at a local water treatment plant prompted Cynthiana officials to evacuate a local Walmart and issue a ‘Code Red’ November 5 asking residents to stay indoors with their windows closed while crews worked to repair and assess the spill. No illnesses were reported.
Source: <http://www.wkyt.com/home/headlines/Cynthiana-residents-asked-to-shelter-in-place-after-chlorine-leak-at-water-plant-341363132.html>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *November 5, Big Island Video News* – (Hawaii) **Dengue fever update: Honaunau treatments Friday.** The Hawaii Department of Health issued a release November 5 stating that a dengue fever outbreak on the Big Island has infected 19 people, which

prompted officials to initiate mosquito control and pesticide treatments and caused the indefinite closure of Ho’okena Beach Park.

Source: <http://www.bigislandvideonews.com/2015/11/05/dengue-fever-update-honaunau-treatments-friday/>

Government Facilities Sector

15. *November 5, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Dad, son plead guilty in EBT scam.** Two men pleaded guilty November 4 to stealing between \$1 million and \$1.5 million in food stamp benefits at their Lawrence bodega, Bonao Market, by charging customers paying with Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) for more than the items they purchased. The pair would then pocket a portion of the excess cash.

Source:

http://www.bostonherald.com/news/local_coverage/2015/11/dad_son_plead_guilty_in_ebt_scam

Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

16. *November 5, Help Net Security* – (International) **Firefox 42 is out, with many privacy and security improvements.** Mozilla released Firefox 42 addressing several security patches including a new feature named Tracking Protection that actively blocks contents like ads, analytics trackers, requests from active trackers, and social share buttons that may record users’ activity and send personal information without their knowledge across multiple Web sites.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=19071>

17. *November 5, Threatpost* – (International) **Updated Cryptowall encrypts file names, mocks victims.** Researchers from both Bleeping Computer and an independent researcher discovered that the Cryptowall malware was recently updated to encrypt data on victims’ machines and file names, making infected files difficult to recover without paying a ransom. The ransomware infects victims via email attachments, disguised as Microsoft Word documents, through JavaScript executable.

Source: <https://threatpost.com/updated-cryptowall-encrypts-file-names-mocks-victims/115285/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

18. *November 6, Bluefield Daily Telegraph* – (West Virginia) **Cable theft disrupts Internet for thousands of customers.** Frontier Communications representatives reported November 5 that thieves seeking copper, cut fiber optic cables that caused 4,000 customers in McDowell County to experience an Internet and phone service outage that impacted 9-1-1 services. Officials are investigating the incident and crews restored service.
Source: http://www.bdtonline.com/news/cable-theft-disrupts-internet-for-thousands-of-customers/article_d7aacd34-8433-11e5-a146-d76254738b77.html
19. *November 6, The Register* – (National) **Fake IT admin tricked Cox rep into handing over customer database – cableco fined \$600K.** The U.S. Federal Communications Commission fined Cox Communications for \$595,000 November 5 for allegations that the company failed to provide adequate security for its customer database and failed to notify the Federal government after a 2014 security breach in which a Lizard Squad hacker accessed customer records and leaked partial information on 8 customers and changed the passwords of 28 others while disguised as an employee in the Intelligence Technology (IT) department. The hacker had control over customer billing information including names, addresses, payment data, and even partial social security numbers and State identification numbers.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/11/06/fcc_cox_data_breach/

Commercial Facilities Sector

20. *November 6, LancasterOnline.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Damage from fire that destroyed Acorn Design & Manufacturing will top \$1 million.** Approximately 200 firefighters remained on site for about 8 hours November 5 after a fire began at the Acorn Design & Manufacturing facility that caused approximately \$1 million in damages. All employees were evacuated and no injuries were reported.
Source: http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/blaze-engulfs-acorn-design-manufacturing/article_9cbabcd4-8424-11e5-ae9c-e72187e93549.html
21. *November 6, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Amana Colonies Golf Club fire believed to have started in pro shop.** The Iowa Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the cause of a November 6 fire at The Amana Colonies Golf Club after the blaze began in the pro shop area and spread to surrounding areas. Four fire departments contained the incident and no injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/subject/news/public-safety/fire-at-amana-colonies-golf-course-20151106>
22. *November 6, WJCL 22 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Fire damages condos in Thunderbolt.** A November 5 fire displaced residents from eight apartment units at The Morningstar Marinas Condos in Thunderbolt, Georgia, after a fire severely damaged the building and cut off power from November 5 - November 6. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.wjcl.com/news/local-news/fire-damages-condos-in-thunderbolt/90796796/story>

23. *November 5, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New York) **Newark cracks down on ‘slumlords’, condemns rodent, bedbug-infested buildings.** Newark officials condemned 4 housing properties owned by Virginia-based Realty Management Associates including Aspen Stratford Apartments November 5 after deeming the buildings were a public safety issue and a public health issue following traces of rat infestation, mold, collapsed ceilings, and water leakage. Approximately 100 residents were relocated to new housing units.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/essex/index.ssf/2015/11/newark_condemns_4_rodent_bedbug_infested_slums.html

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Dams Sector

24. *November 4, Columbia The State* – (South Carolina) **DHEC issues repair orders for 167 more SC dams.** The U.S. Department of Health and Environmental Control reported November 4 that an additional 167 dams have been requested for repairs in South Carolina following post-storm assessments by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after 75 dams ruptured in a historic October 4 storm. The requests require dam owners to submit a report with an engineer’s recommendations, as well as an application to receive a State permit for repairs by February 2, 2016.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article43056084.html>



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