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- A Virginia man plead guilty March 7 for his role in a \$42 million identity theft scheme involving over 12,000 fraudulent tax returns and 19 co-conspirators in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. from 2008 to 2015. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [5](#))
- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Secret Service reported that more than 1,000 U.S. cybersecurity professionals participated in a mock cyberattack exercise March 8 – March 10 to test human response to a real cyberattack. – *Associated Press* (See item [23](#))
- Nine firefighters were hurt and two businesses were destroyed as a result of a March 9 explosion in Seattle. – *King 5 Seattle* (See item [25](#))
- The Home Depot agreed March 7 to pay \$19.5 million to compensate U.S. consumers after a 2014 data breach compromised more than 50 million customers' payment card data and email addresses. – *Reuters* (See item [26](#))

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Energy Sector

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *March 7, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **FPL nuclear plant canals leaking into Biscayne Bay, study confirms.** The Miami-Dade County Mayor released a report March 7 revealing that Florida Power & Light's Turkey Point nuclear reactor's cooling canals were allegedly leaking tritium into the Biscayne Bay after water sampling conducted in December 2015 and January 2016 found tritium levels were 215 times higher than normal levels in ocean water.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/environment/article64667452.html>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *March 8, The Car Connection* – (National) **2012 Hyundai Genesis, 2011-2013 Hyundai Equus recalled to fix wiper problem.** Hyundai Motor Company announced a recall March 8 for 18,700 of its model years 2011 – 2012 Hyundai Genesis vehicles and model years 2011 – 2013 Hyundai Equus vehicles sold in the U.S. due to faulty Valeo windshield wiper motor covers that can degrade over time thereby exposing the motor's circuit board to moisture and allowing corrosion, which can cause the wipers to function intermittently or completely cease to function.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1102740_2012-hyundai-genesis-2011-2013-hyundai-equus-recalled-to-fix-wiper-problem

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *March 8, Grand Rapids Press* – (Michigan) **Man spent \$100K with stolen credit cards, fraud cases cracked police say.** A Detroit man was arrested March 4 after he allegedly used stolen credit card information to purchase \$100,000 worth of gift cards, iPads, electronic games, among other products at a minimum of 4 Kent County businesses. A subsequent search of the suspect's home revealed hundreds of credit cards, credit-card numbers, Social Security numbers, personal information, and equipment to encode credit cards with stolen account information.
Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2016/03/man_spent_100k_with_stolen_cre.html
4. *March 8, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC announces**

charges against unregistered fund manager accused of hiding criminal past. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged EquityStar Capital Management and an unregistered fund manager March 8 for deceiving investors after the fund manager and company offered and sold at least \$5.6 million of interests in two unregistered investment funds, Global Partners Fund and Momentum Growth Fund, and withdrew more than \$1 million without the authorization or knowledge of investors. The fund manager hid felony fraud convictions and other money judgments from investors, hired a firm to manipulate Internet search results on his name to cover up negative information, and used at least three false identities to make-up the existence of bogus employees when communicating with investors, among other actions.

Source: <https://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2016-40.html>

5. *March 7, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Washington D.C.; Maryland; Virginia) **Virginia man pleads guilty to Federal charges for role in massive identity theft and tax fraud scheme.** A Virginia man pleaded guilty March 7 for his role in a \$42 million Federal income tax refund fraud scheme involving over 12,000 fraudulent tax returns and 19 co-conspirators who stole the identities of individuals and filed returns to addresses in Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. from 2008 to 2015. The suspect was responsible for filing approximately 444 fraudulent income tax returns that sought more than \$1.5 million in tax refunds and caused a loss of \$493,436 to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/virginia-man-pleads-guilty-federal-charges-role-massive-identity-theft-and-tax-fraud-scheme>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *March 9, KOKI 23 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Rerouted flight cancelled.** American Airlines flight 391 en route to Tulsa, Oklahoma from Dallas, Texas was forced to divert and land in Oklahoma City due to poor weather conditions.
Source: <http://www.fox23.com/news/tulsa-flight-diverted-to-okc/151292983>
7. *March 9, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **ACE trains resume service today from Stockton to San Jose.** Altamont Commuter Express trains resumed service from Stockton to San Jose March 9 after being closed for close to 36 hours following the derailment of 2 passenger railcars along Niles Canyon March 7.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_29615165/ace-trains-resume-service-today-from-stockton-san
8. *March 9, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* – (Arkansas) **Urgent landing in El Dorado probed.** United Airlines flight 3579 en route to Indianapolis from Houston was forced to make an emergency landing March 7 at the South Arkansas Regional Airport in El Dorado after crew members reported smoke in the galley. All passengers reschedule their flights and landed safely in Indianapolis March 8.
Source: <http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2016/mar/09/urgent-landing-in-el-dorado-probed-2016/?f=news-arkansas>

9. *March 8, KOVR 13 Stockton* – (California) **Highway 149 closed after suspected bomb threat on Butte County bus.** California Highway Patrol closed down Highway 149 for over two hours March 8 after officials received word of a possible bomb threat on a B-Line bus. Police authorities arrested 2 individuals and were questioning all 40 passengers.
Source: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2016/03/08/highway-149-closed-after-suspected-bomb-threat-on-butte-county-bus/>
10. *March 8, WBRC 6 Birmingham* – (Alabama) **Lanes on Highway 280 at Rocky Ridge reopen after wreck investigation.** Officials closed two lanes of Highway 280 in Birmingham for more than two hours March 7 while they investigated the scene of a two-vehicle crash.
Source: <http://www.wtvm.com/story/31409602/lanes-on-highway-280-at-rocky-ridge-closed-due-to-wreck-investigation>

Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *March 9, Bloomberg News* – (Massachusetts) **Chipotle shuts Massachusetts location after workers get sick.** Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., announced March 8 that it temporarily closed its Billerica, Massachusetts location for a full cleaning after four employees became ill. No customers have reported illnesses and any sick employees will be tested for norovirus and kept out of the store until they are fully recovered.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-03-08/chipotle-closes-massachusetts-restaurant-after-workers-get-sick>
12. *March 8, Food Safety News* – (Ohio) **Restaurant's house-made mayo implicated in outbreak.** Lucky's Taproom & Eatery in Dayton, Ohio, was closed indefinitely February 29 for sanitization and an investigation after the Public Health of Dayton & Montgomery reported that the house-made mayonnaise tested positive for Salmonella. Twenty of the 80 people reportedly sickened in an outbreak tied to the restaurant have been confirmed to have Salmonella infections.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/03/restaurants-house-made-mayo-implicated-in-outbreak/>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *March 9, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau* – (Missouri) **More than 300 properties in Cape Girardeau area under boil water advisory.** Officials announced a boil water advisory for 346 properties in the Cape Girardeau area March 8 following a water main break in the area. Officials reported the advisory will expire March 10.
Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/31419652/tanglewood-and-cape-village-area-under-boil-water-advisory>
14. *March 8, KFOR 4 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **More than 700,000 gallons of oil wastewater spilled in Grant County.** A Special Energy Corporation official alerted Corporation Commission officials that approximately 750,000 gallons of oil

wastewater was spilled in Grant County March 8 after water being transported in an underground pipeline sprung a leak. Officials are unsure when the leak began as underground pipelines are self-monitored.

Source: <http://kfor.com/2016/03/08/more-than-700000-gallons-of-oil-waste-water-spilled-in-grant-county/> *SOURCE* – (LOCATION) **HEADLINE**. TEXT.

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

15. *March 9, News 12 Westchester* – (New York) **Mercy College reopens after bomb scare**. Classes at Mercy College in New York resumed March 9 after students and staff at the Dobbs Ferry, Yorktown, Bronx, and Manhattan campuses were evacuated March 8 and ordered to stay away from dorms and classrooms for 3 hours due to a bomb threat. Evening classes were cancelled while police searched the campuses before deeming them safe.
Source: <http://westchester.news12.com/news/mercy-college-reopens-after-bomb-scare-1.11554025>
16. *March 9, Los Angeles Daily News* – (California) **A Porter Ranch park closed due to oily residue, possibly caused by gas leak**. Porter Ranch officials closed Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park March 8 until further notice after oily residue believed to be caused by a leaking gas well in Aliso Canyon was found at the park. Los Angeles authorities will conduct additional testing and ordered Southern California Gas Co., which operates the Aliso Canyon storage field, to clean up the park and all other parks as a precautionary measure.
Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/government-and-politics/20160308/a-porter-ranch-park-closed-due-to-oily-residue-possibly-caused-by-gas-leak>
17. *March 9, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Anderson Public Schools closed due to gas leak**. A natural gas leak from a pipe near a playground prompted the closure of Anderson Public Schools in Osage County March 9 while crews shut off the gas and worked to repair the pipe.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/31423499/anderson-public-schools-closed-due-to-gas-leak>
18. *March 8, WPEC 12 West Palm Beach* – (Georgia; Florida) **Georgia man charged with making fake bomb threats in Palm Beach County**. A Georgia man was arrested in Athens March 8 for allegedly using a social media account and email to make several hoax bomb threats to John I. Leonard High School, Jupiter High School, a Palm Beach County elementary school, and the Palm Beach International Airport in Florida in 2015 and 2016 under two aliases.
Source: <http://cbs12.com/news/local/georgia-man-charged-with-making-fake-bomb-threats-in-palm-beach-county>

19. *March 7, U.S. Internal Revenue Service* – (National) **IRS statement on IP PIN.** The U.S. Internal Revenue Service announced March 7 that it is temporarily suspending its identity protection (IP) personal identification number (PIN) tool on its official Web site while it conducts further review of the application that allows taxpayers to receive their IP PINs online and strengthens security features.
Source: <https://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Statement-on-IP-PIN>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

20. *March 9, Softpedia* – (International) **KeRanger ransomware is actually Linux.Encoder ported for Macs.** Security researchers from Bitdefender reported that the KeRanger ransomware that targets Mac OS X systems is a rewrite of the Linux.Encoder ransomware after finding that the encryption functions of each ransomware were identical to each other and that both ransoms share the same names: encrypt_file, recursive_task, currentTimestamp, and creatDaemon.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/keranger-ransomware-is-actually-linux-encoder-ported-for-macs-501507.shtml>
21. *March 8, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Microsoft updates Windows, browsers to patch critical flaws.** Microsoft released 13 security bulletins addressing several vulnerabilities in Windows, Internet Explorer, Edge browser, Office, Server Software, and the .NET Framework including 13 Internet Explorer vulnerabilities that could allow a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code by tricking a victim into visiting a specially crafted Web site; 11 Microsoft Edge vulnerabilities; and critical vulnerabilities in how the Windows Adobe Type Manager Library handles specially crafted Type fonts which can be exploited for denial-of-service (DoS) attacks and remote code execution (RCE) attacks, among other vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-updates-windows-browsers-patch-critical-flaws>
22. *March 8, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Adobe patches flaw in Acrobat, Reader, Digital Editions.** Adobe Systems released updates for its Acrobat, Reader, and Digital Editions products to patch several critical vulnerabilities including multiple memory corruption flaws and a directory search path flaw that can be exploited to execute arbitrary code in several of the products.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/adobe-patches-flaws-acrobat-reader-digital-editions>
23. *March 8, Associated Press* – (International) **Mock cyberattack tests response.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Secret Service reported that more than 1,000 U.S. cybersecurity professionals from the Federal government, healthcare

firms, Internet service providers, retail businesses, and phone companies were participating in a mock cyberattack exercise March 8 – March 10 to test human response and coordination in the event of a real-life cyberattack. The exercise will also look for areas of improvement to help the public and private sector become more resilient against cyber threats.

Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/2016/03/08/mock-cyberattack-tests-response/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at 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

24. *March 8, Across America Patch* – (National) **DirectTV Outage: ‘Multiple’ channels out Tuesday, March 8.** DirecTV officials reported that their satellite provider was experiencing outages for multiple national channels for more than three hours March 8. The company is working to restore service.

Source: <http://patch.com/us/across-america/directv-outages-multiple-channels-out-tuesday-march-8-0>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *March 9, KING 5 Seattle* – (Washington) **9 firefighters hurt, 2 businesses destroyed in Seattle explosion.** A Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman reported that a natural gas explosion in Seattle’s Greenwood neighborhood caused heavy damage to several businesses and area apartment complexes including Mr. Gyro’s restaurant and Quik Shop convenience store March 9. Puget Sound Energy officials shut off five of the six gas control valves for the area and officials reported nine firefighters were injured in the incident.

Source: <http://www.king5.com/story/news/2016/03/09/massive-explosion-rocks-greenwood-several-firefighters-hurt/81518136/>

26. *March 8, Reuters* – (National) **Home Depot settles consumer lawsuit over big 2014 data breach.** The Home Depot agreed March 7 to pay \$19.5 million to U.S. consumers and agreed to improve its data security over a 2-year period after a 2014 data breach compromised more than 50 million customers’ payment card data and email addresses.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-home-depot-breach-settlement-idUSKCN0WA24Z>

27. *March 8, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Fire breaks out at large Flea Market in West Humboldt Park.** A 5-alarm fire at the Buyers Flea Market in West Humboldt Park sustained extensive damage and prompted about 200 firefighters to remain on site for

over 11 hours containing the blaze March 7. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://abc7chicago.com/news/fire-breaks-out-at-large-flea-market-in-west-humboldt-park/1236240/>

28. *March 8, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **SUV crash-lands on Giant Eagle roof, causing evacuation.** The Giant Eagle grocery store in Pittsburgh was evacuated and closed for several hours March 8 after a vehicle traveling on a side road crashed through a brick barrier and landed on the store’s roof. Officials reported the vehicle was moved onto an adjacent road and no injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/vehicle-on-giant-eagle-roof-in-greenfield/38400526>

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Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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