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- Seven California residents were charged the week of April 18 for their roles in a \$14 million identity theft and international money laundering scheme where the group filed approximately 7,000 fraudulent tax returns. – *Los Angeles Daily News* (See item [3](#))
- A 6-alarm fire April 26 at Kofkoff Egg Farms in Connecticut killed at least 80,000 chickens, destroyed 1 of the facility’s 13 chicken coops, and prompted the response of 150 firefighters. – *Hartford Courant* (See item [11](#))
- Pilgrim’s Pride Corp., expanded a previous recall April 26 to include approximately 4,568,080 pounds of its fully cooked chicken products due to potential contamination with extraneous materials. – *U.S. Department of Agriculture* (See item [12](#))
- Pfizer Inc., and Wyeth agreed to pay \$784.6 million April 27 to resolve allegations that Wyeth sold its Protonix Oral and Protonix IV drugs through hidden, bundled sales arrangements without notifying the Federal Government, which allowed hospitals to earn deep discounts. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [14](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *April 25, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Dominion Va. Power to start pouring treated coal ash water into James River on Wednesday.** Dominion Virginia Power announced April 25 that it will use a 7-step cleaning process to ensure that water from Bremono Power Station’s coal ash ponds do not harm the James River after the utility reached a settlement with the James River Association in March, which requires the company to clean the water to levels more stringent than State standards and to test fish tissue from the river.

Source: http://www.richmond.com/news/article_250fa66d-18c9-50a6-a5eb-94b6f574095a.html

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *April 27, Associated Press* – (International) **202,000 Ford vehicles recalled for transmission issue.** The Ford Motor Company issued a recall April 27 for approximately 202,000 of its model years 2011 – 2012 F-150, and model year 2012 Expedition, Mustang, and Lincoln Navigator vehicles due to a malfunction in a speed sensor’s software which can force the vehicle to unexpectedly downshift to first gear. The recall also includes 81,000 of Ford’s model years 2014 –2015 Explorer vehicles sold in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico due to faulty rear suspension links that could fracture due to poor welds and have reportedly caused one accident and an injury.

Source: <http://www.abcactionnews.com/news/national/202000-ford-vehicles-recalled-for-transmission-issue>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *April 27, Los Angeles Daily News* – (International) **Feds break up money-laundering scheme linked to fraudulent Armenian passports.** The U.S. District Court in Santa Ana unsealed charges the week of April 18 against 7 California residents for their roles in a \$14 million identity theft and international money laundering scheme where the group filed approximately 7,000 fraudulent tax returns by using stolen identities to create fraudulent foreign passports from the Republic of Armenia, Georgia, and the Czech Republic in order to open numerous bank accounts and mailboxes, which were used to deposit and launder the refunds. Officials stated that a total of 10 people were

involved in the fraud scheme that sought a total of \$38 million in fraudulent tax returns.
Source: <http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20160426/feds-break-up-money-laundering-scheme-linked-to-fraudulent-armenian-passports>

Transportation Systems Sector

4. *April 27, Easton Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Route 31 reopens after serious crash in Mansfield Twp.** Officials reopened Route 31 in Warren County April 26 after the road was closed for approximately 4 hours while crews worked to clear the wreckage from 2-vehicle crash that sent at least one person to the hospital.
Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/warren-county/index.ssf/2016/04/route_31_reopens_after_serious.html
5. *April 27, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Serious crash closes part of Interstate 81 north in Oswego County.** A portion of northbound Interstate 81 in Oswego County was closed for at least 6 hours April 27 after two people were injured when a vehicle crashed into a guardrail.
Source: http://www.syracuse.com/crime/index.ssf/2016/04/serious_crash_closes_part_of_interstate_81_north_in_oswego_county.html
6. *April 27, WCBS 2 New York City; Associated Press* – (New York) **No. 5 Subway line service resumes in the Bronx following partial platform collapse.** The Number 5 line on the New York City Subway resumed service between Eastchester-Dyre Avenue and East 180th Street in the Bronx April 27 after crews made repairs to a collapsed platform April 26 that was under construction.
Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2016/04/27/bronx-subway-platform-partial-collapse/>
7. *April 26, WDJT 58 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Child gets ahold of gun and shoots and kills driver on Highway 175.** Southbound lanes of Highway 175 in Milwaukee County were closed for approximately 4 hours April 26 after a victim was shot and killed in a vehicle on the highway.
Source: <http://www.cbs58.com/story/31819458/fatal-accident-on-wisconsin-175-near-vliet-street>
8. *April 26, Tallahassee Democrat* – (National) **Amtrak to inspect Tallahassee train station Wednesday.** Amtrak representatives will travel to stations in Biloxi, Mississippi, Tallahassee, Pensacola, and Mobile, Alabama, among others April 27 for inspections as part of continued efforts to restore passenger rail service between New Orleans and Orlando. The Federal Government has authorized Amtrak to renew the route, but has not allocated any funds.
Source: <http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2016/04/26/amtrak-inspect-tallahassee-train-station-wednesday/83565726/>
9. *April 26, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Highway 1 reopens near Devil's Slide after fatal crash.** One person was killed after they were ejected from their

vehicle when it hit a rock embankment and landed back onto the roadway on Highway 1 in San Mateo County, prompting the highway's closure for approximately 2 hours while authorities investigated the incident.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Highway-1-closed-near-Devil-s-Slide-after-fatal-7374897.php>

10. *April 26, WTKR 3 Norfolk* – (North Carolina) **Driver dies after slamming into tractor trailer in Currituck County.** All lanes of Caratoke Highway/168 in the Jarvisburg area of Currituck County were closed for several hours April 26 due to a multi-vehicle accident that left one person dead and a second person injured.

Source: <http://wtkr.com/2016/04/26/multi-vehicle-accident-closes-northsouthbound-lanes-of-caratoke-highway-in-currituck/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *April 27, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Fire at Lebanon egg farm kills 80,000 chickens, investigation underway.** A 6-alarm fire April 26 at Kofkoff Egg Farms in Lebanon, Connecticut, killed at least 80,000 chickens, destroyed 1 of the facility's 13 chicken coops, and prompted 150 firefighters from 25 fire departments to remain on site for several hours containing the blaze. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/breaking-news/hc-lebanon-kofkoff-egg-farms-fire-0427-20160426-story.html>

12. *April 27, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Pilgrim's Pride Corp. recalls poultry products due to possible foreign matter contamination.** Pilgrim's Pride Corp., expanded an April 7 recall April 26 to include approximately 4,568,080 pounds of its fully cooked chicken products sold in 23 variations due to potential contamination with plastic, wood, rubber, and metal pieces after the company received consumer complaints regarding extraneous materials found in the chicken nugget products. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions in connection with the recall and the products were distributed for institutional use nationwide.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-027-2016-expanded>

13. *April 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (New York) **Glenn Wayne Wholesale Bakery issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in select 7-Eleven Fresh To Go cookies.** Glenn Wayne Wholesale Bakery issued a recall April 26 for select lots of its 7-Eleven Fresh To Go brand Chocolate Chunk Cookies, Sugar Cookies with M&M Chocolate Candy, and Oatmeal Raisin Cookie products due to the presence of undeclared peanuts after a supplier notified the company that three different cookies mixes used in producing the cookies were potentially contaminated with peanuts. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed to 7-Eleven stores in New York.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm497817.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *April 27, U.S. Department of Justice* – (National) **Wyeth and Pfizer agree to pay \$784.6 million to resolve lawsuit alleging that Wyeth underpaid drug rebates to Medicaid.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced April 27 that Pfizer Inc., and Wyeth agreed to pay \$784.6 million to resolve allegations that Wyeth sold two of its proton pump inhibitor (PPI) drugs, Protonix Oral and Protonix IV, through hidden, bundled sales arrangements allowing a hospital to earn deep discounts on both drugs if it placed them on formulary and made them available within the hospital. The company did not disclose the bundled sales arrangements to the government, enabling them to avoid paying hundreds of millions in rebates to Medicaid from 2000 – 2006.
Source: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/wyeth-and-pfizer-agree-pay-7846-million-resolve-lawsuit-alleging-wyeth-underpaid-drug-rebates>
15. *April 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Fresenius Kabi issues voluntary nationwide recall of Sensorcaine –MPF (bupivacaine HCl) Injection, USP due to the presence of particulate matter characterized as glass.** Fresenius Kabi USA issued a voluntary nationwide recall April 25 for a single lot of its Sensorcaine-MPF (bupivacaine HCl) Injection, USP products due to visible particulate matter characterized as glass, which was discovered by the company during inspection of reserve samples.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm497812.htm>

Government Facilities Sector

16. *April 27, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Western Heights Middle School closed due to power outage.** A power outage impacting more than 10,000 Oklahoma Gas & Electric customers in Oklahoma and western Arkansas prompted the closure of Western Heights Middle School in Oklahoma City April 27.
Source: <http://www.koco.com/news/western-heights-middle-school-closed-due-to-power-outage/39237400>
17. *April 27, WBAL 11 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Fire ignites at Mitchell Courthouse in Baltimore.** Mitchell Courthouse in Baltimore was closed April 27 following an electric fire April 26 that prompted an evacuation of the building. Utility crews stated that water damage on the electrical switch gear in the courthouse caused the underground cable to burn.
Source: <http://www.wbalv.com/news/fire-reported-at-mitchell-courthouse-in-baltimore/39227692>
18. *April 26, Staunton News Leader* – (Virginia) **Park fire 70 percent contained.** Fire crews reached 70 percent containment April 26 of the 10,376-acre Rocky Mountain Fire burning in the Shenandoah National Park in Virginia. Several routes, cabins, trails,

and camps remain closed while authorities work to secure containment lines.

Source: <http://www.newsleader.com/story/news/local/2016/04/26/park-fire-70-percent-contained/83537626/>

19. *April 26, Henry Daily Herald* – (Georgia) **Students treated for minor injuries after school bus collision.** An accident involving a car that collided with a school bus in Henry County, Georgia, April 26 caused 13 Eagle’s Landing Middle School students, the bus driver, and two others to be transported to an area hospital with injuries.
Source: http://www.henryherald.com/news/students-treated-for-minor-injuries-after-school-bus-collision/article_2ad2d151-a3e8-5c47-94bb-5eeb96d30276.html
20. *April 26, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **After 8,000 acres destroyed, Poconos fire 90 percent contained, state forester says.** Crews reached 90 percent containment April 26 of the 16-Mile Fire that has destroyed 11 structures and burned over 8,000 acres of forest in Monroe and Pike counties. Firefighters worked to address hot spots and secure containment lines.
Source: <http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-poconos-wildfire-may-be-90-percent-contained-20160426-story.html>

Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report

Information Technology Sector

21. *April 27, Help Net Security* – (International) **DDoS aggression and the evolution of IoT risks.** Neustar released its findings after conducting a survey on over 1,000 information technology (IT) professionals across 6 continents which revealed that 76 percent of companies are investing in distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) protection as DDoS attacks are continuing to evolve from single large attacks to multi-vector attacks. Forty-seven percent of attacked organizations were participating in information sharing on threats and counter measures to mitigate future assaults.
Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/04/27/ddos-aggression/>
22. *April 26, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Information stealer “Fareit” abuses PowerShell.** Security researchers from Trend Micro discovered a new variant of the Fareit malware was stealing login details, Bitcoin-related data, and other personal information from victims after the malware was delivered via spam emails and executed through two different tactics including Word documents and malicious macros, and PDF documents and Windows PowerShell. Attackers could use PDF files to execute PowerShell via the OpenAction event that allows Fareit to download onto a victim’s machine and collect information.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/information-stealer-fareit-abuses-powershell>
23. *April 26, Softpedia* – (International) **The Pirate Bay malvertising campaign pushes Cerber ransomware.** Security researchers from Malwarebytes and RiskIQ reported that malicious ads on The Pirate Bay torrent portal were redirecting victims, using older

Windows and Internet Explorer software to another Uniform Resource Identifier (URL) where the Magnitude exploit kit (EK) would leverage a Flash zero-day flaw to compromise vulnerable personal computers (PCs), install the Cerber ransomware, and install potentially unwanted software (PUP).

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/the-pirate-bay-malvertising-campaign-pushes-cerber-ransomware-503455.shtml>

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Communications Sector

24. *April 27, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Android ransomware dropped via Towelroot, hacking team exploits.** Security researchers from Blue Coat Labs discovered that a ransomware named “Cyber.Police” was able to install malicious programs onto a mobile device without user interaction after finding that at least 224 devices running Android versions 4.0.3 to 4.4.4 were communicating the malware’s command and control (C&C) server since February and that the malicious programs were on devices running Cyanogenmod 10 version of Android 4.2.2. The malware was delivered via two known exploits including the Towelroot exploit and a JavaScript exploit.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/android-ransomware-dropped-towelroot-hacking-team-exploits>

Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *April 27, News 13 Central Florida* – (Florida) **Cocoa apartment fire displaces dozens of residents.** The Village Greene Apartments in Cocoa, Florida, sustained at least \$250,000 in damages April 27 due to a fire that displaced 29 residents and damaged 21 apartment units. Two people sustained injuries and officials believe that the incident began in a second floor apartment unit.

Source:

http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2016/4/27/cocoa_apartment_fire.html?cmpid=bluebar

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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