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- Volkswagen Group issued a recall September 26 for 79,895 of its model years 2015 – 2017 Audi vehicles in select makes due to a glitch affecting the side marker lights, which may decrease visibility. – *TheCarConnection.com* (See item [1](#))
- A former tax preparer at K&S Tax Solution, Inc. was convicted September 23 for her role in a fraudulent tax refund scheme where she and 14 co-conspirators attempted to receive more than \$281 million in fraudulent Federal tax returns since 2010. – *U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York* (See item [3](#))
- The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged the former chief executive officer of Sanomedics Inc. and Fun Cool Free Inc., and a co-conspirator September 26 for their roles in a penny stock scheme that defrauded several hundred investors nationwide out of approximately \$20 million. – *U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (See item [5](#))
- A 2-alarm fire at the Oak Springs Apartments in San Antonio, Texas, September 26 displaced 32 people and damaged 24 units. – *KSAT 12 San Antonio* (See item [25](#))

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Energy Sector

Nothing to report

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

1. *September 26, TheCarConnection.com* – (National) **Audi recalls A3, A3 e-tron, A4, Q3, Q7, TT for lighting problem: nearly 80,000 cars affected.** Volkswagen Group issued a recall September 26 for 79,895 of its model years 2015 – 2017 Audi vehicles in select makes sold in the U.S. due to a software glitch affecting the vehicles' side marker lights, which may become inoperative when a car's parking light or headlights are illuminated, thereby making it more difficult for a driver to see and increasing the risk of a crash.
Source: http://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1106305_audi-recalls-a3-a3-e-tron-a4-q3-q7-tt-for-lighting-problem-nearly-80000-cars-affected
2. *September 26, Help Net Security* – (International) **IoT-based DDoS attacks on the rise.** Symantec's Security Response team reported that cybercriminals are increasingly hijacking home networks and exploiting Internet of Things (IoT) devices with poor security to deliver malware, create botnets, and carry out distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks on profitable targets such as large companies. The researchers discovered that more than half of all IoT attacks originated in the U.S. and China, followed by Germany and the Netherlands.
Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/09/26/iot-based-ddos-attacks/>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *September 26, U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York* – (National) **Bronx tax preparer found guilty of participation in scheme to steal millions using fraudulent tax returns.** A former tax preparer at K&S Tax Solution, Inc. (K&S) was convicted September 23 for her role in a more than \$19 million fraudulent tax refund scheme where she and 14 co-conspirators filed fraudulent tax returns using identities stolen from Puerto Rico residents, including the identities of patients at a medical clinic in Ponce, Puerto Rico, in order to obtain fraudulent refunds through wire transfers and in check form since 2010. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service identified more than \$281

million in attempted fraudulent returns.

Source: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/bronx-tax-preparer-found-guilty-participation-scheme-steal-millions-using-fraudulent>

4. *September 26, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (International) **Merrill Lynch charged with trading controls failures that led to mini-flash crashes.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced September 26 that Merrill Lynch Wealth Management agreed to pay a \$12.5 million penalty after an SEC investigation revealed that the firm caused market disruptions at least 15 times from 2012 – 2014, and violated the Market Access Rule after the firm set its internal controls that prevent incorrect trading orders at high levels, making them ineffective and causing select stock prices to plunge then suddenly recover. As part of the settlement, Merrill Lynch agreed to be censured and is prohibited from further violations of the Securities Exchange Act.
Source: <https://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2016-192.html>
5. *September 26, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges CEO and boiler room operator with fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged September 26 the former chief executive officer (CEO) of Sanomedics Inc. and Fun Cool Free Inc., and a boiler room operator for their roles in a penny stock scheme that defrauded several hundred investors nationwide out of approximately \$20 million after boiler-room agents hired by the pair pressured senior citizens and others to invest in the former CEO's 2 companies by claiming the investors' funds would be used for research and development, while the money was used for personal expenses and to pay the boiler-room agents. Officials stated the duo agreed to be barred from subsequent penny stock offerings, and the former executive agreed to be barred from operating as an officer or director of a public business.
Source: <https://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2016-193.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *September 27, WECT 6 Wilmington* – (North Carolina) **Two-vehicle crash snarled traffic on US 17 in Pender County.** Three southbound lanes of U.S. 17 near N.C. 210 in Hampstead, North Carolina, were closed for several hours September 26 while crews worked to clear a fuel spill after a vehicle traveling northbound crossed the center line and struck a fuel tank on a box truck, injuring 1 person. One driver was cited for driving while impaired.
Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/33225810/two-vehicle-crash-snarled-traffic-on-us-17-in-pender-county>
7. *September 27, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **51-year-old Lawrence woman dies in crash along U.S. 24 highway.** All lanes of U.S. 24 at 243rd Street in Leavenworth County, Kansas, were closed for about 4 hours September 26 following a head-on collision that killed 1 person and injured 3 others.
Source: <http://fox4kc.com/2016/09/26/deadly-crash-closes-u-s-24-west-of-tonganoxie/>
8. *September 27, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Orange Avenue reopens after CSX train**

- derailment.** Thirteen rail cars of a CSX train carrying automobiles derailed in Orange County, Florida, September 26, forcing the shutdown of Orange Avenue for several hours September 26 – September 27. The cause of the derailment remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/local/train-derailment-forces-orange-avenue-closure/450689939>
9. *September 27, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **U.S. 17 crash kills 2, closes southbound lanes for hours.** Southbound lanes of U.S. 17 in Fleming Island, Florida, were closed for more than 3 hours September 26 while officials investigated the scene of a 2-vehicle crash involving a semi-truck and another vehicle that killed 2 people.
Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/traffic/crash-on-us-17-on-fleming-island-kills-2-closes-southbound-lanes>
 10. *September 27, WTVC 9 Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Deadly wreck closes Highway 2 in Catoosa County.** Highway 2 between Nellie Head Road and Lake Road in Tunnel Hill, Georgia, was closed for several hours September 27 while officials investigated the scene of a 2-vehicle crash that killed 1 person and injured another.
Source: <http://newschannel9.com/news/local/deadly-wreck-closes-highway-2-in-catoosa-county>
 11. *September 26, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Crash kills one, injures two in Yolo County.** A 3-vehicle chain reaction crash killed 1 person, injured 2 others, and closed all but one eastbound lane of Interstate 80 in Yolo County, California, for several hours September 26 while officials investigated the scene.
Source: <http://www.abc10.com/news/local/1-dead-2-injured-in-traffic-collision-along-i-80/326173210>
 12. *September 26, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Several cows killed after crash near Hatley.** State Route 29 near Hatley, Wisconsin, was closed for several hours September 25 – September 26 after a truck carrying 32 Black Angus cattle overturned. Sixteen cattle were immediately removed from the vehicle, while others escaped and caused another crash on the roadway.
Source: <http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/story/news/2016/09/26/loose-cow-caused-crash-state-29-near-hatley/91107868/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *September 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **McCain Foods USA, Inc. announces a product recall impacting frozen onion rings sold and distributed under four separate private label retail brands.** McCain Foods USA, Inc. issued a voluntary recall September 23 for its frozen onion ring products sold under 4 brands due to mislabeling and undeclared milk. No illnesses have been reported.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm522476.htm>
14. *September 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Connecticut; New York) **Mt**

Kisco Smokehouse recalls smoked salmon because of possible health risk. Mt Kisco Smokehouse issued a voluntary recall September 26 for its Atlantic Smoked Salmon Whole products and Sliced – Smoked Atlantic Salmon products due to potential *Listeria monocytogenes* contamination discovered after a Federal investigation revealed the presence of *Listeria* in floor drains and cracks in the floor at the company's Mt. Kisco, New York facility. No illnesses have been reported and the products were distributed to retail stores and restaurants in New York and Connecticut. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm522486.htm>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *September 26, Palm Coast Observer* – (Florida) **Boil water notice issued for Bunnell utility system customers.** City officials in Bunnell, Florida, issued a precautionary boil water advisory September 26 after the Bunnell Water Treatment Plant experienced a loss of pressure while crews were working to repair a failed water tank pump. Bunnell officials connected with the city of Palm Coast's water supply in order to restore water to residents until repairs at the Bunnell city plant were complete. Source: <http://www.palmcoastobserver.com/article/boil-water-notice-issued-bunnell-utility-system-customers>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

See items [3](#), [5](#), and [17](#)

Government Facilities Sector

16. *September 27, Santa Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Sawmill fire in The Geysers now 45 percent contained.** Crews reached 45 percent containment September 26 of the 1,500-acre Sawmill Fire burning in The Geysers in northeast Sonoma County, California, prompting officials to lift all mandatory evacuation orders and road closures in the area. Source: <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/6130216-181/firefighters-make-gains-over-1500-acre?artslide=0>
17. *September 26, SecurityWeek* – (International) **New MarsJoke ransomware targets government agencies.** Proofpoint security researchers reported a new ransomware variant, dubbed MarsJoke was primarily targeting State and local government agencies, as well as primary and secondary educational institutions via spam email campaigns fueled by the Kelihos botnet that mimic the style of CTB-Locker and changes the victim's desktop background before displaying a ransom message in several different languages. Proofpoint researchers also found the malware was targeting healthcare, telecommunications, and insurance companies, among others, in smaller numbers. Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-marsjoke-ransomware-targets-government-agencies>
18. *September 26, CNN* – (Washington, D.C.) **Washington Monument closed indefinitely following elevator issues.** The U.S. National Park Service announced September 26

that the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. will remain closed indefinitely in order to complete modernization work on the elevator following ongoing elevator service problems.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/26/politics/washington-monument-closed/>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *September 26, KTUL 8 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Inmate escapes from minimum security prison in McAlester.** Authorities are searching September 26 for an inmate that escaped from the minimum security Jackie Brannon Correctional Center near McAlester, Oklahoma.

Source: <http://ktul.com/news/local/inmate-escapes-from-minimum-security-prison-in-mcalester>

Information Technology Sector

20. *September 27, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Russian cyberspies use “Komplex” trojan to target OS X systems.** Palo Alto Networks discovered an Apple Mac operating system (OS) X trojan, dubbed Komplex establishes contact with its command and control (C&C) server after infecting a device in order to collect system information, and allows an attacker to execute arbitrary commands and download files to the affected machine. The researchers stated Komplex has reportedly been used by a Russian cyber espionage group known as Sofacy to target the U.S. government, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), and the German parliament.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/russian-cyberspies-use-komplex-trojan-target-os-x-systems>

21. *September 26, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Microsoft removes Windows Journal due to security flaws.** Microsoft removed the Windows Journal application available in Windows versions from XP Tablet PC edition through Windows 10 after researchers discovered about a dozen denial-of-service (DoS) flaws, remote code execution vulnerabilities, and a heap overflow issue discovered by a Fortinet researcher which could cause the application to crash. Microsoft advised customers to switch to OneNote.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/microsoft-removes-windows-journal-due-security-flaws>

22. *September 26, SecurityWeek* – (International) **OpenSSL patch for low severity issue creates critical flaw.** OpenSSL released version 1.1.0b after it was discovered that a low severity denial-of-service (DoS) patched in OpenSSL 1.1.0a created a critical use-after-free vulnerability associated with large message sizes which could lead to arbitrary code execution or cause a system to crash. OpenSSL developers also released version 1.0.2j resolving a missing certificate revocation list (CRL) sanity check flaw in version 1.0.2i.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/openssl-patch-low-severity-issue-creates->

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

23. *September 26, Greeley Tribune* – (Colorado) **Hazardous materials call plugs up downtown Greeley apartment building.** The Oasis Towers Apartments and the Tilted Kilt Pub and Eatery in Greeley, Colorado, were evacuated for over 4 hours September 26 after a reported HAZMAT incident in the apartments. Officials deemed the area safe after no materials were found.
Source: <http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/24101764-113/hazardous-materials-call-plugs-up-downtown-greeley-apartment#>
24. *September 26, WRGT 45 Dayton/WKEF 22 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Storage warehouse catches fire in Dayton, owner loses lifelong memorabilia.** A September 25 fire caused up to \$700,000 in damage to a storage warehouse in Dayton, Ohio, housing high-end vehicles, antiques, and collector memorabilia. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://abc22now.com/news/local/storage-warehouse-catches-fire-in-dayton-owner-loses-lifelong-memorabilia>
25. *September 26, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Fire causes significant damage to NE side apartment complex.** A 2-alarm fire displaced 32 people from the Oak Springs Apartments in San Antonio, Texas, September 26 and damaged 24 units. No injuries were reported and officials believe the fire began in an electrical outlet on the second or third floor.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/firefighters-battle-2-alarm-apartment-fire-on-ne-side>
26. *September 25, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Families evacuated after Allegheny County apartment fire.** A fire displaced up to 25 people from the Alleghany Building apartment complex in Clifton Forge, Virginia, September 25 after water got into the HVAC and electrical systems. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://wsls.com/2016/09/25/families-evacuated-after-allegheny-county->

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27. *September 25, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Hillview Apartments in Manchester damaged in fire; 30 apartments evacuated.** A September 25 fire prompted the evacuation of 30 apartment units and caused an estimated \$10,000 in damage to the Hillview Apartments in Manchester, New Hampshire. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.unionleader.com/article/20160925/NEWS07/160929392&source=RSS>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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