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- A Bellevue, Washington-based developer was charged January 3 for allegedly orchestrating a scheme that defrauded hundreds of Asian investors who hoped to receive green cards through the Federal Government’s EB-5 program out of about \$150 million. – *Seattle Times* (See item [3](#))
- New York officials reported that an equipment failure at the wastewater treatment plant in Amsterdam caused over 30,000 gallons of raw sewage to spill into the Mohawk River January 3. – *WNYT 13 Albany* (See item [10](#))
- A Tennessee woman pleaded guilty January 3 after she stole more than \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Child and Adult Care Food Program. – *Nashville Tennessean* (See item [16](#))
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Energy Sector

Nothing to report

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

1. *January 4, St. Joseph Herald-Palladium* – (Michigan) **Cook Unit 2 back in operation.** The Unit 2 reactor at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Generating Station near Bridgman, Michigan, returned to service January 2 after an 89-day planned refueling and maintenance outage. The outage was extended to allow crews to replace the plant's \$250 million main turbine and inspect and replace 201 baffle bolts.
Source: http://www.heraldpalladium.com/news/local/cook-unit-back-in-operation/article_ab8d7cf8-0f16-54aa-b537-226718c52c4e.html

Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *January 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **Chicago metal container manufacturer faces more than \$81K in OSHA penalties after 3rd worker suffers amputation injury.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited B-Way Corp. with 1 repeated and 1 serious safety violation December 27 after a worker's September 2016 amputation injury prompted an investigation at the Chicago facility which revealed that the company improperly installed the machine's safety guards and failed to accurately train workers on procedures to prevent machine movement during service and maintenance. Proposed penalties total \$81,062.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=33606

For another story, see item [23](#)

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

3. *January 4, Seattle Times* – (International) **Seattle-area developer charged with fraud after collecting \$150M from Asian investors.** A Bellevue, Washington-based commercial developer was charged January 3 for allegedly orchestrating a scheme that defrauded hundreds of Asian investors who hoped to receive green cards through the Federal Government's EB-5 program out of about \$150 million, the Federal agency that approved the conditional green cards based on the developer's false assurances, as well as American and Chinese companies that raised tens of millions of dollars for the

job creation projects. The charges allege that the scheme threatened the permanent green card status of more than 200 foreign investors, as well as the financial institutions that approved the defendant for \$85 million in loans.

Source: <http://www.seattletimes.com/business/real-estate/seattle-developer-charged-with-fraud-after-collecting-150m-from-asian-investors/>

Transportation Systems Sector

4. *January 4, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Wrong-way driver crash leaves 3 dead, 2 injured in downtown Detroit.** Interstate 75 in Detroit was closed for several hours January 4 after a wrong-way driver struck another vehicle, killing three people and injuring two others.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2017/01/04/i-75-crash/96145546/>
5. *January 4, WFLA 8 Tampa* – (Florida) **Man killed in Highway 60 crash in Hillsborough.** Both directions of Florida State Route 60 in Hillsborough County were closed for several hours January 4 after a three-vehicle collision that killed one person and injured another.
Source: <http://wfla.com/2017/01/04/highway-60-blocked-in-hillsborough-due-to-crash/>
6. *January 4, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Truck crash west of Eisenhower Tunnel shuts down I-70 in both directions Tuesday night.** A portion of Interstate 70 in Summit County, Colorado, was closed for about 6 hours January 3 – January 4 after a semi-truck carrying pipes overturned, spilling the pipes across the roadway and forcing another vehicle down an embankment. Several other vehicles were struck by the pipes and two people were transported to an area hospital with injuries.
Source: <http://www.denverpost.com/2017/01/03/i-70-shut-down-truck-crash-eisenhower-tunnel/>
7. *January 3, KTXL 40 Sacramento* – (California) **Overtuned big rig blocks southbound Highway 99 in Sacramento.** Southbound lanes of California State Route 99 in north Sacramento were closed for several hours January 2 after a vehicle struck a semi-truck, causing it to overturn and spill its load of rice on the roadway.
Source: <http://fox40.com/2017/01/03/southbound-highway-99-in-sacramento-blocked-by-overtuned-big-rig/>
8. *January 3, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Highway 50 in Folsom blocked for hours by cattle-truck crash.** Eastbound lanes of U.S. Route 50 in Folsom, California, were closed for about 8 hours January 3 after a vehicle collided with a semi-truck, prompting fire crews to pump diesel fuel from the truck's tanks before it could be removed from the scene.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/local/crime/article124282649.html>
9. *January 3, Cullman Today* – (Alabama) **3 vehicle injury collision shuts down Highway 31 south.** U.S. Route 31 in Cullman County, Alabama, was closed for approximately 2 hours January 3 while officials investigated a three-vehicle collision

that injured three people.

Source: <http://cullmantoday.com/2017/01/03/3-vehicle-injury-collision-shuts-down-highway-31-south/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

Nothing to report

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

10. *January 3, WNYT 13 Albany* – (New York) **30,000 gallons of raw sewage spill into Mohawk River in Amsterdam.** The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation reported that an equipment failure at the wastewater treatment plant in Amsterdam, New York, caused over 30,000 gallons of raw sewage to spill into the Mohawk River January 3.
Source: <http://wnyt.com/news/amsterdam-sewage-spill-montgomery-county/4361054/>
11. *January 3, KTRE 9 Lufkin/Nacogdoches* – (Texas) **City of Wells issues boil-water notice for its customers.** The City of Wells, Texas, issued a boil-water advisory for all of its residential and commercial customers until further notice after the city shut off its water supply January 3 for construction purposes.
Source: <http://www.ktre.com/story/34176235/city-of-wells-issues-boil-water-notice-for-its-customers>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

12. *January 4, WXIX 19 Newport* – (Ohio) **Electric room fire forces cancellations at Children’s Hospital.** A four-alarm transformer fire at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital January 4 caused the facility to lose power, prompting hospital officials to cancel all elected procedures for several hours while crews worked to extinguish the blaze and restore power. The fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2017/01/04/multiple-crews-respond-report-fire-cincinnati-childrens-hospital/96145448/>
13. *January 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **OSHA finds Wisconsin medical clinic exposed workers to asbestos hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the Monroe Clinic Inc. with 11 serious safety and health violations December 21 after a June 2016 inspection of the Monroe, Wisconsin facility revealed that the clinic failed to provide employees with basic personal protective equipment, create a decontamination area for workers to remove protective clothing, and inform employees on the location and use of hazardous asbestos materials in the facility, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$261,890.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=33609
14. *January 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **OSHA investigation of Jersey**

City Medical Center worker's fatal fall finds facility exposed employees to dangerous electrical hazards. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Jersey Medical Center RWJ Barnabas Health with 1 willful and 4 serious safety violations December 21 after the company notified OSHA that an employee was hospitalized after falling from a ladder at the facility, prompting a June 2016 inspection at the Jersey City, New Jersey facility which revealed that the company failed to provide employees with adequate lockout/tagout training on procedures to disable machinery and equipment, provide personal protective equipment, and maintain an electrical lockout/tagout program, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$174,593.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=33612

Government Facilities Sector

15. *January 3, WATE 6 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Knoxville Catholic High School closed for main water line leak.** Officials at Knoxville Catholic High School in Tennessee canceled classes January 4 after a leak in the main water line at All Saints Catholic Church caused part of the school to lose water.
Source: <http://wate.com/2017/01/03/knoxville-catholic-high-school-closed-for-main-water-line-leak/>
16. *January 3, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Tennessee woman pleads guilty to child food program fraud.** A Tennessee woman pleaded guilty January 3 after she stole more than \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program after she used her sponsor agency, All About Giving, Inc., to make monthly reimbursement requests to the Federal program that overstated the number of child care providers and meals served between March 2015 and July 2016 in order to obtain more funds. In order to conceal the scheme, the woman and co-conspirators created fake names and addresses of child care providers that did not exist, and wrote checks to providers who returned a portion to her in cash, among other fraudulent actions.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/2017/01/03/tennessee-woman-pleads-guilty-child-food-program-fraud/96129972/>

Emergency Services Sector

17. *January 3, KNTV 11 San Jose* – (California) **Raw sewage leak floods SF Hall of Justice; workers evacuated.** The Hall of Justice in San Francisco was evacuated January 3 after raw sewage flooded several floors of the facility when an inmate stuffed a towel in a toilet. Crews were working to contain the spill and ensure the facility is safe for employees to return.
Source: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/Raw-Sewage-Leak-Evacuates-SF-Hall-of-Justice-409591925.html>

Information Technology Sector

18. *January 4, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Pseudo-Darkleech remains prominent distributor of ransomware.** Palo Alto Networks security researchers reported that the pseudo-Darkleech campaign is expected to remain a prominent ransomware distributor in 2017 after finding the campaign’s operators were able to quickly adapt to major exploit kit (EK) and ransomware landscape changes during 2016 to maintain the high level of attacks and to ensure the campaign remained relevant. The researchers found, however, that the pseudo-Darkleech campaign’s infection method remains the same, in that it directs a victim who visits a compromised Website with malicious script to an EK landing page designed to fingerprint the device to find vulnerable applications and exploit them.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/pseudo-darkleech-remains-prominent-distributer-ransomware>

19. *January 4, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Google researcher finds certificate flaws in Kaspersky products.** Kaspersky Lab resolved two flaws in its anti-malware products after a Google Project Zero security researcher found the products were plagued with a critical flaw related to how Kaspersky Antivirus inspects Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)/Transport Layer Security (TLS) connections that could allow an attacker to intercept all traffic to a certain domain by sending the targeted Kaspersky Antivirus user two certificates with the same key. The researcher also found a high severity flaw involving improper protection of the private key for the local certificate authority (CA) root which could allow any unprivileged user to become a CA.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/google-researcher-finds-certificate-flaws-kaspersky-products>

20. *January 4, SecurityWeek* – (International) **XSS flaws decline, DoS becomes more common: Imperva.** Imperva analyzed Web application vulnerability trends in 2016, and found that the total number of vulnerabilities discovered since 2015 has increased, while the number of issues impacting Web applications has declined potentially due to a shift in research focus, and not due to Web applications being more secure than before. Imperva found that more than 25 percent of flaws observed were classified as high priority, and that the number of denial-of-service (DoS) bugs has significantly increased, but the amount of cross-site scripting (XSS) flaws has declined, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/xss-flaws-decline-dos-becomes-more-common-imperva>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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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

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

21. *January 4, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Costly fire at Dayton business now ruled accidental.** A January 4 fire at the Overstock Corner store in Dayton, Ohio, caused at least \$100,000 in damages to the facility and damaged a neighboring pawn shop. No injuries were reported and fire officials ruled the cause of the fire as accidental.
Source: <http://www.whio.com/news/local/costly-fire-dayton-business-now-ruled-accidental/qrPHXykkIuFhw4H7Eo4vbM/>
22. *January 3, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Faulty electric stove caused Munjoy Hill blaze, officials say.** An apartment fire in Portland, Maine, displaced 33 people January 2. No injuries were reported and authorities believe the fire was caused by a faulty electric cooking stove.
Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/2017/01/03/faulty-stove-caused-munjoy-hill-blaze-officials-say/>
23. *January 3, Billings Gazette* – (Montana) **Repair shop destroyed by fire, damage estimated at \$750,000.** A fire at JR's Repair and Import Sales in Billings, Montana, caused an estimated \$750,000 in damages January 3. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/local/repair-shop-destroyed-by-fire-damage-estimated-at/article_4a776546-1768-5818-9080-5dd4224ca7bb.html
24. *January 3, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Cause of thrift store warehouse fire remains under investigation.** A 3-alarm fire destroyed the main warehouse of the Volunteers of America Thrift Store in Columbus, Ohio, January 2 and caused an estimated \$450,000 in losses. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://nbc4i.com/2017/01/03/cause-of-thrift-store-warehouse-fire-remains-under-investigation/>
25. *January 3, Racine Journal Times* – (Wisconsin) **Lake Geneva resort evacuated after fire.** The Cove of Lake Geneva resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, was evacuated for more than 2 hours January 3 after a fire was discovered in an HVAC unit on the resort's roof. No injuries were reported.
Source: http://journaltimes.com/news/local/lake-geneva-resort-evacuated-after-fire/article_6561d46a-40d2-5ee2-95ec-af46b64d6057.html

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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