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- More than 146,000 homes and businesses reported power outages in and around Virginia as a result of a snowstorm that hit several States in the Southeast. – *Reuters* (See item [1](#))
- Interstate 65 in Cullman County was jammed for miles with hundreds of cars and trucks after a snowstorm covered the roadway with up to 4 inches of snow, causing several accidents. – *Associated Press* (See item [9](#))
- A National Tuberculosis Controllers Association survey of health departments illustrates that around 80 percent of health facilities that treat tuberculosis (TB) are finding a shortage of drugs that are able to treat the new, resistant strains of TB. – *Reuters* (See item [16](#))
- A report by the Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration states prison inmates filed over 173,00 fake tax returns in 2012 using false information. The Internal Revenue Service halted \$2.2 billion in fraudulent returns in 2012, attributing \$1.1 billion of it to a claim filed by two inmates. – *Associated Press* (See item [19](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *January 18, Reuters* – (Virginia; National) **More than 146,000 without power in Virginia after snowstorm.** More than 146,000 homes and businesses reported power outages in and around Virginia as a result of a snowstorm that hit several States in the Southeast.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/01/18/utilities-storm-poweroutages-idUSL1E9CI3P220130118>
2. *January 17, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Mine official gets nearly 2 years in W.Va. blast.** A man who was a superintendent during the Upper Big Branch mine explosion in 2010 was sentenced to 21 months in jail on a federal conspiracy charge for disabling a methane gas monitor and falsifying records.
Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/01/17/3136608/ex-mine-official-to-learn-fate.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *January 17, KFXV 2 McAllen* – (Texas) **McAllen cloned credit card scheme busted.** Police in McAllen arrested two individuals from Mexico for allegedly manufacturing fake credit cards used to empty several ATMs of cash. \$200,000 in cash plus machines used to create counterfeit cards were found during their arrest.
Source: <http://www.foxrio2.com/74760/mcallen-cloned-credit-card-scheme-busted/>
4. *January 17, Federal Trade Commission* – (National) **FTC imposes \$130M judgment against Ivy Capital Inc. for operating fraudulent business 'coaching' scheme.** The Federal Trade Commission imposed a \$130 million judgment against Ivy Capital Inc. and related companies and individuals for running a business coaching program that misrepresented good and services it offered, did not disclose or honor its refund policy, and took more than \$100 million from customers.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/ftc-imposes-130m-judgment-against-ivy-capital-inc-for-operating-fraudulent-business-coaching-scheme>
5. *January 17, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **FBI seeks bank robber dubbed 'Around Town Bandit'.** The FBI asked for public assistance identifying the "Around Town Bandit" suspected of robbing multiple banks in the Phoenix area, including a Desert Schools Federal Credit Union in a Safeway grocery store January 12.
Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/FBI-seeks-bank-robber-dubbed-Around-Town-Bandit-187370041.html>
6. *January 17, Forbes* – (Georgia) **SEC charges Georgia man with insider trading in AirTran/Southwest Airlines merger.** A Georgia man was charged by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission with insider trading ahead of the 2010 merger of Southwest Airlines and AirTran Holdings, allegedly making almost \$160,000 in illicit profits.
Source: <http://www.forbes.com/sites/jordanmaglich/2013/01/17/sec-charges-georgia-man-with-insider-trading-in-airtransouthwest-airlines-merger/>
7. *January 16, Manhattan Beach Patch* – (California) **Seven arrested for alleged fraud activities.** Seven individuals were arrested and charged for their alleged involvement in two fraudulent credit card manufacturing rings after a joint investigation by the U.S. Secret Service and the Manhattan Beach Police.
Source: <http://manhattanbeach.patch.com/articles/seven-arrested-for-alleged-fraud-activities>

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Transportation Sector

8. *January 18, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Fourteen people hurt in school bus crash.** Thirteen elementary school students and a bus driver were taken to a hospital after their bus was hit by another vehicle while making a stop in Ashland City.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/20617219/14-people-hurt-in-school-bus-crash>

9. *January 18, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Ala. highway jammed as snow storm crosses south.** Interstate 65 in Cullman County was jammed for miles with hundreds of cars and trucks after a snowstorm covered the roadway with up to 4 inches of snow, causing several accidents.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20130118/us-winter-weather-south/?utm_hp_ref=homepage&ir=homepage

10. *January 18, Associated Press* – (International) **Japan: Excess voltage in Boeing 787 battery.** A burned battery was to blame for a Boeing 787 Dreamliner making an emergency landing January 16, and prompted Federal Aviation Administration officials to ground all the aircrafts. An investigation from Japanese officials found that the battery was operating at a voltage higher than its capacity.

Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-202_162-57564718/japan-excess-voltage-in-boeing-787-battery/

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *January 17, Fredericksburg Patch* – (Virginia) **Man arrested in post office bomb threat.** A man was arrested in Spotsylvania County after attempting to rob a post office by placing a packaged fake device on the counter and claiming it was a bomb.

Source: <http://fredericksburg.patch.com/articles/man-arrested-in-post-office-bomb-threat>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

12. *January 18, Food Safety News* – (National) **Frozen poultry products recalled due to lack of inspection.** Humphrey's Market, Inc. recalled its frozen, ready-to-eat, and raw poultry products because they were not inspected prior to distribution.

Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/01/frozen-poultry-products-recalled-due-to-lack-of-inspection/#.UPk_xh2Cm58

13. *January 17, Washington State Department of Agriculture* – (Washington) **Suspected case of bovine tuberculosis discovered in dairy cow.** January 16 test results showed a slaughtered dairy cow to have possibly been infected with bovine tuberculosis.

Source: <http://agr.wa.gov/News/2013/13-02.aspx>

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Water Sector

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

14. *January 18, KWTV 9 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Vaccine shortages reported as flu cases rise in Oklahoma.** A recently sharp increase in demand for flu vaccines in Oklahoma have lead to spot shortages in supply at various locations throughout the State.
Source: <http://www.news9.com/story/20617988/vaccine-shortages-reported-as-flu-cases-rise-in-oklahoma>
15. *January 18, CSO Online* – (National) **Researchers easily crack Philips hospital IT system.** Researchers claimed the Philips information management system Xper, largely used in hospital databases, has exploitable vulnerabilities that could compromise the confidentiality of its information.
Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/727022/researchers-easily-crack-philips-hospital-it-system>
16. *January 17, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. faces drug shortages in treating multidrug-resistant TB.** A National Tuberculosis Controllers Association survey of health departments illustrates that around 80 percent of health facilities that treat tuberculosis (TB) are finding a shortage of drugs that are able to treat the new, resistant strains of TB.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-rt-usa-healthtuberculosis11e9chgno-20130117,0,3943781.story>
17. *January 17, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Michigan) **US Department of Labor's OSHA finds 7 safety violations at Battle Creek, Mich., medical center for veterans.** The Battle Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center was issued seven notices for unsafe or unhealthy working conditions following a safety inspection by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23550

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Emergency Services Sector

18. *January 18, Cibola Beacon* – (New Mexico) **Inmates cause \$10,000 in damage.** About 34 Cibola County Detention Center inmates created a riot that caused approximately \$10,000 in damages to the jail. The unit was locked down after officials used tear gas to secure the facility.
Source: http://www.cibolabeacon.com/news/inmates-cause-in-damage/article_111041c8-6112-11e2-96fa-0019bb2963f4.html
19. *January 17, Associated Press* – (National) **2 prison inmates claim \$1.1 billion in tax refunds; 173,000 fraudulent prison tax returns uncovered.** A report by the Treasury Department's inspector general for tax administration states prison inmates filed over 173,00 fake tax returns in 2012 using false information. The Internal Revenue Service halted \$2.2 billion in fraudulent returns in 2012, attributing \$1.1 billion of it to a claim filed by two inmates.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/01/18/prison-tax-fraud-billion-refund-inmates_n_2502137.html?1358520561&icid=maing-grid7|maing10|dl17|sec1_ink3&pLid=258775
20. *January 17, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Hospital ER evacuated when heater sends smoke through building.** The emergency room at Northwest Medical Center in Houston was cleared out January 17 due to smoking vent.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8957314>

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Information Technology Sector

21. *January 18, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fox-IT analysts demystify the Pobelka botnet.** Fox-IT researchers revealed in a report that an individual known as 'Finist' operates the Pobelka botnet, and published details on the botnet's operations and uses.
Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14259&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14259&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)
22. *January 18, Softpedia* – (International) **FAKEM RATs disguise their traffic as Yahoo! Messenger to avoid detection.** A white paper published by Trend Micro detailed the way that a series of remote access trojans known as FAKEM disguises its traffic to appear as that of commonly used applications or HTML to avoid detection.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/FAKEM-RATs-Disguise-Their-Traffic-as-Yahoo-Messenger-to-Avoid-Detection-322227.shtml>
23. *January 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Security explorations identifies two vulnerabilities in Java 7 Update 11.** Security Explorations researchers discovered a pair of vulnerabilities in the newest version of Java that can allow attackers to perform

a complete sandbox bypass.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Security-Explorations-Identifies-Two-Vulnerabilities-in-Java-7-Update-11-322390.shtml>

24. *January 18, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Polish takedown targets 'Virus' botnet.** Polish authorities moved against 23 domains being used to operate the for-hire Virus botnet. Over 890,000 IP addresses were found to be infected by Virus, and Polish authorities redirected traffic to sinkhole sites while attempting to assist users infected with the botnet's malware.

Source: [http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/01/polish-takedown-targets-virus-botnet/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+KrebsOnSecurity+\(Krebs+on+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/01/polish-takedown-targets-virus-botnet/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+KrebsOnSecurity+(Krebs+on+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

25. *January 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Red October removal tool released by Bitdefender.** A tool designed to remove malware used in the recently-discovered Red October cyberespionage campaign was released by Bitdefender.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Red-October-Removal-Tool-Released-By-Bitdefender-322241.shtml>

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: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

26. *January 17, WKMG 6 Orlando* – (Florida) **Outage hits CenturyLink phone customers in Winter Park.** Authorities were working to restore land-lines went down for CenturyLink consumers in Winterpark.

Source: <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/Outage-hits-CenturyLink-phone-customers-in-Winter-Park/-/1637132/18170002/-/13t31dr/-/index.html>

27. *January 17, Daytona Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Bright House cable back online after software glitch.** After a 12 hour loss of service, cable was restored January 17 to all Bright House customers.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20130117/NEWS/130119782?Title=Bright-House-cable-back-online-after-software-glitch&tc=ar>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

28. *January 18, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Man faces arson charges for Cheyenne hotel fire.** A man was federally indicted on a claim that he burned down the landmark Hitching Post Inn in order to receive \$13.6 million from insurance claims.
Source: http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/man-faces-arson-charges-for-cheyenne-hotel-fire/article_68ef98ce-e469-5563-af46-6116cf7cc29f.html?comment_form=true
29. *January 18, Associated Press* – (New York) **Cops: Fire that destroyed NY church was accidental.** A once-suspicious fire that leveled an 133-year-old church in Philmont has been deemed accidental by State authorities.
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Cops-Fire-that-destroyed-NY-church-was-accidental-4204454.php>
30. *January 17, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **26 hospitalized after building evacuated in Metro Center.** Twenty-six people were treated at a hospital for carbon monoxide poisoning after being evacuated from Metro Center in Nashville.
Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/20612902/building-evacuated-due-to-possible-carbon-monoxide-leak>
31. *January 17, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Fake beard robber' cost local stores nearly \$50K.** The man who wore a fake beard in a series of 29 robberies over a period of 2 years, stealing close to \$50,000 from local Newport News commercial properties, was indicted by a federal grand jury.
Source: <http://www.wvec.com/my-city/nnews/Fake-beard-robber-cost-local-stores-nearly-50K-187275651.html>

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