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- A man was found guilty in a fraud scheme after he unveiled plans to place 18 wind turbines in Jonestown, Texas, in 2011, worked with an accomplice to fraudulently obtain nearly $2 million in grants, and only completed 2 turbines. – *KXAN 21 Austin* (See item **3**)
- The suspect known as the "Ball Cap Bandit" was indicted on 9 additional bank robbery charges, and is in total accused of robbing 11 Alabama banks. – *WAFF 48 Huntsville/Decatur* (See item **9**)
- Crews reached 32 percent containment of California's Rim Fire after it burned through 201,894 acres by August 30. – *Modesto Bee* (See item **25**)
- An August 29 fire which injured at least 11 at a three-story apartment building in New York City was believed to be the work of an arsonist. – *PIX 11 New York City* (See item **42**)

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Energy Sector

1. *August 29, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Texas) **Corpus Christi plant agrees to pay $750,000 to improve emission controls.** The MarkWest Javelina plant reached a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to settle violations of the Clean Air Act by paying a $97,500 civil penalty and investing over $650,000 for facility operation improvements that will reduce flaring events and improve communications. The agreement addresses several violations that occurred from September 2012 to January 2013.
   Source: http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/A04BCEEA6524201485257BD60057E423

2. *August 29, WPDE 15 Florence* – (South Carolina) **$50,000 in copper wire stolen from power lines in Marion County.** Police are searching for thieves who stole over $50,000 in copper wire from Duke Energy power lines at Highway 31 and Blue Brick Road in Marion County.
   Source: http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=940092#.UiCMhBukowp

3. *August 29, KXAN 21 Austin* – (Texas) **Man guilty in Jonestown wind turbine fraud.** A man was found guilty after he unveiled plans to place 18 turbines in Jonestown in 2011 and only completed 2, with one of them breaking down. The man and an accomplice from the State Comptroller's Office were accused of working together to fraudulently secure nearly $2 million in grants from the Department of Energy.
   Source: http://www.kxan.com/news/man-guilty-in-jnestown-wind-turbine-fraud

4. *August 29, WUWM 89.7 FM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Utility to pay $80,000 for violating air pollution rules.** The Wisconsin Public Service Corporation will pay $80,000 in a judgment announced by the Wisconsin Department of Justice after they determined the company violated the conditions of its State air pollution control permit at their coal-fired power plants in Rothschild.
   Source: http://wuwm.com/post/utility-pay-80000-violating-air-pollution-rules

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

5. *August 29, St. Cloud Times* – (Minnesota) **NRC increases oversight of Monticello nuclear plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) concluded that the Monticello nuclear power plant in Minnesota failed to maintain an adequate flood protection plan and cited it with a "yellow" violation of substantial safety significance.

The NRC will increase inspections at the plant, and the plant's operator has taken actions to correct the issues.
Source: http://www.sctimes.com/article/20130829/NEWS01/308290076/NRC-increases-oversight-Monticello-nuclear-plant

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *August 28, Madison Capitol Times/Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **No one injured in Beloit factory fire.** A fire that started in a dust and metal shavings collection system at the Fairbanks-Morse Engine Division facility in Beloit August 27 caused more than $80,000 in damages.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/no-one-injured-in-beloit-factory-fire/article_2aee003e-996c-5c60-9ff4-fd088aa9915c.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

7. *August 30, Help Net Security* – (International) **Fraud and identity theft camouflaged by DDoS attacks.** Researchers at Prolexic detailed attack signatures associated with the Drive distributed denial of service (DDoS) toolkit, a tool often used in DDoS attacks that serve as a distraction while attackers attempt to compromise financial and e-commerce services.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=15492

8. *August 29, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Illinois) **Ten defendants indicted in alleged $74 million vehicle financing fraud scheme resulting in $56 million in losses to lenders.** An Oswego man and vehicle dealer, his accountant, and eight alleged straw buyers were indicted for allegedly running a $74 million fraudulent financing scheme that led to lenders losing more than $56 million.
Source: http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2013/ten-defendants-indicted-in-alleged-74-million-vehicle-financing-fraud-scheme-resulting-in-56-million-in-losses-to-lenders

9. *August 29, WAFF 48 Huntsville/Decatur* – (Alabama) **'Ball Cap Bandit' indicted on 9 more counts for bank robberies.** The suspect known as the "Ball Cap Bandit" was indicted on 9 additional bank robbery charges, bringing the total robberies he is accused

of to 11 in which he allegedly stole $43,000.
Source:
http://www.wsfa.com/story/23291729/ball-cap-bandit-indicted-on-9-more-counts-for-bank-robberies

10. *August 29, Softpedia* – (International) **Hackers steal credit card information from Midwest Supplies.** The Web site of Minneapolis-based Midwest Supplies brewing and winemaking supplies company was breached by hackers who obtained access to customer names, addresses, credit card numbers, expiration dates, CVVs, phone numbers, and email addresses, the company revealed.
Source:
http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hackers-Steal-Credit-Card-Information-from-Midwest-Supplies-379004.shtml

11. *August 29, KYW-TV 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Delco man charged with skimming tax funds he collected.** A former Delaware County tax collector was charged with stealing $1.3 million over a decade from tax funds that he collected.
Source:
http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/08/29/delco-man-charged-with-skimming-tax-funds-he-collected/

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Transportation Systems Sector

12. *August 30, Washington Post* – (Washington D.C.) **Train derailment shuts down part of Red Line.** Part of the Washington D.C. Metro's Red Line between Fort Totten and NoMa-Gallaudet stations was shut down until further notice August 30 after a train derailed overnight.
Source:
http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2013/08/30/derailment-shuts-down-red-line-between-fort-totten-noma-galludet-stations/

13. *August 29, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **East Millinocket trucker fortunate to be alive after dump truck, train collide, police say.** A dump truck and a Maine, Montreal, and Atlantic Railway train collided August 28 in Hampden, derailing the train, spilling an undetermined amount of oil, and closing part of Route 202/Route 9 for around 11 hours.
Source:
https://bangordailynews.com/slideshow/lifeflight-sent-to-serious-crash-involving-train-dump-truck-in-hampden/

14. *August 29, Cleveland Daily Banner* – (Tennessee) **Rocks close Hwy. 64.** A portion of U.S. Highway 64 in Polk County near State Route 30 was closed until cleanup could be completed after a large rockslide August 28. Most of the rock was held back by a rockfall fence but the containment area was in danger of overflowing.

Source:
http://www.clevelandbanner.com/view/full_story/23475715/article-Rocks--close--Hwy--64-

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Food and Agriculture Sector

15. *August 30, Food Safety News* – (Arizona) **E. coli outbreak from Frederico's in AZ sickens 79.** Maricopa County Public Health officials announced August 30 that the total number of people who have fallen ill with E. coli after dining at Federico's Mexican Restaurant in Litchfield Park rose to 79. Authorities are still investigating the source of the contamination.
Source:
http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/08/az-e-coli-outbreak-from-fredericos-rises-to-79/

16. *August 29, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (California) **California firm recalls additional pork products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** California-based Westlake Foods expanded their August 23 recall of pork products by recalling a total of 69,123 pounds of cured pork products because of misbranding and undeclared allergens. The products contain undeclared wheat and soy.
Source:
http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2013/recall-046-2013-exp

17. *August 29, Wisconsin Rapids Tribune* – (Wisconsin) **State reaches settlement with Opitz Custom Heifers for permit violation.** Saukville-based Opitz Custom Heifers agreed to pay over $65,000 for violating their pollution discharge permit after they contaminated a private well in the Adams County town of Richfield. The company was ordered to remove all heifers from the Briese and Roberts farms and plant rye on the properties after nitrates went into the soil and contaminated groundwater when they placed a large number of heifers on open lots with no vegetation.
Source:
http://www.wisconsinrapidstribune.com/article/20130829/WRT01/308290326/State-reaches-settlement-Opitz-Custom-Heifers-permit-violation

18. *August 29, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Beef jerky made in Fairmont recalled for safety reasons.** Fairmont-based Lone Star Western Beef Inc. recalled roughly 109 pounds of their beef jerky products after the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service found the products were not processed at a safe temperature.
Source: http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201308290019

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

19. *August 29, Arizona News Zap* – (Arizona) **Cloudy tap water possible in part of Mesa due to treatment-plant maintenance.** The City of Mesa alerted some of its water customers of a temporary change in the source of its water from surface water to well water while it conducts maintenance to the Val Vista Water Treatment Plant and the Pasadena reservoir.
Source: http://arizona.newszap.com/eastvalley/125169-114/cloudy-tap-water-possible-in-part-of-mesa-due-to-treatment-plant-maintenance

20. *August 29, KVUE 33 Austin* – (Texas) **Water treatment plant shuts down due to drought.** The Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority's water treatment plant, a $140 million, year-old facility shut down temporarily the week of August 12 due to a drought.
Source: http://www.kvue.com/news/Water-treatment-plant-temporarily-shuts-down-due-to-low-lake-levels-221715021.html

21. *August 29, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **Man charged in hit-and-run at Grand Forks water treatment plant.** A Grand Forks man was charged in a hit-and-run vehicle accident at the City of Grand Forks Water Treatment Plant after his truck ran over a small brick structure connected to a secure area of the water treatment building and fled the scene August 22.
Source: http://www.wdaz.com/event/article/id/19297/

22. *August 29, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **21,000 gallons of raw sewage discharged.** The Michigan Department of Environment Quality was notified of a raw sewage spill of more than 21,000 gallons into a ditch from a Village of Constantine pipeline August 28. The valve experienced an isolated failure and there was no discharge into surface waters.
Source: http://www.woodtv.com/news/michigan/raw-sewage-discharged

23. *August 29, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Diesel fuel spills into New Bedford Harbor; cleanup and investigation underway.** An August 28 diesel spill caused between 100 and 300 gallons to flow into New Bedford Harbor August 29, prompting responses by public safety and environmental officials that contained the spill in the nation's leading fishing port. The U.S. Coast Guard has launched an investigation into the cause of the spill.
Source: http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2013/08/29/diesel-fuel-spilled-into-new-bedford-harbor-clean-and-investigation-underway/dfeLd9UCFx2y3C7EgVxpoM/story.html

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

24. *August 29, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **FTC: Medical lab's lax security led to data**

leak. The Federal Trade Commission announced August 29 that as a result of LabMD's lack of security procedures, the personal information of over 9,000 patients of the Atlanta-based medical lab had their information leaked. The lab transitioned from paper to electronic medical records without appropriate safekeeping measures, resulting in the leak of Social Security numbers and birth dates.
Source:
http://www.kasa.com/dpp/news/national/FTC-Medical-labs-lax-security-led-to-data-breach_88541331

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *August 30, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Rim fire reaches 200K acres; fifth biggest in state's history.** Crews reached 32 percent containment of California's Rim Fire after it burned through 201,894 acres by August 30. Some road closures remained in effect while authorities lifted their evacuation advisory for Tuolumne City.
Source:
http://www.modbee.com/2013/08/29/2892704/rim-fire-slows-planning-starts.html

26. *August 30, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **NH school closed 2nd day after lightning strike damages school's gas line.** Officials closed Goshen-Lempster Cooperative School in New Hampshire August 29-30 after lightning struck a pine tree, which fell and ruptured a propane gas line. The gas line was shut off for repairs.
Source:
http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c919f89e52144e159433cf5c2f7416c6/NH--School-Closed-Lightning

27. *August 30, Vallejo Times-Herald* – (California) **Bomb threat closes Vallejo courthouse.** The Solano Justice Building in Vallejo was evacuated and closed August 29 after a phoned bomb threat. Police did not find anything suspicious during a search of the building and the courthouse was scheduled to reopen August 30.
Source:
http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci_23980104/bomb-threat-closes-vallejo-courthouse

28. *August 29, KIVI 6 Nampa* – (Idaho) **Two new 1000+ acre fires reported in Payette National Forest.** Crews battled two fires in Idaho, including the Hells Canyon 1 Fire and the Raft Fire August 29. Both fires have burned over 1,000 acres each and are spreading quickly.
Source:
http://www.kivitv.com/news/Two-new-1000-acre-fires-reported-in-Payette-National-Forest-221714641.html

29. *August 29, Dothan Eagle* – (Alabama) **Daleville makes arrest in city arson case.** Police arrested and charged a former Daleville employee August 29 in connection with a fire at the city shop that damaged nearly $250,000 in property. The former employee allegedly

set four City of Daleville vehicles on fire, halting garbage and brush pickup services as a result.
Source:
http://www.dothaneagle.com/news/crime_court/article_cd6a47bc-10f6-11e3-85d6-001a4bcf6878.html

30. *August 29, KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Over $600,000 seized in Phoenix food-stamp fraud probe.** Three people were arrested August 28 in connection with a fraudulent food-stamp operation that took place at the K&S convenience store in Phoenix and netted over $600,000 in cash. The men were taken into custody after police uncovered they were overcharging food-stamp cards and in some instances giving cash back to the cardholder in exchange for the remaining value on the card.
Source:
http://www.azcentral.com/community/phoenix/articles/20130829men-arrested-phoenix-food-stamps-fraud-abrk.html

31. *August 28, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Sinkhole scare closes Cambridge Christian School.** Officials closed Cambridge Christian School in Tampa August 29-30 to allow engineers to study two erosions that were discovered on a field in the middle of the courtyard.
Source:
http://tbo.com/holes-in-ground-close-cambridge-christian-school-in-tampa-20130828/

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Information Technology Sector

32. *August 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Expert shows how hackers can forge application names in Java security dialog.** A researcher at Duckware identified three flaws in Java 7 Update 21, including one where the name of an app that appears in Java's security dialog can be easily forged.
Source:
http://news.softpedia.com/news/Expert-Shows-How-Hackers-Can-Forge-Application-Names-in-Java-Security-Dialog-379398.shtml

33. *August 30, Softpedia* – (International) **Cisco patches remote command execution flaw in Secure Access Control Server.** Cisco issued a patch that closes a vulnerability in its Secure Access Control Server (ACS) that could be remotely exploited to execute arbitrary commands and take control of servers.
Source:
http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cisco-Patches-Remote-Command-Execution-Flaw-in-

Secure-Access-Control-Server-379326.shtml

34. *August 30, The Register* – (International) **Facebook scammers raking in $200 MEEELLION in illicit profits.** Two researchers who analyzed the pricing of Facebook spam used in various scams estimated that the spam trade brings in about $200 million per year.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/08/30/facebook_scammers_raking_in_200_meeellion_in_illicit_profits/

35. *August 29, Threatpost* – (International) **Arabic text string taking down apps, clients, browsers on iOS, Mac OS X.** Apple iOS and OS X users reported apps and Safari browser extensions crashing after receiving a particular string of Arabic text via Web pages, tweets, SMS, or other formats. The issue was traced to a problem with the Apple Core Text font rendering and page layout technology.
Source: http://threatpost.com/arabic-text-string-taking-down-apps-clients-browsers-on-ios-mac-os-x/102146

36. *August 29, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Hackers targeting Java native layer vulnerabilities to insert malicious code.** A Trend Micro researcher reported that cybercriminals are increasingly targeting native layer vulnerabilities in Java, showing increasing sophistication in attacks on Java.
Source: http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2291587/hackers-targeting-java-native-layer-vulnerabilities-to-insert-malicious-code

For another story, see item **7**

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

37. *August 29, Laramie Boomerang* – (Wyoming) **Storm knocks out cell phone, Internet service.** Verizon Wireless and Charter Communications in the Laramie area lost cell phone and Internet service August 27 after a storm hit Albany County, Wyoming.
Source: http://www.laramieboomerang.com/articles/2013/08/29/news/doc521ed24c093ae702904610.txt

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Commercial Facilities Sector

38. *August 30, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Two injured in shooting at apartment complex.** An August 29 argument over a near accident at the St. Jean Apartments escalated into a shooting leaving two men with gunshot wounds, including one in critical condition.
Source:
http://www.wafb.com/story/23291425/ebrso-investigating-early-afternoon-double-shooting

39. *August 30, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **22 families displaced in Lewisville 4-alarm apartment fire.** Investigators were unsure of the cause of a four-alarm August 30 fire at the Somerset Apartments in Lewisville that displaced 40 residents.
Source:
http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/No-one-injured-in-Lewisville-4-alarm-apartment-fire-221787551.html

40. *August 29, Asheboro Courier-Tribune* – (North Carolina) **Thieves leave church with $96,000 in damages.** A copper theft at an Asheboro church left total damages of $96,000 as thieves took the copper piping from four commercial grade air conditioning units August 27.
Source:
http://courier-tribune.com/sections/news/local/thieves-leave-church-96000-damages.html

41. *August 29, San Antonio Express* – (Texas) **Motel evacuated as fire broke out Thursday morning.** San Antonio firefighters evacuated 15 guests from the Days Inn August 29 after an electric shock ignited a towel cart in a storage unit at the hotel.
Source:
http://www.mysanantonio.com/default/article/Motel-evacuated-as-fire-broke-out-Thursday-morning-4770316.php

42. *August 29, PIX 11 New York City* – (New York) **Possible arsonist injures 11 in Bed-Stuy apartment building blaze.** An August 29 fire which injured at least 11 at a three-story apartment building in New York City's Bedford-Stuyvesant area is believed to be the work of an arsonist seen fleeing the building.
Source:
http://pix11.com/2013/08/29/possible-arsonists-injures-11-in-bed-stuy-apartment-building-blaze/

43. *August 29, Menlo Park-Atherton Patch* – (California) **One injured, one arrested in Menlo Park shooting.** An August 28 argument at a Menlo Park apartment complex escalated into a violent exchange which left one man with a gunshot wound, a police officer with injuries, and the suspect arrested and charged with attempted murder.
Source:
http://menlopark-atherton.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/one-injured-one-arrested-in-menlo-park-shooting_9a22b46a

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