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- Westbound lanes of Interstate 24 north of Nashville, Tennessee, were closed for nearly 17 hours December 2 when 2 semi-trucks collided and burst into flames, killing both drivers. – *WSMV 4 Nashville* (See item [6](#))
- Southbound lanes for a stretch of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington and Fairfax counties in Virginia reopened to traffic December 3 after repair work was completed on a sinkhole that was discovered December 1. – *Washington Post* (See item [8](#))
- Two children and 1 adult were killed and 23 people were injured after 2 Knox County school buses collided on Asheville Highway in Knoxville, Tennessee, and shut down the roadway for 8 hours. – *WBIR 10 Knoxville* (See item [9](#))
- Cylance researchers published a report on a suspected Iranian hacking group that has compromised a variety of targets including government and military systems, telecommunications companies, research facilities, airports, defense contractors, and utilities in a campaign dubbed Operation Cleaver. – *The Register* (See item [16](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *December 2, WNEP 16 Scranton* – (Pennsylvania) **Gas company fined for explosion.** Cabot Oil and Gas was fined by Pennsylvania officials and ordered to pay \$120,000 for a January storage tank explosion in Jessup Township that injured a worker and spilled nearly 3,000 gallons of fluid.  
Source: <http://wnep.com/2014/12/02/gas-company-fined-for-explosion/>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

2. *December 1, Reuters* – (International) **GM recalls 316,000 vehicles because of malfunctioning headlights.** General Motors announced a recall for 316,357 vehicles in North America, with 273,182 in the U.S., due to the potential for the low-beam headlights to stop working. Models covered by the recall include model year 2006-2009 Buick LaCrosse, 2006-2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer, GMC Envoy, and Buick Rainier, and 2006-2008 Isuzu Ascender and Saab 9-7X vehicles.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/01/us-autos-generalmotors-recall-idUSKCN0JF38N20141201>

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## Financial Services Sector

3. *December 3, South Florida Business Journal* – (Florida) **Former TigerDirect executives plead guilty to fraud.** Two former senior executives at Miami-based

electronics retailer TigerDirect pleaded guilty December 2 to securities and tax fraud charges in a \$9.5 million bribery scheme that involved kickbacks from suppliers and concealing taxable income.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/news/2014/12/03/former-tigerdirect-executives-plead-guilty-to.html>

4. *December 3, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Two men plead guilty in check fraud ring.** Connecticut authorities reported that a New Haven man and a man from North Carolina pleaded guilty December 1 and December 2 to running a stolen check cashing ring that successfully cashed 37 altered checks totaling \$104,070.  
Source: <http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/Two-Men-Plead-Guilty-in-Check-Fraud-Ring-284566301.html>
5. *December 2, SC Magazine* – (National) **Unauthorized intruders gain access to ART Payroll database.** Payroll service American Residuals and Talent (ART Payroll) notified current and former customers that unauthorized intruders were able to gain access to its Web application October 18 and determined November 10 that customers' personal and financial information may have been accessed. The information included names, addresses, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, bank account information, and other information.  
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/unauthorized-intruders-gain-access-to-art-payroll-database/article/386223/>

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## **Transportation Systems Sector**

6. *December 3, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **2 killed in fiery crash on I-24 W; interstate now open.** Westbound lanes of Interstate 24 north of Nashville were closed for nearly 17 hours December 2 when 2 semi-trucks collided and burst into flames, killing both drivers.  
Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/27523259/vehicle-fire-shuts-down-i-24-west-north-of-nashville>
7. *December 3, Minneapolis-Saint Paul Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Hwy. 12 in Maple Plain reopens after fatal crash.** Both directions of Highway 12 east of Maple Plain reopened to traffic December 3 following a head-on collision that killed 1 person and closed the roadway for around 7 hours.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/blogs/284584021.html>
8. *December 3, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Highway officials try to find cause of sinkhole on George Washington Memorial Parkway.** Southbound lanes for a stretch of the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Arlington and Fairfax counties reopened to traffic December 3 after repair work was completed on a sinkhole that was discovered December 1. Authorities are investigating what caused the sinkhole.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/dr-gridlock/wp/2014/12/02/southbound-gw-parkway-closed-because-of-sinkhole/>

9. *December 3, WBIR 10 Knoxville* – (Tennessee) **Police release names of victims killed in school bus crash.** Two children and 1 adult were killed and 23 people were injured after 2 Knox County school buses collided on Asheville Highway in Knoxville December 2 and shut down the roadway for 8 hours as crews worked to clear the scene and reopen the road. Knox County School officials announced that both Chilhowee Intermediate and Sunnyview Primary schools would be closed December 3.  
Source: <http://www.wbir.com/story/news/local/2014/12/02/several-students-hurt-in-accident-involving-2-buses/19790703/>

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## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

10. *December 2, WJFW 12 Rhinelander* – (Wisconsin) **Merrill fire destroys valuable maple syrup equipment.** Tens of thousands of dollars' worth of maple syrup processing equipment was destroyed December 2 when a fire burned down a shed at the Cain Creek Maple Syrup facility in Merrill. The cause of the fire is under investigation.  
Source: [http://www.wjfw.com/email\\_story.html?SKU=20141202163714](http://www.wjfw.com/email_story.html?SKU=20141202163714)
11. *December 2, Dexter Daily Statesman* – (Missouri) **Farm worker dies in grain bin accident.** A worker that was using a vacuum to remove grain from a bin on a Stoddard County farm December 2 died when the grain collapsed and buried the man. Crews attempted to build a wall around the worker while they removed from grain from the bin in an extrication effort.  
Source: <http://www.dailystatesman.com/story/2143020.html>
12. *December 2, WABC 7 New York City* – (New York) **3-alarm fire in commercial building in St. Albans, Queens.** A 3-alarm fire broke out at an Indian food processing and packaging factory in Queens, New York, December 2 and caused a partial roof collapse at the facility that was filled with fuel, food oils, and other combustibles.  
Source: <http://7online.com/news/3-alarm-fire-in-queens-commercial-building/419347/>

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## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

13. *December 2, WBOY 12 Clarksburg* – (West Virginia) **Boil water advisory lifted for Stonewood water customers.** A boil water advisory was lifted for customers in the Town of Stonewood December 2 after water samples came back negative for total coliform bacteria following a water main break November 29.  
Source: <http://www.wboy.com/story/27506441/boil-water-advisory-issued-for->

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

14. *December 2, Reuters* – (New York) **More than 2,200 NYC school computers missing, unused: Comptroller.** An audit by the New York City comptroller December 2 found that more than 2,200 computers purchased for 9 city schools and 1 administrative building were missing or hidden in closets and never used. The city's education department announced that it is working on tracking the missing products after the report determined that 253 tablets were missing and nearly 400 laptop and desktop computers were unopened and unused.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/02/us-usa-new-york-education-idUSKCN0JG21120141202>

15. *December 1, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fort Lauderdale's website down for hours after threat from Anonymous hackers.** Authorities shut down the official Web site for the city of Fort Lauderdale in order to restore its systems after hackers who claimed to be affiliated with the group Anonymous blocked access to the city's Web site, the police department's site, and the city's email system in a denial of service (DoS) attack December 1. Officials reported that the sites were not breached and no critical services were impacted.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fort-lauderdale/fl-lauderdale-web-site-attacked-20141201-story.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

16. *December 3, The Register* – (International) **Iranian CLEVER hacks through airport security, Cisco boxen.** Researchers with Cylance published a report on a suspected Iranian hacking group that has compromised a variety of targets including

government and military systems, telecommunications companies, research facilities, airports, defense contractors, and utilities in a campaign dubbed Operation Cleaver. The researchers stated that the group compromised critical infrastructure assets and Cisco networking equipment but did not engage in manipulation of those systems.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/03/operation\\_cleaver/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/03/operation_cleaver/)

17. *December 3, The Register* – (International) **Firmware update kills Lenovo Home Media Network HDDs. Here's how to resurrect them.** Lenovo stated that it was responding to customer reports of a firmware update causing its Home Media Network Hard Drive to fail to restart after installation of the update.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/03/lenovo\\_firmware\\_drives/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2014/12/03/lenovo_firmware_drives/)

18. *December 2, Softpedia* – (International) **Lizard Squad announces DDoS attacks for Christmas time.** Attackers claiming to be the Lizard Squad hacking group claimed responsibility for conducting a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack against the Xbox Live network after users complained December 1 that they experienced issues connecting to the network.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Lizard-Squad-Announces-DDoS-Attacks-for-Christmas-Time-466354.shtml>

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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>

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

19. *December 3, Associated Press* – (Delaware) **3 Delaware churches subject to arson in 1 morning.** Delaware fire officials are investigating arson fires that were set to 3 Felton area churches December 2 and caused an estimated \$86,000 in damage to the structures, including Healing Hands Christian Church which was completely destroyed.

Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/3-Delaware-Churches-Subject-to-Arson-in-1-Morning-284587731.html>

20. *December 3, Securityweek* – (International) **New "LusyPOS" malware uses Tor for**

**C&C Communications.** CBTS researchers analyzed a new variant of malware dubbed LusyPOS that leverages the Tor network to deploy a technique known as RAM scraping to collect payment card data from infected systems. The malware is similar to the ChewBacca variant which was used to steal payment data from several dozen retailers in the U.S. and other countries.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/new-lusypos-malware-uses-tor-cc-communications>

21. *December 2, Reuters* – (Texas) **Suspected Texas robber killed after getaway car slams into Starbucks.** A robbery suspect being pursued by police lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a Starbucks coffee shop in Bellaire, Texas, December 2 causing extensive damage to the structure that required the store to close indefinitely until it can be inspected for safety. The suspect was killed and a customer was injured during the crash.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/12/03/us-usa-texas-starbucks-idUSKCN0JH02G20141203>

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