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- The U.S. Attorney’s office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania announced charges against 3 individuals accused of allegedly orchestrating a \$54.5 million Ponzi scheme for an alternative energy company September 3. – *The Hill* (See item [3](#))
- A former Wellington man was convicted September 3 on 15 Federal mail fraud charges for allegedly soliciting dozens of investors for about \$55 million that would purportedly be invested in oil in the Middle East. – *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* (See item [8](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *September 4, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **36,000 lose power on Northeast Side after tree trimming.** Approximately 36,000 residents on the Northeast Side of Columbus lost power for over 3 hours September 3 after American Electric Power crews accidentally disabled a power line while trimming trees, ultimately causing an outage at the Karl Road substation.
Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/09/03/aep-power.html>
2. *September 4, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **29,000 without power after metro Detroit storms.** Thunderstorms downed trees and power lines in metro Detroit August 3, knocking out power to 57,000 customers. About 29,000 customers remained without power September 4.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/09/04/power-outages-metro-detroit-storms/71691154/>
3. *September 3, The Hill* – (Pennsylvania) **Feds charge 3 in alleged green energy Ponzi scheme.** The U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania announced charges against 3 individuals accused of orchestrating a \$54.5 million Ponzi scheme for an alternative energy company September 3. The suspects were charged with wire fraud, securities fraud and conspiracy to commit both in connection with Mantria Corp., a company which defrauded over 300 investors with false promises of sustainable and clean energy products.
Source: <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/252658-feds-charge-3-in-alleged-green-energy-ponzi-scheme>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *September 4, Wilkes-Barre Citizen's Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Susquehanna Nuclear plant requires special inspections.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reported September 3 that Talen Energy's Susquehanna Nuclear plant in Salem Township will need to resolve its safety procedures after a June finding revealed the plant failed to notify State and local emergency responders of a potential steam leak, and inadequately stored excess combustible materials, among other findings. The NRC will conduct supplemental assessments at the plant's Units 1 and 2 reactors.
Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/susquehanna-nuclear-plant-requires-special-inspections-1.1936970>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *September 3, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Cycling Sports Group recalls Cannondale mountain bicycles due to fall hazard.** Cycling Sports Group issued a recall September 3 for about 23,000 Cannondale bicycles with OPI

stem/steering tubes due to fall hazards posed by a potential failure in the stem/steering tube assembly. The products were distributed at Cannondale dealers nationwide from 2010 – 2015.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Cycling-Sports-Group-Recalls-Cannondale-Mountain-Bicycles/?utm>

6. *September 3, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Judge: PPG liable for Allegheny River pollution from plant.** Federal authorities ruled August 31 that PPG Industries Inc., is liable for decades of Allegheny River pollution after violating State and Federal water and environmental conservation acts at the company’s Ford City glass manufacturing plant from 1949 – 1970. Local researchers reported that toxic runoff from plant dump site slurry lagoons contained toxic levels of arsenic, chromium, lead, manganese, copper, and mercury, among other substances.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/judge-ppg-liable-for-pollution-from-plant/35088604>

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

7. *September 3, Krebs on Security* – (International) **More ATM “Insert Skimmer” innovations.** U.S. and European security researchers reported recent trends in ATM skimming, including devices being planted via a hidden “insert skimmer” placed through the ATM’s card reader, “wiretapping attacks” in which devices are installed via holes drilled near the card reader entry throat, and the use of solid explosives to blow open cash machines in 11 countries.
Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2015/09/more-atm-insert-skimmer-innovations/>
8. *September 3, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (National) **Socialite found guilty of mail fraud got \$55M from victims, Feds say.** A former Wellington man was convicted September 3 on 15 Federal mail fraud charges for allegedly soliciting dozens of investors for about \$55 million that would purportedly be invested in oil in the Middle East, which he instead used to finance his lifestyle. The suspect was previously ordered to pay \$112 million in damages and civilian penalties for selling fake investments.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/fl-joseph-zada-guilty-verdict-20150903-story.html>
9. *September 3, Orange County Register* – (National) **Counterfeit crimes in Seal Beach found to be part of nationwide scheme.** U.S. Secret Service and California police authorities arrested 8 suspected gang members in Seal Beach September 3 in connection to a national counterfeiting scheme in which perpetrators allegedly used fake bills for over 4,200 transactions totaling \$100,000 nationwide since 2013. The source of the counterfeiting is under investigation.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/beach-680986-bills-seal.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

10. *September 3, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Wilsonville woman dies in crash with school bus near Santiam Junction.** Highway 20 near mile post 79 in Linn County was shut down for several hours while emergency crews responded to a fatal accident that killed 1 woman after her vehicle veered across the center line and slammed into a school bus carrying 43 members of the Sheldon High School soccer team September 3. The crash remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/story/29955426/deadly-crash-involving-car-school-bus-shuts-down-hwy-20-near-santiam-junction>
11. *September 3, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Multi-car crash ties up traffic on I-75 in Marietta.** Several southbound lanes of Interstate 75 at the 120 loop in Marietta were shut down for several hours September 3 while crews cleaned up a multi-vehicle accident that injured 1 person.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/multi-car-crash-ties-traffic-i-75-marietta/nXhj/>
12. *September 3, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **San Bernardino Mountains: Overturned big-rig, fuel spill closes Highway 38 at Jenks Lake.** Highway 38 at Jenks Lake Road in San Bernardino County was shut down for 2 hours September 3 while crews cleared the scene of a 2-vehicle accident that involved a semi-truck and injured 1 person.
Source: <http://www.pe.com/articles/highway-779051-crash-jenks.html>

Food and Agriculture Sector

13. *September 3, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Best Cash & Carry recalls Rose Brand Cranberry Mix because of possible health risk.** Maspeth, New York-based Best Cash & Carry issued a recall for its Rose Brand Cranberry Mix product packaged in 7-ounce plastic bags September 2, after routine sampling revealed the presence of undeclared sulfites. The product was sold in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm461250.htm>
14. *September 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Delaware) **Deficient medical management leads to musculoskeletal injuries at Delaware poultry processing plant.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration sent Allen Harim Foods LLC in Harbeson Delaware, a hazard alert letter August 7, after an inspection revealed deficiencies in staffing, inadequate supervision, and deficiencies in the facility's medical management program that may have contributed to the development of employee' serious musculoskeletal disorders, among other findings.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28659

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. *September 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Kentucky) **About 120,000 gallons of oil spill in Mississippi River after boats collide.** The U.S. Coast Guard reported September 3 that a portion of the Mississippi river was closed from mile marker 938 to 922 while crews investigated an oil spill following a 2-tow boat collision near Columbus, Kentucky, that dumped more than 120,000 gallons of oil into the river September 2. Some oil was recovered, but officials are unsure of how much was released mid-channel.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/midwest/ct-mississippi-river-oil-spill-20150903-story.html>

For another story, see item [6](#)

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. *September 4, SC Magazine* – (National) **Encrypted medical databases shown to leak information.** Researchers from Microsoft reported findings revealing that databases used to store electronic medical records are prone to information leakage despite being encrypted, and that they were able to find data such as sex, race, age and admission information from real patient records from 200 hospitals in the U.S via frequency analysis, Ip-optimization, and sorting and cumulative attacks
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/encrypted-medical-databases-shown-to-leak-information/article/436892/>
17. *September 3, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **OSHA cites Bergen Regional Medical Center after 8 employees assaulted or threatened by patients since February.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Bergen Regional Medical Center August 18 for one general duty clause citation for failing to keep the work place free of hazards after an investigation revealed 8 incidents of workplace violence from February through June 2015 in which employees were assaulted or threatened by patients. Proposed penalties total \$13,600.
Source: <https://www.osha.gov/newsrelease/reg2-20150903.html>
18. *September 3, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **HFD: Angry patient causes \$1M in damage at Houston hospital.** The Houston Fire Department reported September 3 that an angry patient at the Memorial Hermann Southeast in Houston allegedly started 2 fires in a neighboring building, triggering the suppression system and causing over \$1 million in damages. The suspect was detained by police after exiting the building.
Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/crime/2015/09/03/man-arrested-after-allegedly-starting-fire--se-houston-hospital/71628120/>

Government Facilities Sector

19. *September 3, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Rough Fire crews work to protect trees, cabins, and historic monuments.** Approximately 1,901 first responders in Fresno reached 25-percent containment of the 81,549-acre Rough Fire September 3, and were working to protect Converse Basin, the Buck Rock area, and Cedar Grove, along with

their cabins, landmarks, and historical monuments.

Source: <http://abc30.com/news/rough-fire-crews-work-to-protect-trees-cabins-and-historic-monuments/968160/>

20. *September 4, Fox News* – (National) **Forest Service spent record \$243M last week fighting western wildfires.** The U.S. Agriculture Secretary reported September 3 that the U.S. Forest Service spent over \$243 million in the week of August 24 battling over 70 fires in 5 States, and that the agency expects spending on continued fire suppression to average about \$200 million per week.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/09/04/forest-service-spent-record-243m-last-week-fighting-western-wildfires/>
21. *September 4, Associated Press* – (California) **Gunman sought in Sacramento college shooting; 1 dead 2 injured.** Sacramento City College was placed on lockdown for two hours and classes were canceled for the remainder of the day September 3 after one person was killed and two others injured by a gunman who shot the victims following a verbal dispute. Authorities continued to search for the suspect.
Source: <http://abc7chicago.com/news/gunman-sought-in-sacramento-college-shooting;-1-dead-2-injured/969225/>
22. *September 4, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Teen fatally struck by bus outside Founders Hall Middle School in McKeesport.** A 15-year old McKeesport Founders Hall Middle School student was killed September 3 after being struck by a school bus in an intersection outside of the school.
Source: http://www.wtae.com/news/pedestrian-struck-by-bus-in-mckeesport/35086194?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&utm_campaign=wtae

For another story, see item [10](#)

Emergency Services Sector

23. *September 3, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California; Tennessee; Illinois) **Maximum-security inmate from San Diego prison escapes while being transported out of State.** A Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility official reported September 3 that an inmate serving a 17-year sentence for robbery in San Diego escaped at a rest stop on Interstate 80 outside of Princeton, Illinois, while being transported back after a court proceeding in Tennessee. Police crews were actively searching for the prisoner.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2015/09/03/maximum-security-inmate-from-san-diego-prison-escapes-while-being-transported-out-of-state/>
24. *September 3, Associated Press* – (California) **3 California deputies arrested; inmate died of blunt trauma.** Three Santa Clara jail guards were arrested September 3 after an inmate under their watch was found dead August 27 with multiple blunt force injuries, “visceral lacerations,” and internal bleeding. The guards were put on unpaid administrative leave pending an ongoing investigation.
Source: http://www.ktv1.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/ktvl_vid_17461.shtml

25. *September 2, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Pinellas paramedic stole drugs, replaced them with saline, deputies say.** A paramedic with Sunstar Paramedics in Pinellas County was arrested September 2 and faces 7 counts of possession of a controlled substance and 7 counts of grand theft after stealing fentanyl, a synthetic opiate analgesic, and replacing it with saline 7 times over the course of 10 shifts. An investigation is ongoing, although officials say no patients received the tampered medication.
Source: <http://www.tbo.com/news/crime/pinellas-paramedic-stole-drugs-replaced-them-with-saline-deputies-say-20150902/>

Information Technology Sector

26. *September 4, Securityweek* – (International) **Cisco patches flaw in data center management products.** Cisco released software updates addressing a remotely exploitable JavaServer Pages (JSP) vulnerability in the company’s UCS Director and Integrated Management Controller (IMC) Supervisor products which could allow an unauthenticated attacker to use specially crafted HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) requests to overwrite arbitrary files, resulting in instability or a denial-of-service (DoS) condition.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/cisco-patches-flaw-data-center-management-products>
27. *September 4, Securityweek* – (International) **Flaws in OrientDB expose databases to remote attacks.** The Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT) published an advisory warning of three vulnerabilities in OrientDB’s Community Edition, including a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) affecting the Web administration interface in which an attacker could perform actions with user privileges, an insufficient random value issue that could allow an attacker to gain administrative privileges to the database, and an improper input validation that could allow an attacker to create specially crafted pages to launch clickjacking attacks.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/flaws-orientdb-expose-databases-remote-attacks>
28. *September 4, Softpedia* – (International) **FortiClient antivirus fixes system-level privilege escalation bug.** FortiClient antivirus client developers released an update addressing a privilege escalation bug in the software that could have allowed an attacker who had previously infected the system to gain unauthorized access to system-level privileges.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/forticlient-antivirus-fixes-system-level-privilege-escalation-bug-490935.shtml>

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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

29. *September 4, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Large fire destroys Fairview Heights, Ill. apartment building.** Twenty-one residents from the Longacre Ponds Apartment complex in Fairview Heights, Illinois, were displaced September 2 after a 5-alarm fire destroyed 8 units, prompting 5 fire departments to respond. The cause of the fire is under investigation after the building fire alarms never activated.
Source: <http://www.kmov.com/story/29954550/large-fire-destroys-ofallon-ill-apartment-building>
30. *September 4, WABC 7 New York City* – (New Jersey) **Cranford Daycare workers accused of fostering ‘fight club’ among kids in court.** Two former employees at Lightbridge Academy in Cranford, New Jersey, were charged with fourth-degree child abuse, and third-degree endangering the welfare of a child September 2, after the employees instigated and encouraged a dozen children to fight. An investigation remains ongoing.
Source: <http://abc7ny.com/news/cranford-daycare-workers-accused-of-fostering-fight-club-among-kids-in-court/969741/>
31. *September 4, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Brentwood PetSmart reopens after chemical leak.** The Banfield Animal Hospital inside a Brentwood, Missouri PetSmart was closed and evacuated September 3 after seven employees were sent to nearby hospitals when feeling symptoms of nausea, dizziness, and a metallic taste in their mouths. PetSmart is scheduled to remain closed until a complete inspection is complete.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/09/03/brentwood-pet-smart-evacuated/71649364/>
32. *September 3, Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware) **Bomb threat clears Hockessin daycare center.** Approximately 60 children from the Children of America Child Care in Hockessin were evacuated for nearly 3 hours September 3 after daycare employees received a bomb threat by telephone. K-9 teams and police crews searched the building and found no explosive devices.
Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/story/news/local/2015/09/03/bomb-threat-clears-hockessin-daycare-center/71648044/>

33. *September 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Bowling center mechanic’s strangulation death a ‘preventable workplace tragedy.’** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Brownsville, Texas-based Galaxy Bowling Center for 10 serious safety violations September 2 after a part-time worker suffocated to death while repairing a faulty pinsetter. Proposed penalties total \$50,400.
Center https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28662

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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