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- Officials found vandals had removed 44 spikes from train tracks in Bellingham, Washington, July 11. But the discovery was made before any trains could derail, according to KAPS 660 AM Mount Vernon. (See item [31](#))
- A court July 15 charged 14 suspected al-Qa'ida militants for allegedly planning to attack the U.S. Embassy in Turkey, the Associated Press reports. (See item [44](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *July 18, Reuters* – (Alaska) **BP pipeline leaks oily mixture onto Alaskan tundra.** BP said July 18 that a pipeline at its 30,000 barrel per day Lisburne field in Alaska, currently closed for maintenance, ruptured during testing and spilled a mixture of methanol and oily water onto the tundra. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) said the spill occurred July 16 and amounted to 2,100 to 4,200 gallons. A BP spokesman said cleanup was under way, and the company would

determine the cause "in due course." Lisburne, which is managed as part of the Greater Prudhoe Bay Unit, has produced no oil since June 18, Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission records indicate, suggesting maintenance work requiring a prolonged shutdown. The spokesman said the field had been undergoing "its annual maintenance." Production from the entire Lisburne field remains shut off while the spill is addressed, Alaska officials said. The methanol-produced water mix has spread into wet tundra as well as onto a gravel pad, bringing risks to slow-growing vegetation, said the ADEC's on-scene coordinator. He said the pipeline will have to be dug up to determine the cause of the failure.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43790734/ns/business-stocks_and_economy

2. *July 17, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Copper thieves leave PSE substation dark.** Puget Sound Energy estimated it will cost around \$10,000 to replace and repair wires that were cut and stolen from its Northlake Way substation in Bremerton, Washington. Kitsap County sheriff's deputies were called at 8:40 a.m. July 15 after someone found a hole cut through the station's fence at Northlake Way and Seabeck Highway. Roughly 25 feet of copper ground wires were cut and stolen, according to sheriff's reports. The substation needed to go offline to be repaired. The repair was scheduled to happen at night to minimize the impact to users. Deputies have no suspect information. The July 15 theft was the second time in a month wires were cut and stolen from the substation. Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jul/17/copper-thieves-leave-pse-substation-dark/>
3. *July 17, Greeley Tribune* – (Colorado) **Suspicious bag at Eaton gas station shuts down U.S. 85.** Police closed down a section of U.S. 85 at the intersection of Collins Avenue in Eaton, Colorado, July 17 after a man left a suspicious black bag next to a fuel pump at the Agland Convenience Store in Eaton. A captain said the bag was a suspected threat after Agland employees saw the man leave the bag by the southwest fuel tank. The suspect raised their suspicions initially by making strange comments to the employees. Employees called police, and the bomb squad was brought in to investigate. The area was cleared at 3:30 p.m. when it was determined the bag left by the man was harmless. The entire incident had the highway shut down for about an hour and a half. Eaton police are searching for the man who left the bag. Source: <http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20110717/NEWS/707179997/1002&parentprofile=1>
4. *July 15, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Chevron to pay \$900K fine levied by Maine DEP.** Chevron Corp. will pay a \$900,000 fine to the state of Maine to settle claims that an estimated 140,000 gallons of oil leaked from an oil tank farm it owned into the Penobscot River decades ago, officials said July 15. The penalty is the largest fine imposed by state regulators in 20 years, but Chevron accepted no responsibility or wrongdoing under a consent decree. Officials said 2,800 tons of oil-contaminated sediment, and 10,000 gallons of oil have been removed since 2008 as part of an ongoing site cleanup. In a statement, Chevron said it remains committed to meeting its responsibilities at the site. It said it agreed to resolve the matter to avoid protracted litigation. The agreement focuses on the tank farm and two marine terminals that were

owned by Chevron, and Texaco. State officials said more than 140,000 gallons of oil were spilled at the Chevron and Texaco sites for decades into the 1980s, and that the oil then discharged, and continues to discharge at a slow rate into the river.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9OGAG1G1.htm>

5. *July 15, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **900 gallons of oil spill into Missouri River in ND.** Damage around a Williston, North Dakota, oil well site where officials believe floodwaters shifted a storage tank, causing at least 900 gallons of oil to spill into the Missouri River, does not appear to be significant, state health department officials said July 15. The tank is at a well site owned by Ryan Exploration Inc., which has committed to cleaning up the mess. The site is among about 40 on the flood plain southwest of Williston shut down under state orders when the river started to rise in May. Some companies emptied storage tanks of oil and refilled them with water to hold them down in the high water. State health officials said another company discovered the spill July 13 and immediately started efforts to contain the oil and clean it up. Ryan Exploration crews also have been working at the site, the state environmental geologist said.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/15/general-us-north-dakota-flooding-oil-spill_8568185.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *July 18, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **Chemical plant fire extinguished with foam.** A fire at a chemical plant in Pearland, Texas, was contained after firefighters used foam to put it out. The fire started around 12:45 a.m. July 18 at Syntech Chemicals on Hopper Road near Riley Road. Firefighters said a few tanks with non-hazardous chemicals burned. Within 30 minutes, firefighters extinguished the fire by using foam. No one was hurt. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.
Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/28582176/detail.html>
7. *July 18, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **Pool-chemical spill in Portland met by hazmat teams.** Dozens of firefighters, many wearing fully enclosed hazardous materials suits, swarmed the Namco facility on Larrabee Road in Portland, Maine, July 17 after 50 to 60 gallons of toxic pool chemicals spilled. Workers discovered the spill in a storeroom at about 9:40 a.m. A stack of 5-gallon containers of sodium hypochlorite, a pool treating chemical, had toppled, and many ruptured and leaked their contents, the public safety director said. A handful of employees evacuated the building, as did workers in the nearby Sherwin Williams paint store, and Advance Auto Parts. Nobody was hurt. Namco, a pool supply company, provided technical data about the chemical, indicating that in high concentrations, it can release a toxic vapor, and that it is harmful to touch. Namco had neutralizer on site to clean it up, fire officials said. Firefighters spent almost 6 hours neutralizing the spill before allowing workers to return at 4 p.m. The incident drew crews from Westbrook, Gorham, Gray, Scarborough, Standish, and Windham, many of them members of the Presumpscot Valley Hazardous Materials Team. Portland's hazardous materials team also responded.

Crews used soda ash to neutralize the spilled chemicals, making repeated applications before it was clear enough for specialized cleanup crews to remove the spill.

Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/pool-chemical-spill-in-portland-met-by-hazmat-response-2011-07-18.html>

8. *July 16, KMOV 4 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Sulfuric acid spill in Sullivan injures officer, closes part of I-44.** Hazmat crews were forced to shut down part of Interstate 44 near Sullivan, Missouri, the night of July 15, after sulfuric acid spilled onto the roadway. Witness said a tractor trailer was leaking fluids while driving down the highway. Officials were notified, and an officer stopped the vehicle around 7:30 p.m. The officer who stopped the truck suffered minor injuries after inhaling fumes from the spill. He was taken to a nearby hospital and was expected to be okay. It was unclear how much of the mineral leaked. Officials said some cars were damaged while driving through the stretch.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Sulfuric-acid-spill-in-Sullivan-injures-officer-closes-part-of-I-44-125673408.html>

9. *July 16, Midland Daily News* – (Michigan) **Dioxin contaminated island in Tittabawassee River to be cleaned by Dow Chemical Co.** Cleanup work is expected to take place later this year on a small polluted island in the Tittabawassee River near Midland, Michigan, the Midland Daily News reported July 16. The Dow Chemical Co., which is responsible for the dioxin and furan contamination at the site, recently signed an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to complete the work. The island is located about 17 miles south of the confluence of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa rivers. It is contaminated with up to 17,500 parts per trillion of dioxin TEQ, which is a toxic equivalency measurement. The EPA selected a cleanup option that will remove contaminated sediment above the water surface, with the remaining island sediment and nearby underwater areas being capped. The early cleanup action is intended to limit contaminated sediment from moving downstream, the EPA said. Based on public comment from a hearing in April that noted erosion had shrunk the island considerably, the EPA modified its proposed remedy to include a contingency that allows it to adjust the amount of sediment removed and the areas capped, based on studies of current conditions. The estimated cost for the cleanup is \$500,000.

Source: http://www.ourmidland.com/news/article_71989f2f-c337-5dad-a795-dc3df1549125.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *July 18, Bloomberg News* – (International) **Tepco works to cover Fukushima as storm nears.** Tokyo Electric Power Co. (Tepco) was rushing to install a cover over a building at its crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear plant to shield it from wind and rain as Typhoon Ma-on approaches Japan's coast from the south. Work on the cover for the turbine building of the No. 3 reactor started at about 8:30 a.m. July 18, a Tepco general

manager said at a briefing in Tokyo. The transfer of tainted water for storage in a barge docked next to the plant was halted, a spokesman said by telephone. The eye of Ma-on, which is categorized as “extremely strong,” was about 260 miles southeast of the city of Kagoshima at 4 p.m. July 18, or 1,200 kilometers from the Fukushima plant, according to the Web site of the Japan Meteorological Agency. The storm was moving north at 25 kilometers per hour with winds blowing at 157 kph. Ma-on is forecast to continue heading north and may cross the coast of the southwestern island of Kyushu after 6 a.m. July 19. A forecast track from the U.S. Navy Joint Typhoon Warning Center indicated the storm may pass over the Fukushima plant by July 21.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-18/tepc-rushes-to-cover-fukushima-nuclear-plant-as-typhoon-ma-on-nears-japan.html>

11. *July 17, KNSD 7 San Diego* – (California) **Radiation concerns close hospital ER.** Faulty radiation equipment caused a 20-minute closure of a hospital emergency room in Encinitas, California, July 16, according to officials. Four San Diego County Sheriff’s Department deputies arrived at the Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas emergency department with what they thought were high radiation levels due to readings on their equipment just after 11 a.m., said an official with the hospital. San Diego Hazmat and County Environmental Health officials were called in to access radiation levels at which point the decision was made to close the emergency room, a member of the San Diego fire department said. During the closure, Encinitas fire officials set up an outpost outside the hospital to treat incoming patients, according to a hospital official. There's no word on why the equipment gave high radiation readings, though the fire department official said it could have be just a coincidence, "There are times when you get faulty readings on equipment and so it does happen from time to time."
Source: <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/125713448.html>
12. *July 17, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **SCE&G to store toxic waste in casks, not pools.** The company that runs a Columbia, South Carolina nuclear plant said it will store radioactive waste in steel and concrete containers instead of submerging the refuse in water pools. The State of Columbia reported July 17 that South Carolina Electric & Gas' (SCE&G) plan to build dry cask storage units at its V.C. Summer nuclear plant will relieve pressure on its spent-fuel pool. The pool has capacity until 2017. SCE&G said it plans to start using the dry cask storage units in 2015. Anti-nuclear activists say dry cask storage is safer than pools if nuclear waste has to stay on site. SCE&G will need a license for the casks, and has an upcoming meeting with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/15095276/sceg-to-store-toxic-waste-in-casks-not-pools>
13. *July 15, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ nuclear plant taken offline due to water leak.** The Salem 2 nuclear plant in Lower Alloways Creek Township, New Jersey, was taken offline July 14 after a leak of low-level radioactive water developed during routine testing of an emergency cooling system. Plant operator Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG) Nuclear said the incident posed no threat to plant workers or the public. But it was not known when the plant would return to service. A plant

spokesman said about 90 gallons of water leaked from a valve into the auxiliary building next to the reactor containment building. The water was collected through the floor drain system. It will be processed through the radioactive waste system at the plant. The incident prompted officials to declare an "unusual event" — the lowest level of alert — that lasted for about 6 hours.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/07/15/nj-nuclear-plant-taken-offline-due-to-water-leak/>

14. *July 15, Dow Jones Newswires* – (Illinois) **NRC: Exelon cleaning up chemical leak at Illinois nuclear plant.** A chemical leak at the Desden Nuclear Power Plant in Grundy County, Illinois, has temporarily restricted access to a vital cooling area of the facility as crews work to clean up the spill, federal regulators said. The leak of sodium hypochlorite, a bleach-like chemical routinely used in plant operations to treat water, hasn't affected public safety or the environment, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said July 15. The NRC issued an alert and said it is monitoring the situation at the Dresden plant, a two-unit facility about 60 miles southwest of Chicago. The utility company reported about 330 gallons of the chemical leaked out before being contained. Two plant workers in the area were taken offsite to be treated because of chemical fumes they might have inhaled.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/07/15/nrc-exelon-cleaning-up-chemical-leak-at-illinois-nuclear-plant/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

15. *July 18, Aviation Week* – (International) **Another time-out in 787 production.** "Temporary challenges" in a "few production areas in the supply chain" have prompted Boeing July 18 to initiate a month-long hold on deliveries from major suppliers to the 787's primary final assembly line. The move comes as Boeing takes the first steps to use a second line so it can ramp up production rates from the current 2 per month to 10 by the end of 2013. But it will affect neither the delivery of the first Boeing 787-8 to All Nippon Airways (ANA) set for August or September, nor the initial delivery of 12-20 aircraft this year, the company said. More than 30 787-8s have left the production line and are awaiting completion of the certification process. So by pure numbers, meeting this year's delivery targets should not be a problem. However, part of the hold is to incorporate change orders — production retrofits to reflect design alterations dictated by flight testing. As it wrestled with supplier integration issues last year, Boeing imposed four other production holds, but they were different. This time, the issue is shortages of spot parts affecting some areas in the supply chain, coupled with the need to incorporate engineering changes that flowed out of the 787's flight-test program, a company spokesman said.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/awst/2011/07/18/AW_07

16. *July 18, USA Today* – (National) **Ford recalls Five Hundred, Mercury Montego sedans.** Ford has recalled 2007 Ford Five Hundred and Mercury Montego sedans to repair a fuel tank that could leak in a crash, USA Today reported July 18. The nearly 3,000 sedans cars may have bad welds where the fuel filler neck meets the fuel tank, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site, and in a severe rear impact, the bad weld could fail and cause a fire. The recalled cars were built from September 5 to September 11, 2006. Some may have already been fixed because if the leak occurs it can cause fuel odor, visible leakage, or set off the emissions warning light. Ford will reimburse owners who paid for the fix. They can make a claim when they get the recall letter starting August 15.
Source: <http://content.usatoday.com/communities/driveon/post/2011/07/ford-recalls-five-hundred-mercury-montego-sedans/1>
17. *July 16, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **Honda recall of certain model year 2008 through 2010 motorcycles.** Honda has recalled certain model year 2008 through 2010 ST1300 motorcycles manufactured from November 15, 2007 through May 27, 2010, model year 2008 through 2010 ST1300A motorcycles manufactured from November 7, 2007 through April 6, 2010, and model year 2009 ST 1300PA police motorcycles manufactured from November 18, 2008 through December 8, 2009, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced July 16. When the rear suspension of the motorcycle is repeatedly bottomed out (fully compressed), the rear brake reservoir hose may become damaged and leak brake fluid. This could cause the rider to experience a loss of rear brake performance or function, which increases the risk of a crash. Honda will replace the rear brake reservoir hose free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before July 26.
Source: <http://www.enewspf.com/latest-news/recalls/25473-honda-recall-of-certain-model-year-2008-through-2010-motorcycles.html>
18. *July 15, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Nebraska) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites Bushnell Illinois Tank Co. in Nebraska for exposing workers to multiple safety and health hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Bushnell Illinois Tank Co., doing business as Schuld/Bushnell in Valley, Nebraska, for one willful, one repeat, 20 serious, and one-other-than serious violation, following a combined safety and health inspection at the company's facility. The firm manufactures metal grain bins. Proposed penalties total \$142,400. The willful violation involves allowing employees to work in permit-required confined spaces without having first written and implemented a confined space program. The repeat violation is similar to an electrical violation cited in October 2006 for improper use of a flexible cord at the company's facility in Bushnell, Illinois.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20268

Defense Industrial Base Sector

19. *July 18, Global Security Newswire* – (New Mexico) **Shortfalls seen in Los Alamos nuke operations.** Investigators at the U.S. Energy Department in a new report noted many possible shortcomings in nuclear weapons quality checks at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, but no significant issues were detected at the New Mexico site, the Knoxville News Sentinel reported July 13. The department's inspector general in 2010 said the laboratory's administration "had not focused sufficient attention" on complying with rules to ensure the enforcement of quality standards by the National Nuclear Security Administration and entities it hires. The semiautonomous departmental agency oversees the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories, which are managed by other organizations.

Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110715_2030.php

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Banking and Finance Sector

20. *July 18, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Former commodities trader McCrudden will plead guilty in death-threat case.** A former commodities trader accused of threatening to kill financial regulators has agreed to plead guilty, his lawyer said July 18. The man will plead guilty to two counts of transmission of threats to injure, his lawyer said in federal court in Central Islip, New York, before opening arguments were scheduled to begin in his trial. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. The 50-year-old, who also ran his own hedge funds, was accused of threatening the lives of 47 current and former officials, including the SEC chairwoman, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) chairman. The man has been held without bail since he was arrested January 13 returning from Singapore. He is charged with threatening the regulators in profanity-filled e-mails and, after the CFTC sued him in December, Web postings. He had said he was being persecuted for fighting back against unfair regulatory actions that destroyed his career.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-18/former-commodities-trader-mccrudden-will-plead-guilty-in-death-threat-case.html>

21. *July 17, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (National) **Man arrested in Bank of Bartlett robbery accused of robberies in four states.** One of two men arrested in the Bank of Bartlett robbery in Tennessee July 15 is also accused of robbing banks in Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi. The two suspects are accused of robbing the Bank of Bartlett at 9915 Highway 64 in Cordova, Tennessee. Both men were armed when they entered the bank and approached a teller. One suspect demanded money while the other ordered employees and customers to lie on the floor, according to the Safe Street Task Force. As the two men left in a getaway vehicle with an undisclosed amount of money, a customer followed and called Memphis Police. Police chased the getaway vehicle and stopped it at Macon Road and Tennessee Highway 385. The men were arrested without incident. One is a known fugitive, the task force said. He is also wanted in Tupelo, Mississippi, for the July 7 armed robbery of a Trustman's Bank

office. Federal authorities have also been seeking him in connection with bank robberies in Conway and Marion, Arkansas, in early July.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/jul/17/man-arrested-bank-bartlett-robbery-accused-robber/>

22. *July 16, Daily Yomiuri Online* – (International) **Thieves raid evacuation areas / Unguarded ATMs robbed of 684 million yen; empty homes violated.** Some 56 ATM thefts have been reported in the three disaster-hit Tohoku prefectures in Japan since the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, with the amount of money stolen totaling 684 million yen, according to the National Police Agency (NPA). About 420 million yen, or 60 percent of the money, was stolen from within 20 kilometers of the Fukushima No. 1 nuclear power plant. Deserted in the wake of the disaster, ATMs in convenience stores and financial institutions in the area in particular have become targets for theft. According to the NPA, further ATM thefts are unlikely to occur as cash left at empty stores and banks has now been collected. Arrests have been made in connection with only one of the thefts. About 28 cases took place in the zone within 20 kilometers of the crippled nuclear power plant, which was largely deserted after an evacuation advisory was issued March 12. One reason for the police's lack of progress in investigating the thefts is that alarm systems and security cameras at many stores and banks were not operating at the time of the robberies, due to power outages caused by the disaster.

Source: <http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/dy/national/T110715004927.htm>

23. *July 15, Cardratings.com* – (National) **Study: Banks fall short on credit card fraud protection.** A new study conducted by Javelin Strategy & Research showed that while banks are good at handling credit card fraud once it has occurred, they could be doing more to protect their customers' information from hackers and to prevent identity theft. The study ranked America's largest banks on a scale out of 100: 45 points for fraud prevention, 35 for detection, and 20 for resolving problems after they've occurred. While the average for problem resolution was 18 out of 20, the scores for prevention and detection were much more troubling: only 24 out of 45 and 17 out of 35, respectively.

Source: <http://community.nasdaq.com/News/2011-07/study-banks-fall-short-on-credit-card-fraud-protection.aspx?storyid=85682>

24. *July 15, United Press International* – (International) **SEC alleges foreign currency Ponzi scheme.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed charges July 14 against the head of a purported foreign currency trading firm, alleging he ran a Ponzi scheme. The SEC alleged the man, who led First Capital Savings & Loan, raised \$21 million from investors in at least 26 states and promised monthly returns of up to 7.15 percent through foreign currency trading, the watchdog agency said July 15 in a release. The agency said the man, who fled to Peru and was arrested there earlier this year, used most of the money to fund a start-up newspaper called "USA Tomorrow," according to the SEC. His scheme began to fall apart in June 2008, and he and First Capital had lost all of the investors' money by September 2008, the SEC said. Still, the suspect solicited at least an additional \$1 million from at least 36 investors between June 2008 and February 2009 by pushing First Capital's fictitious high returns, the SEC

alleged. The agency's lawsuit asked for court orders to bar the defendants from engaging in securities fraud, and to require them to disgorge their ill-gotten gains and pay financial penalties.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Business_News/2011/07/15/UPI-NewsTrack-Business/UPI-97641310762841/

25. *July 15, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Man in 'Dapper Bandit' series convicted.** A man dubbed the "Dapper Bandit" was convicted July 15 of holding up a Mira Mesa check-cashing business and a bank in Point Loma, California, December 2010. Authorities believe the 42-year-old also committed four earlier robberies in Fresno, King County, and Westlake Village. He was convicted of two counts of robbery following a 1-day trial. He robbed the check-cashing store December 20 and got away with \$1,000, according to a deputy district attorney (DA). He held up a U.S. Bank branch a week later. The defendant, who got his moniker because he was well-dressed when he committed the crimes, was arrested New Year's Eve as he tried to cross into the United States from Mexico. He told investigators that he was on his way back to rob the same bank because he ran out of money, the deputy DA said. The defendant has a 1992 robbery and prior escape convictions and was on parole prior to his arrest at the border. Jurors were unable to agree on whether he used a gun during the heists, which would have increased his punishment.

Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/28557897/detail.html>

26. *July 15, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Virginia; Maryland) **Virginia real estate businessman pleads guilty to mortgage and investment fraud schemes.** A Virginia real estate businessman pleaded guilty July 15 to fraud charges in connection with mortgage and investment schemes to obtain more than \$12 million in fraudulent loans. He pleaded guilty in a U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia to one count of bank fraud, and one count of wire fraud. In his guilty plea, the man admitted that between November 2005 and May 2011, he orchestrated at least three mortgage fraud schemes where he used "straw borrowers" with good credit scores to apply for and obtain nearly \$11.5 million in fraudulent loans relating to three Northern Virginia residential properties. He did so by causing lenders to receive false and inflated income information about the straw borrowers, and he submitted forged and fraudulent documentation to lenders purporting to verify that false data. After attempting to refinance the loans and forestall foreclosure, he ultimately defaulted on loans for all three properties. He also admitted in his plea that between June 2008 and October 2010, he engaged in a fourth scheme to obtain more than \$800,000 in fraudulent loans from at least eight residents of Maryland, and Virginia. He obtained the loans by promising high rates of return over short periods of time in exchange for money he claimed he would invest in various property ventures. He later defaulted on each loan, generally paying back no more than 10 percent of the borrowed amounts. At sentencing, he faces a maximum penalty of 30 years on the bank fraud count, and 20 years on the wire fraud count. For each count, he also faces a fine of the greater of \$250,000 or twice the value gained or lost from the scheme. In his plea, he agreed to forfeit \$7.9 million, pay back about \$5.3 million.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/July/11-crm-927.html>

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Transportation Sector

27. *July 18, Associated Press* – (New York) **Tour bus crash in western NY kills 2, hurts 35.** A tour bus traveling from Washington, D.C., to Niagara Falls, New York crashed in a wooded median in western New York July 18, killing two people and injuring 35, state police said. The crash happened on Interstate 390 in Steuben County at 4:15 p.m., and a preliminary report indicates that a tire blowout might have caused the wreck, a New York State Police spokesman said. The bus, owned by Bedore Tours of North Tonawanda near Buffalo, left Washington July 18 and stopped for lunch in Pennsylvania. The driver lost control of the bus about 55 miles southeast of Rochester, and veered down a grassy bank into the woods. Three patients were taken by helicopter to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, and a fourth was taken there by ambulance. Eight were taken to Noyes Memorial Hospital in Dansville. The rest were taken to other hospitals in the region. A passenger has said the driver fell asleep; the driver has said he was alert and well-rested. The crash is being investigated by New York State Police, and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/18/general-us-tour-bus-crash_8570054.html

28. *July 18, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Two lanes of major Oklahoma City interstate are closed due to dangerous expansion joint on Belle Isle bridge.** The heat took a toll on an aging Oklahoma City, Oklahoma interstate that is a major artery for workers headed downtown from northwest parts of the city. Parts of a steel expansion joint that rose above the buckled concrete damaged many vehicles, and caused the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to shut down two lanes of eastbound Interstate 44 July 18. Motorists along I-44 eastbound between Northwest Expressway and Broadway Extension could be seen pulling off the interstate after hitting the expanded joint on top of the Belle Isle Bridge near Classen Boulevard. The lanes were closed about 5:45 a.m., the patrol reported, and repairs were expected to take many hours. The eastbound I-44 on-ramp from Northwest Expressway was closed about 7:30 a.m. Oklahoma Department of Transportation workers were on the bridge and assessing the problem, a spokeswoman said. She said she could not speculate on the cause of the problem, but she said expansion joints often are affected by extreme temperature.

Source: http://newsok.com/two-lanes-of-major-oklahoma-city-interstate-are-closed-due-to-dangerous-expansion-joint-on-belle-isle-bridge/article/3586659?custom_click=masthead_topten

29. *July 18, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Tractor-trailer fire, fuel spill halt traffic on I-95.** A tractor-trailer fire and fuel spill following a crash shut down Interstate 95 in both directions in Greenwich, Connecticut, for more than 2 hours July 18 and caused traffic havoc into the start of the commute, officials said. State police said a tractor-trailer and another vehicle were involved in an accident around 1 a.m. on I-95 southbound between exits 5 and 4. The accident sparked a fire that sent a large fireball

into the air, a Greenwich deputy fire marshal said. State police said the tractor-trailer driver suffered minor injuries. The collision ruptured one of the truck's fuel tanks. The truck's cargo, wood pellets, added fuel to the fire. Traffic was halted in both directions until about 4 a.m., when the northbound side was reopened. Two lanes were opened up southbound shortly after, and by 6 a.m., as traffic started to build, the highway was fully open. After the fire was extinguished, firefighters remained on scene to keep the highway shut, and stand-by to assist in case the fuel spill spread.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Tractor-trailer-fire-fuel-spill-halt-traffic-on-1470408.php>

30. *July 17, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (New Jersey) **Man arrested after running onto NJ airport tarmac with knife.** A knife-wielding man was arrested July 16 after allegedly running onto a tarmac at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey. Witnesses saw the man, 39, hanging around a guardhouse near the Continental Airlines taxiway ramp around 6:30 p.m. According to officials, the man, a resident of Manhattan, New York, suddenly jumped over a barrier in Terminal C before running across the tarmac. Armed with a knife, he led Port Authority police on a short pursuit before he tripped and was tackled near a bank of passenger jets. He was arrested and taken to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation. The man was charged with trespassing and possession of a weapon. No planes were delayed.

Source: <http://www.wpix.com/news/ktla-newark-airport-runway-runner-story,0,6226525.story>

31. *July 14, KAPS 660 AM Mount Vernon* – (Washington) **Spikes removed from train tracks in Bellingham.** Forty-four spikes were removed from train tracks in Bellingham, Washington, but railroad officials said they discovered the vandalism before any trains could derail. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway spokesman said the removal of spikes discovered July 11 could have caused significant damage if an alert inspector had not noticed the track tampering. The spikes were taken from the main track along Bellingham Bay, about 1 mile south of the Alaska Ferry terminal in Fairhaven. The theft took place near a trestle that was damaged by a fireworks-ignited fire July 4. The company is investigating both incidents, and is offering rewards of up to \$5,000 for information leading to arrests in either case.

Source: <http://www.kapsradio.com/kaps-radio-660am-news-headlines/spikes-removed-from-train-tracks-in-bellingham/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

32. *July 16, Walton Tribune* – (Georgia) **Hazmat clears Loganville Post Office.** The Gwinnett County, Georgia hazardous materials team as well as other emergency personnel responded to a report of a letter with a suspicious white powder at about 3:45 p.m. July 15 at the Loganville Post Office in Loganville. Hazmat officials determined there was no hazard, but Loganville Police Department (LPD) detectives remained on

the scene and have taken over the investigation. According to LPD officials, a woman received a letter and opened it in her vehicle. She walked back into the post office and told postal employees she received a letter with a suspicious white powder. Postal employees immediately called 911. The woman reportedly became sick at the scene and was evaluated by medical personnel but did not require additional treatment. The post office was closed for more than an hour until hazmat could determine there were no harmful substances in the building. Postal employees who came in contact with the woman as well as the letter were also evaluated and cleared. LPD officials have not determined what the powder was, nor were they able to determine initially where the letter came from or if it was from someone the victim knew.

Source: http://waltontribune.com/news/article_e5fae588-af1f-11e0-9576-001cc4c002e0.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

33. *July 17, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Kitchen fire shuts down three restaurants near Fields Ertel.** A two-alarm fire that broke out July 17 caused significant damages and temporarily shut down three restaurants in Deerfield Township, Ohio. The Deerfield Township Fire Department responded to the 4:12 p.m. fire that started in the kitchen of China City Buffet. “The grease accumulation underneath the hood caused that to spread into the duct work for the exhaust system ... and into the structure,” the fire battalion chief said. Dispatchers said sprinklers above the oven helped douse some flames, but the fire was not brought fully under control until 5 p.m. Adjacent eateries Five Guys Burgers & Fries, and Chipotle Mexican Grill were evacuated before crews arrived. Fire crews turned off electricity to all three businesses for 2 hours as a safety measure while they conducted a search of the premises. Gas service was not restored to Chipotle and Five Guys until 8 p.m. Mutual aid was provided from Hamilton Twp., Mason, Montgomery, Loveland-Symmes, Sharonville, Sycamore, Union Twp.-South Lebanon, and the West Chester Township fire departments.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/kitchen-fire-shuts-down-three-restaurants-near-fields-ertel-1209353.html>

34. *July 16, KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Missouri; Illinois) **Forced flooding costs farmers millions.** The Birds Point Levee in southeast Missouri could cost farmers more than \$85 million. In May, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened a 133,000-acre floodway to relieve flooding at Cairo, Illinois flooding land down-river. The area flooded includes the most diverse crop plantings in Missouri; corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, rice, and sorghum. "This is going to take a long time to move that sand off, to get it re-graded, I mean there's some catastrophic effects of that floodway breach," said a University of Missouri (MU) economist. "Certainly some of this land is going to take years to get back into shape to come back into production agriculture." The economic loss multiplies to \$156 million when broader economic changes are applied. The MU's Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute compiled the report.

Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=488897

35. *July 15, Wallet Pop* – (National; International) **Recall roundup: Whole Foods mini croissants, enchilada sauce, Dodge Rams and more.** Posh Bakery recalled all of its Butter Mini Croissants and Chocolate Mini-Croissants sold under the Whole Foods brand because of an egg wash that was not listed on the labels, said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The mini croissants were sold at 26 Whole Foods Markets in Northern California. Bruce Foods Corp. recalled 10-ounce cans of Food Club Red Enchilada Sauce with the code ECH 451244 and a best buy date of 5/13/2015 because the cans could contain green enchilada sauce instead, which contains wheat and soy in the ingredients, the FDA said. The cans were sold at stores in Alabama, Minnesota, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia. Sid Wainer & Son Inc. recalled about 137 pounds of imported, ready-to-eat smoked duck breast products because they could be contaminated with salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said. The products were distributed for institutional use in Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania. In a related move, Palmex Inc. recalled about 197 pounds of the duck products that were sent to distribution centers in California, and the Dominican Republic. Included in both recalls were containers of Magret De Canard Fume Seche Dried Smoked Duck Breast, a product of Canada.
Source: <http://www.walletpop.com/2011/07/15/recall-roundup-whole-foods-mini-croissants-enchilada-sauce-dod/>
36. *July 15, The Packer* – (California) **Methyl bromide illnesses a first, CDC says.** Two produce inspectors exposed to methyl bromide over several months in a Carson, California, cold storage facility developed disabling neurological ailments, federal health officials said. The illnesses from 2010 were the first in the United States caused by methyl bromide exposure in a produce storage area distant from where the fumigant was applied, according to the latest Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It was applied to grapes imported from Chile through the Port of Long Beach. The U.S. Department of Agriculture requires methyl bromide fumigation to prevent infestation by the Chilean false red mite. The Carson facility, unnamed in the report, is 6 miles from the port. The inspectors — both men, ages 22 and 52 — complained of symptoms that included difficulty walking, dizziness, and impaired memory, speech, or vision. They had elevated serum bromide levels. The CDC said some measurements of single-instant methyl bromide levels in confined spaces at the Carson facility exceeded 8-hour exposure limits. The report advised similar facilities to consider increased aeration time, reduced postfumigation exposure, reduction of packaging materials that might absorb methyl bromide or hinder aeration, and changes in pallet stacking to improve airflow. Companies should warn workers of potential health risks, the report said. Investigators found the Port of Long Beach aerated fumigated grapes according to USDA standards.
Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/fruit-vegetable-news/fresh-produce-handling-distributing/Methyl-bromide-illnesses-a-first-CDC-says-125633093.html>
37. *July 14, Ag Week* – (North Dakota) **ND livestock producers warned of anthrax danger.** Livestock producers along the Mouse (Souris) and Missouri rivers in North Dakota should consult with their veterinarians about vaccinating their animals for

anthrax this summer, an agriculture commissioner said. "River floodwaters may contain anthrax spores and can expose spores already present in the soil, increasing the risk of anthrax on pasture and grazing land," he said. "If your veterinarian says your livestock -- cattle, sheep horses, and all grazing animals -- are at risk and recommends vaccination, please follow that recommendation." The state veterinarian also urged producers to monitor their herds for unexpected deaths and report them immediately to their veterinarians. "The carcasses of animals that die from anthrax decompose quickly often with little or no signs of rigor mortis," she said. Animal health officials are concerned that the history of anthrax in North Dakota, together with reports of the disease in nearby states and provinces, ideal weather conditions, and overland flooding could result in widespread cases of the disease among unvaccinated animals.

Source: <http://www.agweek.com/event/article/id/18773/>

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Water Sector

38. *July 16, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **2 chemical leaks found at water facility.** An inspection of Pontiac, Michigan's waste water treatment facility revealed two chemical leaks, one of them nearly a decade old, the city's emergency manager said July 15. An official who oversaw the inspections said the drinking water is safe and that there is little hazard to people, but it is too early to tell whether oil, sludge, and iron compounds have seeped into groundwater. The inspection was part of assessments made by United Water as it takes over the city's water systems.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110716/NEWS05/107160357/2-chemical-leaks-found-water-facility>

39. *July 15, Merced Sun-Star* – (California) **Merced to pay \$1.5M in contamination case.** The city of Merced, California, will pay \$1.5 million to more than 2,200 plaintiffs as a settlement in the 4-year-old Beachwood contamination and flooding case, in which residents alleged a plant near the neighborhood contaminated the air and water around them. The residents claimed contaminated water from city sewer lines entered Black Rascal Creek and reached their properties. The plant used industrial chemicals to pressure-treat wood for cooling tower frames. A federal jury found the cancer-causing chemical hexavalent chromium migrated into Merced's Beachwood neighborhood via the air and a canal, but not through groundwater. The authorization to spend the money was included in the approval of the city's budget in June, a city attorney said. The decision to settle came out of closed session and was finalized and reported in May by the Merced City Council. The case was filed against the city, pharmaceutical company Merck, Merced County, Franklin County Water District, the Merced Irrigation District, and others in late 2006. The city attorney said the allegations among the multiple defendants varied, and the case will continue for at least another year for some of them, he said.

Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2011/07/15/1970415/merced-to-pay-15m-in-contamination.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

40. *July 16, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Personal info stolen from patients at DeKalb Medical.** The U.S. Secret Service is investigating how the personal information of about 7,500 patients at the DeKalb Medical's Hillandale facility in Atlanta, Georgia, was stolen, WSB 2 Atlanta reported July 16. The data involves patients seen at the hospital between July and October 2010. The Secret Service said the information may have been used to file fraudulent tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service for individuals between the ages of 17 and 20. DeKalb Medical sent letters to the patients who may have been affected by the theft, and offered these patients credit monitoring and identity theft counseling, and restoration services free of charge. DeKalb Medical said it was also conducting an internal investigation.
Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/28571391/detail.html>
41. *July 16, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Officials: Winston-Salem hospital employee took hundreds of patient, employee records home.** Officials said a security breach involving medical documents at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, affected more than 350 people, including more than 100 patients, the Associated Press reported July 16. The Winston-Salem Journal reported the hospital said it fired a 55-year-old employee for taking home medical records and documents dating from 1995 to 2006. Officials said the documents contained information that ranged from Social Security numbers to patient medical records. The employee was expected in court July 22 on a larceny charge. Her attorney said she is a hoarder and did not have any malicious intent. The hospital notified the 136 patients and 221 past or current employees affected, and offered free credit-monitoring services.
Source:
<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/95fd23d48853401daa50734c92f5873e/NC--Hospital-Security-Breach/>
42. *July 15, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **FDA drug safety communication: Increased radiation exposure due to undetected strontium breakthrough when using cardiogen-82 for cardiac positron emission tomography (PET) scans.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is alerting the public and the medical imaging community about the potential for inadvertent, increased radiation exposure in patients who underwent or will be undergoing cardiac positron emission tomography (PET) scans with rubidium (Rb)-82 chloride injection from CardioGen-82 (manufactured by Bracco Diagnostics, Inc.). A CardioGen-82 PET scan is one of a variety of nuclear medicine scans that use radioactive drugs to evaluate the heart. FDA has received reports of two patients who received more radiation than expected from CardioGen-82. The excess radiation was due to strontium isotopes that may have been inadvertently injected into the patients due to a “strontium breakthrough” problem with CardioGen-82. At this time, FDA believes the risk of harm from this exposure is

minimal, although any unnecessary exposure to radiation is undesirable. The estimated amount of excess radiation the two patients received is similar to that other patients may receive with cumulative exposure to certain other types of heart scans. It would take much more radiation to cause any severe adverse health effects in patients.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm263112.htm>

43. *July 15, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Holy Cross Hospital fully open following brief fire.** The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service was called to the scene of a reported fire at the exterior of Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland, July 14. A preliminary investigation revealed the fire likely started in a mechanical system on the building's first floor. The hospital's third floor had smoke that was entering the labor and delivery area. A Montgomery County emergency unit was in the area when the call came in, and units took about 20 minutes to extinguish the fire. The hospital began operating according to an emergency protocol, and some patients were moved from their rooms to other areas of the hospital. Fire investigators were on scene July 15 to test the system and ensure its safety, and conduct a damage estimate. Damage was caused by smoke, water from overhead sprinklers, and holes in interior and exterior walls that the firefighters punched through to control the flames. Source: <http://www.gazette.net/article/20110715/NEWS/707159599/1014/holy-cross-hospital-fully-open-following-brief-fire&template=gazette>

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Government Facilities Sector

44. *July 18, Associated Press* – (International) **Turkey court files charges against 14 militants in anti-U.S. plot.** A court has charged 14 suspected al-Qa'ida militants for allegedly planning to attack the U.S. Embassy in the Turkish capital, Ankara. The charges — which were filed by an Ankara court July 15, come as the U.S. Secretary of State visits Turkey's cultural capital of Istanbul for a meeting on religious tolerance. The 14 suspects were captured just before her arrival. A 15th suspect was released, though may later also face trial. Turkish media have speculated homegrown radical Islamist militants affiliated with al-Qa'ida were preparing to avenge the May 2 killing of the group's leader in Pakistan by U.S. forces. The state-run Anatolia news agency reported July 16 one of the suspects had carried out surveillance around the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, and some other foreign missions, including taking photos. It said police seized 1,500 pounds of chemicals, bomb-making instructions, assault rifles, ammunition, and maps of Ankara. Police captured the suspects after tracking one of them for 6 months, according to Anatolia. Police captured the suspect less than a week ago on a street in Sincan, a town on the outskirts of the capital where he is believed to have received weapons training. The others were rounded up July 12. In June, police arrested 10 suspected al-Qa'ida militants in the city of Adana, home to the Incirlik Air Base used by the United States to transfer noncombat supplies to Iraq and Afghanistan. Authorities have said Muslim militants tied to al-Qa'ida planned to attack Incirlik in the past, but were deterred by high security.

Source: <http://www.businessmirror.com.ph/home/world/13915-turkey-court-files-charges-against-14-militants-in-anti-us-plot>

45. *July 17, Associated Press* – (New York) **27 soldiers injured, 2 seriously, in multi-vehicle crash at Army's Fort Drum base.** Officials said two Fort Drum soldiers were seriously injured, and 25 other soldiers were taken to area hospitals after a four-vehicle crash on the Army base in Fort Drum, New York. A spokeswoman told the Syracuse Post-Standard the crash happened at around noon July 17 when a military transport vehicle stopped suddenly on Range 31, a training range. The vehicle traveling behind it crashed into it, causing a chain reaction. She said the vehicles involved were medium-sized tactical vehicles used to move soldiers. The cause of the crash is still under investigation. The soldiers were in the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c4511db0c878407eb6b0712ffa0fec8c/NY--Fort-Drum-Crash/>

46. *July 16, Associated Press* – (International) **U.S. warns of possible attacks against its consulate or U.S. entry points in northern Mexican city.** The U.S. consulate in a Mexican border city warned that a drug cartel may be targeting its facilities or other U.S. entry points, and is urging Americans there to be vigilant. The U.S. Consulate General in Ciudad Juarez said information of a possible attack came after the recent capture of key members of cartels active in the city across the border from El Paso, Texas. The consulate warned Americans to be vigilant in its “emergency message” July 15, adding that in the past, cartels have used car bombs. It encouraged Americans residing or traveling in Chihuahua, where Juarez is located, to join the State Department’s Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Juarez consulate shut its doors temporarily last July after receiving threats.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/americas/us-warns-of-possible-attacks-against-its-consulate-or-us-entry-points-in-northern-mexican-city/2011/07/16/gIQAxYK0II_story.html

47. *July 15, Federal Computer Week* – (Washington) **Energy lab back online almost two weeks after hack.** Almost 2 weeks after a cyberattack forced the Energy Department’s Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington, to go offline, the lab has restored Internet access and most public Web sites. “Access to the Internet from PNNL’s network computers was re-enabled July 14,” a lab spokesman said. “Additionally, most of PNNL’s external Web sites are operational,” although a handful of sites and systems remained down as additional security measures were being put in place. He said no classified or sensitive data was compromised, although there was what he described as “minimal exfiltration” of non-sensitive documents, many of which already were publicly available.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2011/07/15/pnnl-back-online-after-hack.aspx>

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Emergency Services Sector

48. *July 18, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont; Massachusetts) **Vt. inmates face federal charges for prison riot.** Twelve Vermont inmates are facing felony charges for their alleged roles in a prison riot at the Greenfield Jail in Greenfield, Massachusetts. The sheriff there said 14 inmates, 12 of them from Vermont, refused to go into their cells July 7 as part of a protest over certain rules. But what started as a sit-in soon turned messy when prisoners started throwing and breaking numerous items. Guards were not able to regain control until the next morning. The local sheriff said the inmates caused at least \$250,000 in damages. All 12 Vermont inmates are facing a string of charges, including felony charges of malicious destruction of property, and numerous misdemeanors. They were due in court July 22. If convicted they could get additional jail time plus fines and restitution.
Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/15097237/vt-inamtes>
49. *July 17, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **Some emergency calls just don't get answered.** Charleston County, South Carolina's consolidated dispatch is not just having problems with slow response on some emergency calls, it occasionally is not even answering other calls fast enough before frustrated callers hang up. Nearly one out of every 10 Charleston County residents who called 911 in emergency situations over the past 12 months encountered situations in which their calls rang for more than 20 seconds before the overloaded dispatchers could pick up, records show. County officials said the longer delays typically happen when multiple people call about the same incident, which has become increasing prevalent across the country now that most people have cell phones.
Source: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/jul/17/some-emergency-calls-just-dont-get-answered/>
50. *July 16, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Pendleton maximum security prison on lockdown after prisoner stabbed to death.** State prison officials said a prisoner at the Pendleton, Indiana, Correctional Facility died after he was stabbed by two other offenders. Pendleton's superintendent said the 35-year-old man died July 16 at a hospital in nearby Anderson. The maximum security section of the prison has been placed on lockdown. Prison officials would not say if the weapon had been recovered. The superintendent said the prisoner was attacked about 6:30 a.m. when offenders were released to the gym for recreation. Two suspects have been placed in segregation. An autopsy will be performed in Muncie.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/77259f3d0d35481f92418b90cf88011e/IN--Prisoner-Killed/>
51. *July 15, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. prison salmonella outbreak sickened 300.** Officials confirmed an outbreak of salmonella poisoning at U.S. Penitentiary-Canaan, a high-security federal prison in Waymart, Pennsylvania, that sickened more than 300 inmates and staff who ate tainted chicken in June, the Associated Press reported July 15. "Tainted chicken" served in fajitas June 25 has been confirmed as the cause of the outbreak. A spokesman for the federal Bureau of Prisons northeast

regional office said the kitchen at the prison had been closed down as a precaution for cleaning, but reopened July 13 after a bureau inspector deemed it safe. Officials cannot comment on who supplied the chicken, or where and how in the supply chain it became tainted. Those details are being gathered for an "after action" report on the incident, the spokeswoman and human resources manager said. Attorneys said the families of more than a half dozen inmates called them July 14 to report the outbreak. Four inmates were treated for dehydration at a hospital emergency room and immediately returned to the prison, and none were admitted. Meals for the high-security prison were prepared at the minimum-security camp while the prison's kitchen was shut down.

Source: [http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/health/Federal Priso Salmonella 071511](http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/health/Federal_Prison_Salmonella_071511)

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Information Technology Sector

52. *July 18, H Security* – (International) **VLC Media Player 1.1.11 closes heap overflow holes.** The VideoLAN project announced the release of version 1.1.11 of VLC Media Player. The twelfth release of the 1.1.x branch of VLC is a maintenance and security update that fixes two previously reported heap overflow vulnerabilities in the Real Media and AVI file parsers. Other changes include improvements to the VLC interface on Mac OS X systems and fullscreen fixes for the Win32 Web plug-in, as well as several codec and translation updates. Extensions support and the AVI mixer for converting and transcoding also received fixes.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VLC-Media-Player-1-1-11-closes-heap-overflow-holes-1280716.html>
53. *July 18, Softpedia* – (International) **Toshiba confirms loss of customer data following Website hack.** Toshiba confirmed one of its U.S. Web sites was compromised the week of July 11, which led to the loss of user account information. A spokesperson for the consumer electronics company told the Wall Street Journal its U.S. unit observed issues with its Web server July 11 and began investigating. The company confirmed the server was compromised July 13, and user data was stolen. This coincided with a hacker leaking data extracted from the Web site on pastebin. According to Toshiba, the hacked site housed personal information of more than 7,500 customers, but only data belonging to 681 of them was compromised. This is somewhat consistent with what the hacker claimed. He said one database table called "Tbl_Gb_Users" had 5,203 entries, and he eventually leaked about 800 of them. The Toshiba spokesperson stressed no financial data or credit card details were exposed as a result of the breach.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Toshiba-Confirms-Loss-of-User-Data-Following-Website-Hack-212115.shtml>
54. *July 15, IDG News Service* – (International) **Intel investigating possible bug in SSD 320 drives.** Intel said it was investigating a potential bug that may be causing SSD 320 solid-state drives to fail. The company was offering replacement drives to affected customers until the issue is resolved, a customer service representative said. In Intel

forums, users were complaining about SSD 320 drives crashing due to power issues, causing data loss. In some instances, the storage capacity on the drive was being reported as only 8MB after the crash. An Intel technical support representative said that until the issue is resolved, affected customers will be sent a replacement drive. The SSD 320 was released in March and is being used in PCs and Apple Mac computers.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218463/Intel_investigating_possible_bug_in_SSD_320_drives

55. *July 15, Softpedia* – (International) **New mass injection attack distributes zeus.** Security researchers from Sophos warn of a widespread Web injection attack that has infected many Web sites with code distributing a variant of the zeus trojan. "Huge numbers of sites have been injected with a malicious JavaScript that attempts to load content from an exploit site when innocent users browse the affected pages," a principal virus researcher at Sophos said. The injection is widespread with the malicious code, detected by Sophos as Mal/ObfJS-AB, currently representing a quarter of all reported threats. The attack does not seem to be limited to any particular type of Web site or Web server, suggesting the compromise vector might be stolen FTP accounts. Since the purpose of the attack is to distribute a variant of the zeus information-stealing trojan, this theory is even more likely. The injected code redirects visitors to a third-party page that launches PDF and Java exploits. Successful attacks install a zeus variant. "Perhaps the most interesting thing about this attack is the exploit site JavaScript (the content we block as Mal/ExpJS-N). We have been seeing the same exploit script at the end of spam links and JS/Sinowal-V redirects in recent weeks," the Sophos researcher said. "The script is heavily obfuscated and uses polymorphic and anti-emulation techniques to attempt to evade detection." He said affected Web sites span over different hosting providers, so it does not appear that any hosting company is targeted in particular, as seen in some mass injection attacks.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Mass-Injection-Attack-Distributes-ZeuS-211843.shtml>

56. *July 15, Macworld* – (International) **Apple releases iOS updates to fix PDF vulnerabilities.** After a report from the German government the week of July 11 regarding PDF-related security vulnerabilities in MobileSafari, Apple released updates for all iOS devices that fix the problem July 15. Though they both fix the same three vulnerabilities, the patch comes in two versions, due to the different versions of the iPhone 4. iOS 4.3.4 applies to the iPad and iPad 2, the third- and fourth-generation iPod touch, the iPhone 3GS, and the iPhone 4 (GSM model); users of the CDMA model of the iPhone 4 instead receive iOS 4.2.9. The issues addressed in the updates include the PDF problem within Apple's CoreGraphics framework, which exploits FreeType's TrueType and Type 1 fonts to execute malicious code, and a conversion problem within the IOMobileFrameBuffer framework, which could allow code to inadvertently gain system privileges by posing as the user. The PDF-related exploits were also being used in the latest jailbreak method for iOS devices, a process that could be accomplished via the jailbreakme.com Web site; Apple's patch reportedly now disables that method.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218449/Apple_releases_iOS_updates_to_fix_PDF_vulnerabilities

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

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Communications Sector

57. *July 17, STLToday.com* – (Illinois) **Man charged after climbing Millstadt water tower.** A 20-year-old Millstadt, Illinois man was charged July 16 with two felonies after he climbed the old city water tower July 15 and had to be brought down by rescue teams from several jurisdictions. He was charged with property damage and interfering with utilities for allegedly damaging communications equipment on the tower. A police lieutenant said the suspect climbed up at 9 p.m. after an argument with a girlfriend. Firefighters from Columbia and a St. Clair County rescue team climbed 120 feet to help him down 3 hours later, he said. The city no longer stores water in the tower. Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_53da53d0-72a7-55e9-b37b-d990fedf7ecc.html
58. *July 15, West Virginia Media* – (West Virginia) **Phone service restored in Clendenin.** Frontier Communications reported July 15 that the phone outage that affected the Clendenin, West Virginia area was repaired. The outage caused the 548 exchange to be without service. Frontier technicians were in the area and trying to locate the problem, according to Kanawha County Metro 911. Residents were asked to use their cell phones to dial 911 for emergencies, but anyone without a cell phone was advised to go to the nearest fire station to report an emergency. Source: <http://www.statejournal.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=103338>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

59. *July 17, WTSP 10 Tampa Bay* – (Florida) **Suspicious package prompts investigation in Largo.** At about 5 p.m. July 16, the Largo Police Department in Florida was notified of a possible explosive device planted on a car at a business. A customer went to the Jiffy Lube on Walsingham Road for an oil change. While there, one of the technicians noticed a suspicious device secured to the undercarriage of the vehicle. Police officers confirmed the device was indeed suspicious and notified the Tampa Bomb Squad. The bomb squad, with the assistance of agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, responded to assist Largo police. A robot was deployed and the device was later recovered. A large number of businesses surrounding the Jiffy Lube were evacuated and closed for several hours as was Walsingham Road. The incident is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/article/201368/8/Suspicious-package-prompts-investigation-Largo>

60. *July 17, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Man robs Provo movie theater with homemade bomb.** Police in Provo, Utah, were searching for a man who used a bomb to rob a movie theater July 17. Police said a man entered the Wynnson 12 Movie Theater on Edgewood Drive around midnight. Officials said the man announced he was going to "burn the place down." Witnesses said they then saw the man light what appeared to be a homemade bomb. The explosion caused only minor damage, but it did result in theater employees evacuating. The suspect then entered a room where the night's proceeds were being counted and prepared for deposit. He was able to get away with some of the cash.

Source: <http://www.abc4.com/content/news/slc/story/Man-robs-Provo-Movie-Theater-with-homemade-bomb/jaAJtAjzekSI-4kaxTs1CQ.csp>

61. *July 17, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **11 injured in Wisconsin fireworks explosion.** Eleven people including a firefighter were hurt in a fireworks accident around 9:30 p.m. July 16 in Rome, Wisconsin. The Rome police chief said it happened during a professional fireworks show at Romano's Pizzeria. He said the initial investigation indicates a 5-inch tube malfunctioned and exploded on the ground, setting off several other fireworks, and sending debris flying into the crowd. The police chief said a 28-year-old man and a 77-year-old woman were flown to a hospital in Neenah where both were listed in stable condition. The man was on the crew running the fireworks display. A Rome firefighter was treated and released from a Wisconsin Rapids hospital. The Rome police and fire departments, and Adams County Sheriff's Department are investigating.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-wi-fireworksaccident,0,2920672.story>

62. *July 17, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **1 dies in vehicle accident at W.Va. music festival.** One woman was killed, and two other people were injured in a crash July 17 at a music festival in Preston County, West Virginia. A first sergeant from the West Virginia State Police said the incident happened shortly after 8:45 a.m. at the All Good Festival campground, and involved a vehicle and three pedestrians. The details remained unclear, and the sergeant told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette an accident-reconstruction team was trying to determine what happened. The Preston County sheriff told MetroNews the accident happened when a vehicle in a camping area rolled out of control into a group of people. He told MetroNews all three were trapped under the vehicle and "had to be extricated." The two injured were transported by helicopter to Ruby Memorial Hospital. The sheriff estimated about 30,000 people attended the festival, held July 14 through July 17.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.com/Entertainment/201107170980>

63. *July 17, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Aurora apartments evacuated after suspected chemical suicide.** A suspected chemical suicide forced the evacuation of an apartment complex in Aurora, Colorado, July 15. Residents from 36 units at the Chelsea Park Village apartments had to leave their homes overnight during the investigation and cleanup. All were allowed home by 4 p.m. July 16. Police and firefighters were called to the apartment complex about 4 p.m. July 15, the fire captain said. When they arrived, they found a note taped to a bathroom door saying hazardous materials had been used and to call 911. The building was evacuated, and when the hazardous materials team entered the apartment, members found the body of a woman in the sealed bathroom, the fire chief said. Police investigated the scene as a possible chemical suicide, said a police spokesman. According to the New York Times, more than 2,000 people across the world have taken their own lives by what the Japanese call "detergent suicide." The newspaper reported in June that there have been 72 chemical suicides in the United States since 2008. At least 80 percent of them caused injuries to people other than the person committing suicide: police officers, emergency workers, or bystanders.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_18493504
64. *July 16, Madison Capital Times* – (Wisconsin) **\$500,000 fire damages stores at Northgate Shopping Center.** A fire July 15 at Northgate Shopping Center in Madison, Wisconsin, did an estimated \$500,000 damage, the Madison Fire Department reported. One firefighter was transported to University of Wisconsin Hospital, where he was treated and released. The fire was reported at 10:47 p.m., and when firefighters arrived, there were 40-foot flames coming from the center of the shopping center, a department news release said. The fire was extinguished at 11:28 p.m. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Firefighters found a large amount of fire inside the structure, and they fought the blaze in "a defensive mode using deck guns and master streams because of the amount of fire and type of structure," the release stated. Crews also protected adjacent businesses with hoselines, and firewalls minimized fire damage to adjoining businesses and prevented further damage.
Source: http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/article_1bded5c6-af69-11e0-8331-001cc4c002e0.html
65. *July 15, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Large fight and robbery reported at Kauai shopping center.** Two people were hurt in a large brawl at a shopping center in Kauai, Hawaii. The fight, which involved about 20 men, happened just before midnight July 14 at Anchor Cove Shopping Center in Nawiliwili, Kauai police said. When officers arrived, the crowd scattered, leaving a man and a boy beaten and bloody. Both were taken to Wilcox Memorial Hospital for treatment. Police do not have any suspects in the assault.
Source:
http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/Large_fight_and_robbery_reported_at_Kauai_shopping_center.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

66. *July 17, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Towns hit by storms on guard for fires.** Nearly 7 weeks after deadly tornadoes sliced through Western and Central Massachusetts, officials in some communities recovering from the devastation were worried that countless downed trees and limbs could fuel a major fire. Brimfield State Forest, which has been closed because of tornado damage, is a concern because the amount of drying timber and vegetation on the ground there rose exponentially after “the entire canopy of the forest was, in effect, knocked down,” said the chief fire warden for the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. The amount of downed “fuels” in heavily wooded sections of the 40-mile-long swath of the tornadoes, he said, has risen to 30 tons per acre, from an average of 2 to 6 tons. With the canopy gone in large parts of Brimfield State Forest, he said, that area is “totally unshaded, which means the forest floor and all those fuels on the ground are getting direct sunlight.” A fire environment can form fairly quickly in New England, particularly among fallen leaves, the fire warden noted.
Source: http://articles.boston.com/2011-07-17/news/29784708_1_major-fire-fire-hazard-fire-environment
67. *July 16, Arizona Daily Sun* – (Arizona) **Managed fire near Munds Park continues to grow.** The Bolt fire northeast of Munds Park, Arizona continued to grow July 16 under the management of Coconino National Forest firefighters. A spokesperson for the U.S. Forest Service said the fire, which was triggered by lightning July 11, was slow-moving and burning ground litter, with very little torching of smaller trees. The fire was mapped early July 16 at 147 acres, with smoke having settled in the Munds Park region overnight. The fire was burning about 6 miles northeast of Munds Park, between I-17 and Lake Mary Road. There were no road closures July 16, but travelers in the area were advised to be cautious of fire crews and equipment. A change in the weather was expected July 17 as a moderate monsoon pattern returns through midweek, according to the National Weather Service in Bellemont.
Source: http://azdailysun.com/news/local/managed-fire-near-munds-park-continues-to-grow/article_f278e898-b017-11e0-811a-001cc4c002e0.html
68. *July 15, Silver City Sun-News* – (New Mexico) **Lightning causes nine fires in Gila Wilderness.** Recent lightning from thunderstorms started nine fires on the Wilderness Ranger District of the Gila National Forest in New Mexico. All nine fires were in the northwest part of the Gila Wilderness July 15, about 12 to 18 miles northwest of the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument. The fires range in size from under 1 acre to 400 acres. The strategy being used to suppress some of the fires was indirect suppression. This includes indirect handline (away from fire edge) by firefighters, air support with retardant and water drops as needed, and the use of natural barriers such as trails or rock bluffs as confinement lines. All fires were being monitored closely by air support, lookout tower, and personnel on the ground.
Source: http://www.scsun-news.com/ci_18489132

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Dams Sector

69. *July 17, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Damaged Lake Bella Vista dam could take years to replaced, as federal funds awaited.** Bentonville, Arkansas, city officials said it could be more than 3 years before a flood-damaged dam at Lake Bella Vista could be replaced. The dam's north end was destroyed by record-breaking rain in late April. The city's parks and recreation director told the Benton County Daily Record that the dam was so unstable, if another such rain fell in the area, what is left of the dam would wash away. The city was waiting for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to determine if the damage warrants federal funds to replace it. The FEMA has declared the dam a national disaster site. The city engineer thinks the city eventually will receive FEMA funding. He said the city will campaign to build a new concrete dam farther down Little Sugar Creek.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a5bd7cc1e02242a2afc8b10faaa4caea/AR--Damaged-Dam-Lake-Bella-Vista/>

70. *July 17, Indian Express* – (International) **Breach in canal floods agricultural land.** Nearly 150 acres of agricultural land were submerged due to a 20-foot wide breach in the Laxman Minor canal — a distributary of Ladhuka Minor in Mandi Ladhuka near Jalalabad, India July 15. This was the third breach in the same canal over the past 20 days. The latest breach was reported to have occurred between the villages of Bambavat and Jamalke July 14 and 15. Farmers alleged inferior quality of material used in the canal lining caused the damage, while officers said the rainfall forced the farmers to close outlet points connected with the canal as they did not need the canal water. This resulted in excess water in the canal causing repeated breaches. Farmers also alleged a source of damage was the fact the canal has never been thoroughly cleaned. A sub divisional officer admitted the breaches had occurred thrice in the same canal during the week of July 11, but blamed it on the length of the channel. The canal is very long measuring about 75 kilometers, he said. So far no inquiry, to ascertain the reasons for the breaches, has been ordered.

Source: <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/breach-in-canal-floods-agricultural-land/818504/0>

71. *July 15, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **Oversight may put Barre drinking water at risk.** The Big Orange dam near Barre, Vermont, was overwhelmed by floodwaters in May, and overflow into the spillway completely washed the wall away, putting the city in a dangerous situation. "If the remainder of the spillway were to fail we would have no way to draw water into our treatment plant and would basically leave the city and town of Barre with no water," the mayor said. July 15. The city estimated about \$1.5 million in damage to the dam, and up until the week of July 11, believed these costs were covered in their public assistance application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but it was not. The mayor said the dam is one of the first spots FEMA officials visited following the flooding, and he remains optimistic the slip-up can be fixed. He said the governor has amended the declaration, and it is awaiting approval in Washington, D.C. The structure failed due to poor design.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/15090675/oversight-may-put-barre-drinking-water-at-risk>

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