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- U.S. and Philippine authorities arrested four members of a terrorist-funded hacker collective suspected to have hacked, and caused millions in damages to wireless provider AT&T. – *Softpedia* (See item [35](#))
- Shoppers looking for deals November 24 and 25 ran into numerous problems, with 20 injured by pepper spray at a Wal-Mart in Porter Ranch, California, and several others shot in parking lots. – *Los Angeles Times* (See item [39](#))

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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. *November 24, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Train slams into 18-wheeler stuck on tracks.** A train carrying coal to a CPS Energy plant slammed into an 18-wheeler hauling a large construction crane November 24 after the truck became stuck on railroad tracks in Schertz, Texas. No one was seriously injured, though the train conductor was taken to an emergency room by a co-worker. The 134-car Union Pacific train hit the truck after the conductor made multiple attempts to warn the flatbed truck's driver, and to slow down the locomotive, according to a city press release. The impact

caused the front locomotive to separate from the second locomotive and travel several hundred yards down the tracks, the release said. The train did not derail, but two of its three locomotives, which power the entire train, were significantly damaged.

Source: http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Train-slams-into-truck-stuck-on-tracks-2291521.php

2. *November 24, Bloomberg* – (National) **EPA accepts environmental petition on fracking chemicals.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it will weigh rules requiring disclosure of the chemicals used in hydraulic-fracturing fluids. Companies such as Halliburton Co. and Schlumberger Ltd., which supply oil and natural-gas producers, should be required to reveal substances used in the mining technology known as fracking, according to a petition filed with the EPA by the environmental group Earthjustice. In a response posted on its Web site November 23, the EPA said it will begin gathering that data. The EPA will try to provide “aggregate pictures of the chemical substances and mixtures used in hydraulic fracturing,” an assistant administrator said. The EPA turned down another part of the organizations’ request, telling the groups on November 2 it would not mandate toxicity testing for each of the chemicals. Extraction from shale formations has grown to about 15 percent of U.S. natural-gas production and this share is expected to triple by 2035, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-11-24/epa-accepts-environmental-petition-on-fracking-chemicals.html>
3. *November 23, San Rosa Press Democrat* – (California) **Officials investigate explosion at Calif. gas station.** Investigators looking into a gasoline explosion and fire at an east Santa Rosa, California gas station November 23 became increasingly suspicious as a surveillance tape showed three men when only one was located by emergency crews. The fire destroyed a van, a fuel island, pump, and canopy of the Lawson’s Corner Union 76 station, said the Central Fire assistant fire chief. The fire was being treated as a possible crime. Police officials found that a large container carried in the back of the van was being filled with fuel from the gas pump. The explosion was powerful enough to blow the locking mechanism from the back of the van door 55 feet across the parking lot.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/officials-investigate-explosion-calif-gas-station>
4. *November 23, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Corn Plus admits faking pollution data.** Minnesota ethanol maker Corn Plus pleaded guilty November 23 to a federal felony charge of falsifying air pollution monitoring data and must pay \$760,000 in fines and penalties. Corn Plus paid a \$450,000 criminal fine levied by a federal judge, and has 30 days to pay a separate \$310,000 civil penalty imposed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, whose investigation helped uncover the violations. The farmer-owned cooperative, based in Winnebago, will remain on probation in the criminal case for 3 years. Two managers and a plant worker have been fired over the falsification, but have not been charged. Deliberate faking of monitoring records is extremely rare, state officials said. Under a plea bargain with the U.S. attorney’s office, current Corn Plus employees and board members will not face

prosecution. The deal leaves open the possibility of charges against fired employees, including the former general manager and former environmental compliance manger. In its plea, Corn Plus admitted its employees filed false reports in 2009 and 2010 indicating control equipment, known as bag houses, was working properly. A company spokesman said false monitoring logs also were created for the plant's scrubbers, which remove volatile organic compounds. The latest fines come on top of an \$891,000 civil penalty and a \$150,000 criminal fine for a 2009 federal misdemeanor conviction over Corn Plus' failure to prevent a wastewater discharge that had a high biological oxygen demand — a measure of its nutrient richness — into a drain that emptied into Rice Lake.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/134398903.html?source=error>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *November 24, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Fire breaks out at Clinton chemical plant.** Crews from several departments were at the scene of a fire at B.J. Services chemical plant in Clinton, Oklahoma, late November 23. Clinton, Weatherford, and Custer City fire crews responded to the fire, which broke out about 9:30 p.m. The fire was out as of 11:30 p.m., but a large smoke plume was in the air, which prompted evacuations of homes in the area. Residents in the outer areas were asked to stay in their homes with their heaters off.
Source: <http://www.koco.com/r/29849191/detail.html>
6. *November 24, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **One seriously injured in explosion at rubber manufacturer.** A liquid oxygen tank is believed to have caused an November 24 explosion at a plastic manufacturer in Wallingford, Connecticut, that seriously injured a worker. The explosion happened around 3:30 a.m. at the All Molded Plastics Company. The blast was so powerful it blew out the industrial-strength windows of the building. Seven workers were in the building at the time of the explosion, the fire chief said. A man suffered serious shrapnel wounds to his chest and back, but was talking after the explosion. He was taken to an area hospital and was expected to be OK, the fire chief said. He said the explosion is believed to have been caused by a tank of liquid oxygen used for production. Serious structural damage was caused to the building, however the building was reported to be stable. The state department of energy and environmental protection responded to aid in cleanup and investigation.
Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/wallingford/hc-wallingford-explosion-1125-20111124,0,3813598.story>
7. *November 23, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. court awards Dupont \$920.3 million in damages.** A U.S. court awarded DuPont \$920.3 million in damages November 22, ruling that South Korea's Kolon Industries Inc. violated trade secrets for a fiber used to make Kevlar bulletproof vests, Kolon said November 23. The South Korean firm said

in a regulatory filing it would appeal the decision. A U.S. federal jury in September ordered Kolon to pay \$919.9 million in damages after finding the textile company willfully and maliciously stole trade secrets and confidential information regarding its Kevlar para-aramid fiber.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/u-court-awards-dupont-920-3-million-damages-091609501.html>

8. *November 23, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Semi driver cited in lye-spilling rollover on I-80.** The driver of a semi-tractor rig who allegedly took a curve too fast and rolled on Interstate 80 near Silver Creek Junction, Utah, November 22 spilling caustic chemicals, was cited for making an unsafe lane change. A Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) corporal said November 23 the driver purportedly was traveling too fast when he entered a curve near milepost 149. The semi rolled off the road and landed on its top, breaching a tanker loaded with 2,400 gallons of sodium hydroxide, or lye. By the morning of November 23, all lanes of I-80 through the accident scene had been reopened, but the UHP corporal said the Summit County Health Department and crews from Envirocare were still cleaning up the spill. That task could take several days to complete, officials said. Most of the tanker's contents were successful transferred to another rig, but an unspecified amount of lye spilled onto the road and shoulder.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52978953-78/driver-semi-johnson-lye.html.csp>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *November 25, Help Net Security* – (International) **‘PayPal email address change’ phishing scheme doing rounds.** PayPal users have been targeted again as e-mails supposedly sent by the online payment company urge them to fill out a form with their personal and financial information to prevent the suspension of their accounts, Help Net Security reported November 25. With “You have changed your PayPal email address” in the subject line, the sender attempts to convince the recipient that someone has accessed their account and changed the e-mail address. To “keep the original email and restore their PayPal account,” the users must fill out an attached Personal Profile Form - PayPal-.htm form. For everything to go smoothly, the sender also “helpfully” notes “the form needs to be opened in a modern browser which has javascript enabled (ex: Internet Explorer 7, Firefox 3, Safari 3, Opera 9).” But for those who fall for this scam, the submitted information gets sent directly to the phishers, Sophos points out. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=12003>
10. *November 23, Darien Times* – (Connecticut; Massachusetts; Rhode Island) **Three indicted for pinhole camera ATM scam.** Police in Darien, Connecticut, arrested two more people in connection to an ATM skimming scam at the Bank of America in June, the Darien Times reported November 23. A New York resident was previously arrested in June. Assisted by the Connecticut Financial Crimes Task Force and the Secret Service, Darien Police connected the crime in Darien to two New York residents. On November 15, a federal grand jury handed down an indictment, charging the three New York residents with conspiracy, bank fraud, and identity theft offenses related to their alleged participation in the scheme across southern New England. The indictment claims, between February 2011 and July 2011, the three conspirators and others conspired to install skimming devices on ATMs at 11 banks and one credit union in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The co-conspirators used the stolen information captured by the skimming devices and pinhole cameras to create counterfeit bank cards that allowed them to withdraw funds from the customers’ accounts. One of the conspirators is familiar to law enforcement and perpetrated similar crimes in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, police said. Police believe he is responsible for 26 similar incidents in the same states. He has been detained in state custody since his arrest in Darien June 20. The other two men were arrested November 2 and November 4. Both are detained in federal custody. The charges of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and bank fraud carry a maximum prison sentence of 30 years and up to \$1 million in fines, on each count. The charge of aggravated identity theft carries a mandatory prison sentence of 2 years, which must be imposed consecutively to a sentence imposed on any other count of conviction. Source: <http://www.darientimes.com/news/darien-features/local-news/5001890.html>
11. *November 22, CNNMoney* – (National) **FDIC’s list of problem banks shrinks.** The number of banks at risk of failing fell in the third quarter of 2011, marking the second straight quarterly decline, according to a government report issued November 22. Banks deemed troubled by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) dropped by 21 to 844, the agency said in its quarterly survey. The so-called problem bank list is comprised of institutions considered most likely to fail, though few actually reach that

point. Only 26 of the nation's 7,436 banks failed in the quarter, 15 fewer than in 2010. And so far in 2011, only 90 banks have failed, compared with 149 at this time in 2010. The FDIC's report also showed the banking sector generated the highest profit levels since the second quarter of 2007 — before the financial crisis. The report said 14.3 percent of institutions reported a net loss during the third quarter, the smallest proportion since the first quarter of 2008. Banks earned nearly \$35.3 billion in the third quarter, according to the FDIC, up from \$23.8 billion from the same quarter in 2010. Source: http://money.cnn.com/2011/11/22/markets/fdic_bank_list/

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Transportation Sector

12. *November 24, USA Today* – (National) **FAA limits emergency oxygen on planes.** Airlines earlier this year quietly removed the emergency oxygen from lavatories because of concerns it could be used to start a fire, USA Today reported November 24. Safety officials now are working with aircraft manufacturers to develop a secure oxygen system. It will take 2-4 years to complete the job, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) says. That is not fast enough for safety advocates and flight attendants. They are concerned someone using a lavatory could be seriously harmed or killed if there is an aircraft decompression and emergency oxygen is needed immediately. The FAA ordered airlines to remove the chemical oxygen generators in lavatories because they “were easily accessible and could have been manipulated to create a flight hazard.” The decision, made in conjunction with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the FBI, “was purely a precautionary measure,” and “there is no credible or specific threat at this time,” the FAA said in written responses to USA Today questions. The agency “expects that it will take between two and four years to design, develop and install a secure lavatory oxygen system in all U.S. operated passenger aircraft,” it said. Removal of oxygen from lavatories, each of which was equipped with two oxygen masks, did not affect oxygen stored above passenger seats.
Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/usa-today-news/2011/11/24/faa-limits-emergency-oxygen-on-planes/>
13. *November 24, Associated Press* – (International) **Seattle-bound ferry returns to Canada due to waves.** A high-speed, Seattle, Washington-bound ferry had to turn back to Canada due to severe Thanksgiving weather, November 24. The Victoria Clipper had just left the harbor in Victoria, British Columbia, when it encountered waves as high as 7 feet. The crew opted to turn back as a safety precaution. The company arranged for alternate transportation for the 230 passengers. The group was originally due in Seattle at 3 p.m. November 24. They were expected to arrive around 9 p.m. Typically the ferry trip between Victoria and Seattle is just under 3 hours.
Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/11/24/1919876/seattle-bound-ferry-returns-to.html>
14. *November 23, CBS 2 New York* – (New Jersey) **Transportation Security Administration worker spots credit card knife at Newark Liberty International**

Airport. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) agents discovered a knife uniquely disguised as a credit card November 22 around 10:30 a.m. at Newark Liberty International Airport, in Newark, New Jersey. The credit card knife, which was stashed between real credit cards inside a wallet, was spotted by an eagle-eyed TSA agent. The TSA touted training, effective technology, and employee focus for stopping the concealed knife from getting through security during one of the busiest travel weeks of the year. There is no word on whether the passenger was arrested.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/11/23/tsa-worker-spots-credit-card-knife-at-newark-liberty-airport/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *November 23, Hendersonville Star-News* – (Tennessee) **Explosives found in area mailboxes.** Homeowners in the Master’s Glenn and Wyncrest subdivisions in Hendersonville, Tennessee, found explosives in their mailboxes the week of November 18. At least two homes were targeted around November 19 with homemade explosives. No one was injured. “The homeowner found it when she got her mail — some type of a bottle with some acid substance in it that had a reaction and melted the bottle,” a investigator for the Hendersonville Fire Department said November 23. The incidents are still under investigation, but he said the acts are not uncommon to the Hendersonville area.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20111125/HENDERSONVILLE01/311250031/Explosives-found-area-mailboxes>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *November 25, Food Safety News* – (New York) **Chicken products recalled for misbranding.** Berk Lombardo of Brooklyn, New York is recalling about 1,080 pounds of uncooked stuffed chicken breasts because of misbranding and undeclared ingredients, including known allergens. The chicken products may contain eggs, milk, monosodium glutamate (MSG), or soy, which are not noted on the label. MSG is not classified as an allergen, but can cause a brief reaction in people with a sensitivity to it. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) discovered the problem during a label review at the company. The FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. The recalled products, which were sold directly to individual households throughout Long Island, include: Boxes containing four, 6-oz. frozen, vacuum-sealed packages of “CHICKEN BREAST STUFFED BROCCOLI & CHEESE” that bears the establishment number “P-19034” inside the USDA mark of inspection; boxes containing four, 6-oz. frozen, vacuum-sealed packages of “CHICKEN BREAST with

rib meat CORDON BLEU BREADED” that bears the establishment number “P-19034” inside the USDA mark of inspection; and boxes containing four, 6-oz. frozen, vacuum-sealed packages of “STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST KIEV” that bears the establishment number “P-19034” inside the USDA mark of inspection.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/11/chicken-products-recalled-for-misbranding/>

17. *November 25, Associated Press* – (Idaho; California; Utah) **FDA sues Magic Valley dairy, says G&H Dairy sent drugged cows to slaughterhouse.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has filed a federal lawsuit against G&H Dairy in southern Idaho, saying the dairy sent cows to slaughterhouses even though the animals had higher-than-allowed levels of drugs in their systems. The Twin Falls Times-News reports the dairy milks about 4,500 cows at three locations in Wendell, Buhl, and Dayton, and sells them for meat when they can no longer produce milk. The animals go to slaughterhouses in California, Utah, as well as to a local slaughterhouse that sends beef to customers in Oregon. The FDA contends that it has seen problems at the dairy dating back to 2009, and that the dairy administered at least four different drugs — sulfadimethoxine, flunixin, penicillin, and ampicillin — to animals that exceeded approved dosages, making the food unsafe.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/21d55e33581f425fbd5a1d0bc7cc914/ID--FDA-Sues-Dairy/>

18. *November 24, International Business Times* – (National) **Louisiana seafood not contaminated by BP oil spill, state says.** Despite the negative stigma that still surrounds the Gulf Coast following the BP oil spill in 2010, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries announced November 24 that tests show sea life in the region has not been contaminated by the oil spill. The state’s wildlife department has been testing fish, crab, oysters, and finfish from the Gulf of Mexico since the spill in April 2010. As part of the reparations BP Plc. paid following the spill, \$48 million was dedicated to state agencies monitoring long-term impacts on local wildlife from the spill and chemical dispersants used to clean the spill. The test results come as the region has battled persistent negative perceptions since the spill devastated shorelines and hurt local businesses. The state’s fishing industry has been hammered over the past few years.

Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/255692/20111124/louisiana-seafood-contaminated-bp-oil-spill-state.htm>

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Water Sector

19. *November 25, Winston-Salem Journal* – (North Carolina) **State officials monitoring sewage spill last week in Thomasville.** State water-quality officials are monitoring last week’s spill of 18,300 gallons of untreated wastewater in South Hamby Creek in

Thomasville, North Carolina, the Winston-Salem Journal reported November 25. The spill occurred when heavy rain caused an overflow at the East Davidson Sanitary Sewage Pump Station. The superintendent of the city's wastewater plant said the sewage then went into the creek that flows into High Rock Lake, which is a part of the Yadkin/Pee Dee River basin. City crews put lime along the creek's banks to neutralize the bacteria from the spill, said a spokeswoman at the North Carolina Division of Water Quality. More than 2 inches of rain fell November 16, the same day a tornado tore through the county, and the pump station could not handle the amount of water. Source: <http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2011/nov/25/wsmet09-state-officials-monitoring-sewage-spill-la-ar-1644721/>

20. *November 25, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Sewage plant spill costs city \$120,000 for repair.** A pipeline break at Chandler, Arizona's Ocotillo sewage plant spilled raw sewage and required costly cleanup and emergency repairs, according to an internal city memo released November 22. It could have been much worse, the utilities director said. Because the plant was staffed during the early morning hours November 10 when the spill occurred, it was noticed immediately and the line was shut down after about 10,000 gallons of sewage escaped onto plant property. Had more spilled and had it escaped into roads or private land, that would have triggered health and safety concerns and intervention by other regulatory agencies. Chandler's sewage plants are not staffed at night, although emergency alarms would have notified operators of the break, the director said. He said restraining rods holding a 24-inch pipeline leaving the sewage pump station near Price and Queen Creek roads broke, and the line decoupled. Employees noticed the spill and shut the line down within 13 minutes, he said. In the memo, a city engineer said Chandler did not have the equipment to excavate and repair such a large break and requested emergency approval to spend up to \$120,000 for the fix. Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/chandler/articles/2011/11/22/20111122chandler-sewage-plant-spill-costs-city-emergency-repair.html>
21. *November 23, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Bremerton's sewage plant nearly overwhelmed by storm.** A record flow of stormwater mixed with sewage surged through Bremerton, Washington's sewer system November 23, overflowing six pump stations and spilling nearly 700,000 gallons of diluted wastewater into Port Washington Narrows. Bremerton's wastewater manager said the flows nearly overwhelmed the West Bremerton treatment plant. The flow through a chlorine-contact channel came within 1.5 feet of overflowing and spreading partially treated wastewater across the landscape near Highway 3. Normally, the freeboard runs about 6 feet and rarely varies, he said. To avoid damage to the plant, the manager ordered several pump stations turned off, causing a discharge of about 44,000 gallons of "combined sewage" into Sinclair Inlet near the west side of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The remainder of the 700,000 gallons spilled from five pump stations along Port Washington Narrows, which divides East from West Bremerton. During the surge, roughly 1,000 gallons of liquid blew out of a manhole, damaging the pavement and causing diluted sewage to run down the hill for more than a block. Smaller discharges were reported elsewhere. According to the National Weather Service, Bremerton was hit with about 4 inches of

rain within a 24-hour period. As a result of the discharge, officials with Kitsap County Health District have issued an advisory against taking clams, oysters, or mussels from Sinclair Inlet, Dyes Inlet, and Port Washington Narrows for at least 7 days, depending on future storm conditions. Public beaches in the area have been posted with warning signs. The overflow occurred during a slack high tide, a health district official said. As a result, the contaminated water was carried into Sinclair Inlet before the next incoming tide pushed it back into Port Washington Narrows and Dyes Inlet.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/nov/23/bremertons-sewage-plant-nearly-overwhelmed-by/>

22. *November 23, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **150,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater overflow into Piney Run Creek.** The Carroll County, Maryland, Bureau of Utilities said about 150,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater overflowed into Piney Run Creek at the Hampstead Wastewater Treatment plant. Utility officials said heavy rain caused the November 23 overflow. The Carroll County Times reported that over the past 4 years, repairs were made to areas of infiltration. The bureau of utilities said that had these repairs not been made, the overflow would have been much worse. Health officials were notified of the overflow, and signs have been posted at the creek telling people to avoid contact with the water.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3faf26bc1a1648b28b67104efb756b28/MD--Wastewater-Overflow/>

23. *November 22, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Second pipe break spills more sewage in Marsh Oaks area.** Two sewer spills in the Marsh Oaks area of northeastern New Hanover County, North Carolina, allowed more than 20,000 gallons of untreated wastewater to flow into a ditch that drains into Pages Creek. Both spills, November 16 and November 20, happened when a force main pipe ruptured, discharging sewage in the 400 block of Marsh Oaks Drive, according to the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority. A spokeswoman for the utility authority said it was unclear why the pipe broke. Crews inserted a bypass to send sewage around that section of pipe while they determine a cause. Once they assign culpability, workers will decide whether to redirect flow permanently, or rehab the pipe. In the more recent case, the spill lasted for a little less than an hour, with workers stopping the flow by turning off the pump station. The utility authority said it will continue to monitor water quality. Both incidents have been reported to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality, it said. During the November 20 spill, 13,483 gallons of sewage poured out in less than 20 minutes.

Source: <http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20111122/ARTICLES/111129907>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

24. *November 24, Marshall Independent* – (Minnesota) **Chlorination device explodes at SMSU.** Part of the Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) campus in Marshall, Minnesota, was sealed off November 23 while the Marshall Fire Department and the Southwest Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) responded to an explosion in the university's swimming pool area. A plastic container called a chemical erosion feeder, used to keep swimming pools clean, exploded in the lower mechanical room adjacent to the pool shortly after 3 p.m. November 23. CAT responders donned protective suits to remove hazardous material from the building. SMSU's associate director of university relations said he was told by the physical plant employee who was working on the pool at the time that about 15 to 20 minutes after the "chlorinator" went back online, it exploded. The physical plant employee shut everything down after the incident, cleared that part of the building, and made an emergency call. Circulation fans were also turned on. The Marshall assistant fire chief said the physical education facility was evacuated, and firefighters isolated the pool and locker room areas.
Source: <http://www.marshallindependent.com/page/content.detail/id/531140/Chlorination-device-explodes-at-SMSU.html?nav=5015>
25. *November 24, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **Train cars tip over, spilling military vehicles inside Fort Carson.** Two cars in a train carrying military vehicles into Fort Carson near Colorado Springs, Colorado, tipped over November 24, a post spokesman said. The spill occurred just inside the post's Gate 4 rail gate, he said. The accident dumped two flat-bed trucks off their rail cars and damaged the base gate around the rail tracks. The vehicles do not appear to be damaged, and there was not a lot of fuel left to spill, the spokesman said. He said he did not know when the cars would be cleared. A crew was on its way from Denver November 24 with equipment to reset the cars. The military vehicles were returning to Fort Carson from training, either at Fort Polk in Louisiana or Fort Irwin in California, the spokesman said.
Source: <http://www.gazette.com/news/cars-129118-vehicles-fort.html>
26. *November 23, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Bomb squad called to Logan County Courthouse.** A bomb squad was called to the Logan County Courthouse in Guthrie, Oklahoma, November 23 after a pair of threatening phone calls was made, a fire official said. The Guthrie fire chief said the scene was cleared by about 4:15 p.m., and that the bomb squad was asked to search the courthouse after a pair of threatening phone calls had been received. He said the two calls came in at 1:50 and 2:18 p.m. and that the caller's voice was computer-generated. The caller told the court clerk, "Allah is God. Allah is alive. Everyone will burn." The FBI has been asked to help investigate.
Source: <http://www.koco.com/mostpopular/29846616/detail.html>
27. *November 23, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **MassBay employee database is compromised.** MassBay Community College notified

employees the week of November 18 that a security breach had been discovered in the school's worker database system in Massachusetts. The glitch, which affected nearly all employees in the system since 2002, allowed certain staff to view personal information such as Social Security numbers and home addresses of anyone in the database. A college spokesman estimated about 400 workers over the past 9 years would have had access to the breach, although the number who would have known about it or understood how to exploit it is "dramatically lower." MassBay does not know for sure how many staff members accessed personal data though, he said. College officials discovered the security lapse October 21, after an employee brought it to their attention, and launched an investigation into the extent of the breach before alerting employees November 18. The breach was due to a certain security function in the database, called PeopleSoft, not being turned on when the system was launched in 2002, the spokesman said. The school has since removed employees' personal information from the database, and reduced the number of workers who are able to search for records in the system, he said.

Source: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x2128794846/MassBay-employee-database-is-compromised>

28. *November 23, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Tinker: Suspicious package, vehicle posed no threat.** A 71-year-old man was taken into custody November 23 after he breached security at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City, an Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office spokesman said. Authorities said the man was driving a Jeep Laredo and drove around Gate 31 on Midwest Boulevard. He said the man had shotgun shells and chemicals in the back of his vehicle. A bomb squad was called to the scene to investigate. In a news release, a spokesman for Tinker said a suspicious package and vehicle were spotted near the old General Motors plant at about 5:15 p.m. "As a precaution, a 500-foot cordon was established and personnel were evacuated from the immediate area," he stated. Neither the vehicle nor its contents were deemed to be a threat to personnel or property, he added.

Source: <http://www.koco.com/r/29847484/detail.html>

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29. *November 25, CSO Online* – (National) **U.S. police use radio encryption to stop iPhone eavesdropping.** Anxiety over the public snooping of police radios using smartphones is persuading a growing number of U.S. police forces to take the controversial step of moving their communications to fully-encrypted operation. The Washington D.C. police department has become the latest to adopt radio encryption after mounting evidence criminals were listening in to conversations using cheap applications running on mass-market phones, the Associated Press reported. The same adoption is happening in Orange County, Florida, Santa Monica, California, and even small towns in Kansas. Smartphone apps take the legwork out of eavesdropping by streaming the content for a wide range of emergency services from the Internet in

almost real time. One prominent iPhone app, Scanner 911, costs only \$1.99 and supports hundreds of North American services. But some civil libertarians worry about the implications of making police communications closed to public and journalistic oversight, which is encouraging some police forces to adopt a mixed approach, with some communications secured and others open.

Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/695036/us-police-use-radio-encryption-to-stop-iphone-eavesdropping>

30. *November 24, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **MSU police vehicles vandalized.** Missouri State University (MSU) campus police are investigating an incident that occurred at the college in Springfield, Missouri, the Springfield New Leader reported November 24. On November 21, someone slashed tires on eight MSU public safety vehicles and punctured a tire on an officer's personal vehicle near the Springfield Police University Substation. According to a police report, MSU officers noticed several tires were flat at the beginning of their shift at 11:30 p.m. Ten tires were slashed, with most having a puncture about an inch in length. The report said surveillance video shows a person approaching the lot, and that person could be seen walking around the targeted vehicles before leaving. No identification could be made from the video. The vehicles included five pickup trucks and four sedans. A university spokesman said the investigation is being handled by the Springfield Police Department.

Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20111125/NEWS12/111250329/MSU-police-vehicles-vandalized?odyssey=mod|newswell|text>"><http://www.news-leader.com/article/20111125/NEWS12/111250329/MSU-police-vehicles-vandalized?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Special Reports|s> <<http://www.news-leader.com/article/20111125/NEWS12/111250329/MSU-police-vehicles-vandalized?odyssey=mod|newswell|text>

31. *November 23, Yahoo News* – (California) **Hacker group Anonymous targets UC-Davis pepper-spray cop.** The rogue hacker group known as Anonymous posted a YouTube video disclosing the cellphone number, e-mail, and home address of the University of California (UC), Davis police officer who sparked worldwide outrage when he pepper-sprayed a group of student protesters over the weekend. The video, which was posted November 22, has since been removed because it is “a violation of YouTube’s policy prohibiting hate speech.” Anonymous has threatened or claimed credit for attacks on numerous media organizations, including Fox News — but this appears to be the first time the hacking group has targeted an individual. “Expect our full wrath,” the video states. “Anonymous seeks to avenge all protesters. We are going to make you squeal like a pig.” The lieutenant and another officer were placed on administrative leave following the weekend clash with protesters on the UC-Davis campus.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/cutline/anonymous-hackers-target-uc-davis-pepper-spray-cop-181722285.html>

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Information Technology Sector

32. *November 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Android monitoring software hides SMS trojan.** Kaspersky Lab experts came across a legitimate application used for monitoring and managing SMSs, calls and Internet traffic on an Android smartphone that can masquerade a malicious Trojan once it lands on a device. The Trojan sends messages to premium rate numbers. The application targets users from countries such as Belgium, France, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Germany, Spain, and Canada, which means the cybercriminals moved their operations from China and Russia to Europe and North America. Upon closer inspection, the app hosted on the Web as SuiConFo, was hiding a SMS trojan identified as Trojan-SMS.AndroidOS.Foncy, which sends four short messages to premium rate numbers. To make the software as legitimate looking as possible, its creators made sure an icon appears in the phone's menu, but once it is launched, an error pops up, claiming the Android version is not compatible. Right after the error, the trojan will use two public methods to determine the ISO country code of the SIM card. Based on this code, it will send the four MSs to one of eight locations. The malware will not only send short messages, but it will also hide incoming SMSs from certain numbers. This is done to ensure reply messages received from premium numbers are not seen by the victim. The virus is programmed to send alerts to a French cell phone number, based on the replies sent by the premium numbers so the developers are aware of the number of victims. Because such trojans can generate a considerable income, it is likely these operations will be extended to affect citizens of other countries.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Monitoring-Software-Hides-SMS-Trojan-236641.shtml>
33. *November 25, H Security* – (International) **Paragon programming language identifies security vulnerabilities.** A researcher from Sweden's University of Gothenburg developed a programming language that can be used to identify security vulnerabilities in the information flow of applications as they are being developed. Paragon was created as part of his dissertation entitled "Practical, Flexible Programming with Information Flow Control." It is an extension to the Java programming language and, according to the researcher, can easily be integrated into existing Java applications.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Paragon-programming-language-identifies-security-vulnerabilities-1385148.html>
34. *November 24, The Register* – (International) **Thanksgiving menaced by virus-laden fake iTunes vouchers.** E-mails containing supposed iTunes gift certificates doing the rounds in the run-up to Thanksgiving were actually loaded with malware, The Register reported November 24. Spoofed e-mails purportedly offering \$50 vouchers for the iTunes Store, which arrive with e-mail subject lines such as "iTunes Gift Certificate," come with an attachment supposedly containing a certificate code. In reality, these zip file attachments are infected with the Windows PC-compatible malware, detected by Sophos as BredoZp-B and first spotted by German info security group eleven-security.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/11/24/fake_itunes_gift_cert_malware/

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Communications Sector

35. *November 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Terrorist-funded Filipino hackers arrested.** U.S. and Philippine authorities managed to arrest four members of a hacker collective suspected to have been funded by terrorists and to have attempted a hack on AT&T, Softpedia reported November 25. The investigation that led to the arrest of the Filipinos started in March when the FBI requested the aid of Criminal Investigation and Detection Group's Anti-Transnational and Cyber Crime Division (CIDG-ATCCD) concerning a hacking operation that targeted the wireless services provider AT&T. The suspects, aged between 21 and 31, and allegedly financed by a Saudi Arabian terrorist group, caused \$2 million in damages, the Manila SunStar reported. The hackers were taken into custody after the FBI and the ATCCD raided several locations in the Metro Manila area, from where numerous computer and telecommunications equipments, believed to be used in the attacks, were seized. One of the hackers was arrested before in 2007 as a result of an operation by the FBI and Philippines authorities against terrorist organizations. The ATCCD chief claimed that back in 1999 when the FBI was investigating a series of hacking operations that targeted telecoms companies, they uncovered a trail of banking records that linked local hackers to terrorists. It turns out the criminal organizations from Pakistan and India are also somehow connected, since in 2007, a Pakistani man suspected of funding operations in India, also supplied the necessary funds for the Filipinos.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Terrorist-Funded-Filipino-Hackers-Arrested-236560.shtml>

36. *November 24, CableMuse.com* – (International) **MSN Thanksgiving outage.** Hundreds, potentially thousands of Microsoft MSN Premium customers experienced a major network outage the morning of November 24. Instead of the ability to log into MSN Premium, users received an error code (23) that stated difficulty with the sign in server. A MSN technical source reported at least 300 calls regarding the outage between 8:45 and 9:25 a.m. He stated that potentially thousands of customers were impacted, and that MSN was trying to locate the server(s) and correct the issues. The MSN technical representative also stated it was likely caused by too many people signing in at the same time. Service was restored to most if not all MSN Premium customers at about 11 a.m. November 24, more than 3 hours after the outage.
Source: <http://www.cablemuse.com/cm188er23.html>

37. *November 24, Aviation Week* – (International) **Software fix could save Globalstar sat.** Mobile satellite services provider Globalstar Inc. and European satellite manufacturer Thales Alenia Space announced an agreement that could return one of the Louisiana-based company's second-generation telecom satellites to service, Aviation Week reported November 24. Over the coming months, Thales Alenia Space will develop and upload software to the satellite, which currently suffers from a mechanical glitch affecting two momentum wheels designed to keep the spacecraft in a stable position in orbit. Although the software fix is not expected to repair the wheels, it should adapt the satellite's current in-flight configuration to allow it to return to service. The defective momentum wheels, built by North Carolina-based Goodrich Corp., affected two of the six satellites Globalstar launched in October 2010. If the new software fix works, a Thales spokesman said it could be uploaded to other satellites suffering momentum wheel defects in the future, if necessary. Globalstar is now looking at a different issue affecting momentum wheels on a second tranche of six second-generation satellites launched in July, and may delay the launch of a third batch of satellites currently planned for December.

Source:

<http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/asd/2011/11/23/12.xml&headline=Software> Fix Could Save

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38. *November 23, Mobile TV Examiner* – (Alabama) **Local Comcast customers lose APT IQ programming again.** By the week of November 21, cable television customers of Comcast Cablevision of Mobile, Alabama, lost access to APT IQ programming from Alabama Public Television (APT) through their digital transport adapters or digital TV receivers (set-top boxes) provided by Comcast. The last time local customers of Comcast could not access APT IQ programming through cable TV was late August. Like the previous time, instead of APT IQ programming, TV sets connected to digital transport adapters displayed the words "We've detected an interruption in your service" and TV sets connected to digital TV receivers displayed the words "One moment please. This channel should be available shortly" with the reference code "S0a00." While APT IQ programming was inaccessible through Comcast, WEIQ-TV continued to broadcast programming over the air on digital sub-channel 42-2, along with APT Create programming on digital sub-channel 42-3, and Alabama Public Television's main programming on channel 42-1.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/tv-in-mobile/local-comcast-customers-lose-apt-iq-programming-again>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *November 25, Los Angeles Times* – (California; South Carolina) **Shootings, pepper-spray attack mar Wal-Mart Black Friday sales.** As shoppers converged on retailers around the country looking for Black Friday deals November 24 and 25, authorities reported scattered problems. In Porter Ranch, California, a woman pepper sprayed customers at a Wal-Mart in what authorities said was a deliberate attempt to get more “door buster” merchandise. In San Leandro, California, a Wal-Mart shopper walking to his car was shot and wounded in a suspected robbery early November 25. Another shooting was reported at a parking lot next to a Wal-Mart in South Carolina, also a suspected robbery attempt. Officials told WMBF 32 Myrtle Beach, they believe the robbery was tied to Black Friday. At Porter Ranch, 20 customers, including children, were hurt in the 10:10 p.m. incident, officials said. Shoppers complained of minor skin and eye irritation, and sore throats. The woman used the spray in more than one area of the Wal-Mart “to gain preferred access to a variety of locations in the store,” said a Los Angeles fire captain. Police were searching for the woman but said they have had trouble getting a clear description of her. Black Friday sales began at the Wal-Mart at 10 p.m.
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/wal-mart-black-friday-marred-by-shootings-pepper-spray-attack-.html>
40. *November 25, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Detectives investigate shooting at NC mall as early shoppers arrive; no injuries.** Authorities said gunfire erupted at a North Carolina mall November 25 as holiday shoppers gathered, though there are no reports of any injuries. No evacuation was ordered, but several shoppers left the mall, and some smaller stores closed. The Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office said detectives were looking for two suspects after gunfire rang out at Cross Creek Mall in Fayetteville. The first shots were fired around 2 a.m. outside the mall near a food court entrance. Investigators said several more shots were fired after one of the suspects ran inside the mall. Investigators said no one with gunshot wounds has shown up at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/detectives-investigate-shooting-at-nc-mall-as-early-shoppers-arrive-no-injuries/2011/11/25/gIQAueOtuN_story.html
41. *November 25, Macon Telegraph* – (Georgia) **No one injured in Warner Robins hotel fire.** Emergency crews controlled a Warner Robins, Georgia hotel fire after battling the blaze for hours November 24. The Warner Robins fire department received a call just after 2 p.m. that the La Quinta Inn on Willie Lee Parkway off Watson Boulevard was on fire, a Warner Robins fire captain said. Hotel employees and guests were evacuated, he said. The fire was under control shortly after 4 p.m. The fire started in a flower bed outside of the hotel, the fire captain said. Hotel employees put out that fire, but it had already spread to the wall. The fire traveled to the attic, which it completely destroyed, the fire captain said. At one point, smoke could be seen billowing in the air from as far away as Interstate 75. Warner Robins police completely blocked traffic on streets surrounding the hotel, except Watson Boulevard, said a police spokeswoman. Those streets would remain blocked well into the night and possibly into the morning of

November 25, she said.

Source: <http://www.macon.com/2011/11/25/1799397/wr-hotel-burns.html>

42. *November 24, Help Net Security* – (International) **Hungarian hacks into Marriott, tries to land job through blackmail.** A Hungarian national who thought he could blackmail hotel giant Marriott International into giving him a job by stealing the company's internal documents and threatening to publish them pleaded guilty to the charges laid against him in a Maryland court, Help Net Security reported November 24. The 26-year-old admitted to sending e-mails containing a backdoor trojan to Marriott employees which, once installed, gave him remote access to the system. He misused that access to download various sensitive files. He then proceeded to e-mail the Marriott staff, claimed he had the aforementioned documents in his possession, and demanded the job of maintaining the company's computers and systems.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11999>
43. *November 24, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Gas leak, building collapse in Georgetown.** Wisconsin Avenue was closed in Georgetown in Washington, D.C., November 24 because of a partial building collapse and gas leak. The collapse set off burglar alarms at neighboring businesses in the 1400 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW. First-responders found the windows knocked out at 1422 and 1424 Wisconsin Ave., D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) reported. They also smelled gas. The ceiling collapsed on the first floor of the 19th-century storefront, which is being renovated. The 1400 block of Wisconsin Avenue was closed for hours but reopened before 8:30 p.m. Gas to both affected addresses was shut off. Businesses in the area were evacuated. Most were closed for the holiday, but at least one shoe store had planned to open at midnight for Black Friday.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/134466258.html>
44. *November 24, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Water main break floods parking garage in west Hollywood.** A water main break flooded a parking garage November 24 in West Hollywood, California, and left many people without water. The department of water and power confirmed a 12-inch pipe broke around 11 p.m. November 23 in the 1100 block of Formosa Avenue. No homes were in jeopardy, but a parking garage was flooded with about 6 feet of water. Six cars were damaged. Crews worked through the night to repair the break, but residents were told it could be 8 hours before the water was turned back on. "Right now we are de-watering the underground parking, still trying to pull the water out, at about 300 gallons a minute," a Los Angeles County fire captain said. "There's at least 30,000 gallons of water down there."
Source: http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-weho-water-main-break,0,7740489.story?hpt=us_bn7
45. *November 24, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* – (Georgia) **Two men shot at Club 1244 refuse to press charges.** Police in Columbus, Georgia, said two men injured November 23 during a shooting in a downtown nightclub signed waivers stating they will not pursue charges. Each is too young to have been in a bar legally, police reported. A 20-year-old Hodges Drive resident was hit in the left thigh, and a gunshot grazed the upper right back of a 19-year-old who lives on Curry Street, police said. Both left for the

hospital before police arrived at Club 1244. Officers were called to the nightclub about 1:30 a.m. Though the two men injured have declined to press charges, detectives said they still want witnesses with any information on who fired the shots to contact them. Source: <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2011/11/24/1832194/two-men-shot-in-downtown-club.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

46. *November 24, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Army Corps of Engineers to help fix failing levee.** Local, state, and federal agencies have been planning to redesign the levee on the east side of the Yakima River that protects Terrace Heights in Yakima, Washington. The plan, according to the Yakima Herald November 24, includes building a new levee set back several hundred feet from its current location, designed to reduce flood heights and improve habitat for fish through urban Yakima. The new levee construction was planned for 3 years from now, however severe erosion around an old bridge abutment is compromising the levee, turning the project into an emergency. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will have a contractor in early January build the new levee at a cost of \$2 million. Without it, there is a threat the levee could fail and flood private property during the next high water event. The Yakima County public services director said the existing levee ultimately will be removed gradually so the city of Yakima has time to modify the outfall from its wastewater treatment plan and stay within the city's permit for waste discharge. Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2011/11/24/army-corps-of-engineers-to-help-fix-failing-levee>
47. *November 23, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Army Corps restricts water flow from Lake Lanier.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said November 23 it will conserve water during the ongoing drought by restricting the flow from a major reservoir that serves as the main water supply for Atlanta. Corps officials plan to cut the flow of water from Lake Lanier from 750 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 650 cfs, a Corps spokesman said. While he said the reduced flow into the Chattahoochee River would not be perceptible to the eye, it is intended to slowly build up the water in the reservoir in case river systems run low in the coming months. The dam was holding roughly 1,058 feet of water November 23 — just a few feet above levels last seen during a prolonged drought that started in 2007. Georgia authorities asked the Corps to restrict flows from the hydroelectric dam at Lake Lanier earlier this month. The Corps said it reviewed information supplied by Georgia officials and determined the reduced flow of

water into the Chattahoochee would not harm the environment.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/11/23/2515806/army-corps-restricts-water-flow.html>

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