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- The Brooklyn District Attorney announced March 31 that 23 New York City medical professionals were charged for allegedly running an insurance fraud scheme that billed Medicaid \$7 million in expenses for patients they recruited from homeless shelters and welfare centers between October 2012 and September 2014. – *Reuters* (See item [18](#))
- Classes at South Albany High School in Oregon were canceled April 1 following a 4-alarm fire that destroyed 1 building and caused more than \$1 million in damage. – *KOIN 6 Portland* (See item [19](#))
- About \$3.5 million of jewelry was stolen from the Diamonds by Monet store in Temecula, California March 24 after a suspect broke into a safe where the jewelry was held. – *KABC 7 Los Angeles* (See item [29](#))
- A driver fleeing the scene of a hit-and-run crash March 31 lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a Star Food Mart store in Fort Worth, Texas, killing 1 person and injuring 7 others. – *KXAS 5 Fort Worth* (See item [30](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *April 1, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **5 charged for copper theft at local substations.** Lincolnton police announced April 1 that 5 individuals were arrested and charged in connection to a series of copper thefts targeting Duke Energy substations in North Carolina that resulted in damages of up to \$3 million. The suspects may also be linked to a series of copper thefts in South Carolina and authorities reported that some of the individuals involved in the alleged scheme were arrested earlier in 2015.
Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/crime/2015/04/01/5-charged-for-copper-theft-at-local-substations/70760678/>
2. *April 1, Reuters* – (North Dakota) **North Dakota launches oil rules hoping to curb U.S. rail disasters.** The governor of North Dakota announced April 1 that the State will require the more-than 1.2 million barrels of crude extracted each day from the State's Bakken shale formation be removed of volatile gases linked to recent crude-by-rail incidents. The crude oil conditioning order requires every barrel of crude to be run through machines that filter for ethane, propane, and other national gas liquids prior to transportation.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/north-dakota-launches-oil-rules-hoping-to-curb-us-rail-disasters/ar-AAaie11>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *March 31, Beaumont Enterprise* – (Texas) **ExxonMobil fire likely caused by mechanical problem.** An ExxonMobil spokesperson stated March 31 that the company's chemical plant in Beaumont will remain offline indefinitely while officials continue to investigate a March 30 fire that appears to have ignited when a vapor released from a propylene line due to a valve that experienced a mechanical failure.
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/ExxonMobil-fire-likely-caused-by-mechanical-6171386.php>
4. *March 30, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Florida) **EPA takes action to protect the public from an unregistered pesticide / EPA issues order to stop the sale of BioStorm and NanoStrike.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ordered Saint Augustine-based Nano Defense Solutions, Inc., March 30 to halt sales of its BioStorm and NanoStrike products that the company claims in advertisements are able to kill or repel bacteria or germs, despite having never been tested and registered by the EPA as an approved pesticide.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/21b8983ffa5d0e4685257dd4006b85e2/ff5b89a7e378544b85257e18006c9bc3!OpenDocument>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *March 30, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **Koser Iron Works faces penalties of more than \$102K for exposing workers to machine, fire and explosion hazards, lack of training.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Barron-based Koser Iron Works Inc., for 2 willful, 4 repeated, and 12 serious safety violations March 30, including failures to use energy control procedures and ensure safety mechanisms were in place on presses and lathes, and a lack of training and protective equipment. Proposed fines total \$102,180.

Source: <https://www.osha.gov/newsrelease/reg5-20150330.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *March 31, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **1 dead in excavator accident at Colonna's Shipyard.** The Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Administration confirmed March 31 that a worker at Colonna's Shipyard in Norfolk died when a concrete piling crushed the cab of an excavator that the worker was operating March 30. Authorities continue to investigate the incident but do not suspect foul play.

Source: <http://wavy.com/2015/03/30/1-dead-in-excavator-accident-at-colonnas-shipyard/>

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Financial Services Sector

7. *March 31, Reuters* – (International) **Swiss asset manager pleads guilty in U.S. over tax dodge scheme.** A Swiss asset manager from an unidentified firm pleaded guilty March 31 to conspiring to defraud the U.S. and the Internal Revenue Service in a scheme in which he and a Zurich-based lawyer who pleaded guilty in 2013 helped U.S. clients hide millions of dollars in offshore accounts in at least 5 Swiss banks and established accounts under the names of Liechtenstein-based sham foundations that they had created.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/31/us-usa-tax-swiss-idUSKBN0MR2KK20150331>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *March 31, WISN 12 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Hwy 45 SB reopens after morning crash.** All southbound lanes of Highway 45 at Watertown Plank Road in Wauwatosa were closed for more than 3 hours March 31 due to a 3-vehicle crash involving an overturned vehicle.
Source: <http://www.wisn.com/traffic/crash-closes-hwy-45-at-watertown-plank-road/32105582>
9. *March 31, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Westbound Interstate 44 near Lawton reopens after crashes.** The Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported that westbound lanes of Interstate 44 (H.E. Bailey Turnpike) in Elgin reopened after closing for nearly 3 hours following 3 separate crashes March 31. At least one person was injured and officers reported that the area was covered in heavy fog at the time of the accidents.
Source: <http://www.ktul.com/story/28662346/westbound-interstate-44-shut-down-near-lawton-due-to-crashes>
10. *March 31, Associated Press; Washington Times* – (Tennessee) **Former postal contractor charged with stealing mail.** Authorities reported March 30 that a former U.S. Postal Service contractor and his spouse were charged for allegedly conspiring to steal U.S. mail and Veteran’s Administration U.S. mail packages containing prescription drugs intended for military veterans from a U.S. Postal Service facility in Memphis in November 2013. Officials alleged that the couple intended to distribute hydrocodone stolen from the packages.
Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/mar/31/former-postal-contractor-charged-with-stealing-mai/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. *April 1, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **GetGo from Giant Eagle voluntarily recalls select Grab-and-Go subs due to an undeclared egg allergen.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported March 31 that GetGo from Giant Eagle recalled select individually wrapped Grab-and-Go Turkey and Swiss Subs and Grab-and-Go Italian Subs due to undeclared egg. The products were sold in Grab-and-Go”Fresh-to-Go” display cases inside GetGo locations across several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm440810.htm>
12. *March 31, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Whole Foods Market’s Southwest Region recalls Bran Muffin six packs due to undeclared egg and milk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced March 31 that Whole Foods Market issued a recall for Bran Muffin six packs produced and sold in Whole Foods Market Southwest retail stores due to undeclared egg and milk.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm440729.htm>
13. *March 31, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Aurora Products, Inc.**

expands voluntary product recall to include one additional private label branded customer and to clarify the name of two bulk products previously recalled that used walnuts in them due to possible health risk. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported March 31 that Aurora Products, Inc., expanded its voluntary nationwide recall of certain lots of natural walnuts and trail mixes containing walnuts to include Ernest Klein branded products that were distributed to one New York City retail store due to possible Salmonella contamination. The company also clarified the name of two Aurora brand bulk products that were previously recalled.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm440716.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

14. *March 31, Cleveland.com* – (Ohio) **Ohio EPA tries to block Cleveland harbor sediment from being dumped in Lake Erie.** The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency approved a permit March 31 to allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Cleveland’s harbor beginning May 15 in order to keep the first 6 miles of the Cuyahoga River open for shipping traffic. The permit restricts the agency from placing any dredged material in Lake Erie and requires that all material be placed in a confined disposal facility that holds sediments from the shipping channel.
Source: http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/03/ohio_epa_tries_to_block_sedime.html
15. *March 31, Kokomo Perspective* – (Indiana) **Drinking water is safe in Kokomo.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Indiana-American Water Co., reported March 31 that public drinking water in Kokomo was safe for consumption after the EPA added a hazardous waste site in the city to its Superfund National Priority List during the week of March 23 due to a 300-acre plume of contamination in the groundwater beneath the city. Officials stated that the water treatment system has been successful in removing contaminants but a long-term solution is still required to address the issue.
Source: http://kokomoperspective.com/kp/drinking-water-is-safe-in-kokomo/article_90263fb6-d718-11e4-8ccf-ef1a69be953d.html
16. *March 31, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **More than 11,000 gallons of wastewater spills in Lahaina.** Crews contained, cleaned, and disinfected a spill of 11,000 gallons of wastewater that overflowed at the Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation facility on Maui March 31. Officials stated that the overflow was caused by a mechanical failure and the spill was contained to the plant.
Source: <http://khon2.com/2015/03/31/more-than-11000-gallons-of-wastewater-spills-in-lahaina/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

17. *March 31, KFSN 30 Fresno; Associated Press* – (California) **2 dead in downtown Fresno medical office shooting.** A gunman entered a medical office building in downtown Fresno, which houses a pediatric clinic and eye clinic, and fatally shot a woman that he knew and targeted before turning the gun on himself March 31. The building and several surrounding businesses were evacuated while police searched and cleared the scene.
Source: <http://abc30.com/news/large-police-presence-at-an-office-building-incident-in-downtown-fresno/595458/>
18. *March 31, Reuters* – (New York) **New York doctors accused of using free shoes offer to defraud Medicaid.** The Brooklyn District Attorney announced March 31 that 23 New York City doctors and medical workers were charged for allegedly running an insurance fraud scheme that billed Medicaid \$7 million in expenses for patients they recruited from homeless shelters and welfare centers between October 2012 and September 2014. The medical professionals promised the recruited patients free shoes if they produced a Medicaid card and agreed to undergo unnecessary physical therapy and testing.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/03/31/us-usa-new-york-fraud-idUSKBN0MR2J420150331>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *April 1, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **4-alarm fire causes \$1M damage at South Albany HS.** Classes at South Albany High School in Oregon were canceled April 1 following a 4-alarm fire that destroyed the cafeteria building, which housed the band and choir rooms, and left more than \$1 million in damage. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://koin.com/2015/04/01/significant-fire-burning-at-s-albany-high-school/>
20. *April 1, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **Georgetown County bus crash sends 22 students to hospital.** A driver, 20 students, and the bus driver were transported to area hospitals after a vehicle rear-ended a Georgetown County School District bus in Andrews, South Carolina, March 31.
Source: http://www.scnow.com/news/state/article_8e09d90a-d861-11e4-a417-df3d4bb3eb5f.html
21. *March 31, Softpedia* – (Florida) **Florida Department of State exposes voter information.** The Florida Department of State reported March 31 that the Florida Division of Elections notified 45,173 individuals after 15 compact discs that stored their personal information were delivered to entities ordering them without redacting contact details of certain individuals who are exempt from having their personal

information released to the public. Authorities do not believe any of the information will be misused and attributed the error to a malfunction in the automated software used to process record requests.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Florida-Department-of-State-Exposes-Voter-Information-477228.shtml>

22. *March 31, Munster Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **LaPorte County Courthouse back to normal after carbon monoxide leak.** The LaPorte County Courthouse in Indiana was evacuated for 3 hours March 30 after 2 boilers in the basement of the building leaked carbon monoxide, causing levels to go up to 500 parts per million. Crews shut down the boilers and aired out the facility before allowing individuals back into the building.
Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/laporte/laporte-county-courthouse-back-to-normal-after-carbon-monoxide-leak/article_a55c0ac5-b845-5925-91ec-c09425428438.html
23. *March 31, Merrillville Post-Tribune* – (Indiana) **Ambulance driver with license suspensions hits school bus, 15 injured.** Three adults and 12 Memorial Elementary School students were injured after an ambulance ran a stop sign and hit a Valparaiso school bus at Indiana 130 and County Road 625W in Union Township March 31.
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/news/ct-ptb-porter-bus-crash-st-0401-20150331-story.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *April 1, Middletown Press; Associated Press* – (Massachusetts; Connecticut) **Man gets 2.5 years for fake emergency calls to Connecticut dispatchers.** A Massachusetts man pleaded guilty March 30 for showing up to fire scenes in Great Barrington with emergency responder equipment and making several fake radio transmissions which were routed to Litchfield County Dispatch in Connecticut in December 2013 and January 2014. The suspect was arrested in April 2014 and admitted to police in March that his voice was the one on the tapes of the false calls.
Source: <http://www.middletownpress.com/general-news/20150331/man-gets-25-years-for-fake-emergency-calls-to-connecticut-dispatchers>
25. *March 31, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Ex-firefighter accused of taking several hostages inside Elkins Park firehouse.** A former volunteer firefighter was arrested after taking four people hostage at the LaMott Fire Company in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, March 31. The suspect was armed with a gun and surrendered to police about an hour after taking the individuals hostage in the firehouse.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/03/31/reports-hostage-situation-at-elkins-park-firehouse/>

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Information Technology Sector

26. *April 1, Help Net Security* – (International) **WordPress sites compromised to redirect to Pirate Bay clone, exploit kit.** Security researchers at Malwarebytes identified a malware campaign that uses an unknown number of compromised WordPress Web sites containing iframes that direct users to a site hosting the Nuclear exploit kit, which leverages an Adobe Flash Player vulnerability in versions before 16.0.0.287 to download a banking trojan.
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3005
27. *April 1, Softpedia* – (International) **Firefox 37 fixes critical flaws, adds OneCRL certificate revocation mechanism.** Mozilla released an update for its Firefox browser that addresses several critical vulnerabilities, including two type confusion flaws, two memory corruption crashes, a user-after-free error, and memory safety hazards that could have allowed attackers to run arbitrary code on users' systems. Firefox version 37 also includes OneCRL, a feature that allows developers to update the list of revoked certificates without pushing a new application update.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Firefox-37-Fixes-Critical-Flaws-Adds-OneCRL-Certificate-Revocation-Mechanism-477314.shtml>
28. *March 31, Softpedia* – (International) **Google bans 192 bad extensions affecting 14 million Chrome users.** Google removed 192 extensions from its Web store that contained ad injectors that exposed up to 14 million users to risks of man-in-the-middle (MitM) attacks and links to install dangerous software, after researchers at the University of California, Berkeley devised a method to root out potentially malicious extensions. Findings from a recent Google study confirmed that 5 percent of all visitors to Google sites have ad injectors present on their systems, and that 34 percent of Chrome extensions that contained ad injectors were classified as malware.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Bans-192-Bad-Extensions-Affecting-14-Million-Chrome-Users-477226.shtml>

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *April 1, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **\$3.5M in jewels stolen from Temecula business.** More than 2,000 pieces of retail jewelry worth about \$3.5 million was stolen from the Diamonds by Monet jewelry store in Temecula March 24 after a suspect cut holes into a roof and wall to access the store's office, then used a power saw and jackhammer to break into a safe where the jewelry was held. A reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest.
Source: [http://abc7.com/news/\\$35m-in-jewels-stolen-from-temecula-business/602231/](http://abc7.com/news/$35m-in-jewels-stolen-from-temecula-business/602231/)
30. *April 1, KXAS 5 Fort Worth* – (Texas) **1 killed, 7 injured as driver fleeing highway wreck crashes into store.** A driver fleeing the scene of a hit-and-run crash March 31 lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a Star Food Mart store in Fort Worth, killing 1 person and injuring 7 others. Firefighters worked to free several individuals that were trapped by the vehicle, while crews stabilized the structure and shut off power to the building.
Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/4-Injured-After-Car-Slams-Into-Fort-Worth-Store-298186711.html>
31. *April 1, Associated Press; WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Attempt to cover up gas siphoning may have caused East Village blast: Con Ed.** Con Edison officials stated April 1 that authorities are investigating the possibility that an apparent gas line explosion in the Manhattan area of New York City March 26 may have been caused by an attempt to remove an illegal siphoning apparatus from the gas line during a building inspection. Two individuals were killed and 22 others were injured by the blast that leveled three Manhattan apartment buildings and damaged a fourth building.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Con-Edison-Gas-Coverup-Siphoning-East-Village-Explosion-NYC-298305151.html>
32. *April 1, WJLA 7 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **Boy sets fire, displaces 50 residents of Suitland apartment building.** Up to 50 residents were displaced from a Suitland apartment building March 31 after a juvenile accidentally set a fire that prompted officials to cut electric and gas utility services to the building. Damage was estimated to total \$50,000.
Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2015/03/boy-sets-fire-displaces-50-residents-of-suitland-apartment-buildings-112792.html>

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Dams Sector

33. *April 1, Associated Press; Schenectady Daily Gazette* – (New York) **Canal locks undergoing 'pump-out' repairs ahead of opening.** Authorities announced a plan April 1 to extensively repair or replace several locks on the Erie and Champlain canals in New York in preparation for the opening of the waterways in the spring. During the

pump-outs, crews will clear debris and repair the steel and wood hinges that open and close gates at the locks.

Source: <http://www.njherald.com/story/28690450/canal-locks-undergoing-pump-out-repairs-ahead-of-opening>

34. *March 31, Columbia Basin Herald* – (Washington) **Wanapum Dam pool back to normal level.** Officials reported that Wanapum Dam in Washington reached normal operating levels and nearly all boat launches were operational after a crack was discovered in the spillway in February 2014, prompting an estimated \$69 million repair project. Work on the dam is expected to be completed by June.
Source: http://www.columbiabasinherald.com/news/wanapum-dam-pool-back-to-normal-level/article_a3cabab2-d7fc-11e4-8503-f7beb2c95eb2.html
35. *March 31, New Philadelphia Times Reporter* – (Ohio) **Dover Dam project concludes with a ‘great day of celebration’.** A \$60 million safety-assurance project to stabilize the aging Dover Dam in Ohio was completed March 31 after funding was approved in 2003 for the project which included the installation of 57 anchors in the dam and construction of a parapet wall, and the installation of 60 bar anchors, among other improvements.
Source:
<http://www.timesreporter.com/article/20150331/NEWS/150339827/1994/NEWS/>
36. *March 31, Salida Mountain Mail* – (Colorado) **Denver to close Antero Reservoir June 1 for dam repairs.** Antero Reservoir in Colorado will close beginning June 1 for an estimated \$17 – \$20 million repair project on the Antero Dam which will include bringing the dam up to current safety standards to help restore normal water levels. The reservoir is expected to be fully functioning at normal operating levels by 2018.
Source: http://www.chaffeecountytimes.com/free_content/denver-to-close-antero-reservoir-june-for-dam-repairs/article_d9e9edae-d4b7-11e4-8977-77532a446ddd.html

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