



CYBERSECURITY

[FBI and DHS Warn of Malicious Malware \(HIDDEN COBRA\) Attributed to North Korea](#)

Just days after the summit between the U.S. and North Korea, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security issued a warning about a malicious malware, a Trojan malware variant known as “TYPEFRAME,” that has been dubbed HIDDEN COBRA, it is believed to be backed by the North Korean government and is designed to damage computer systems and make them vulnerable to future intrusions. This underscores previous warnings that cyber criminals and state actors are now interested in sabotage, as opposed to mere theft of personal information. [Read more](#)

HIPAA

[OCR Prevails with ALJ Against MD Anderson for \\$4.3 Million in HIPAA Fines and Penalties](#)

It is a rare occurrence when a health care entity challenges the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) regarding proposed fines and penalties for HIPAA violations. In my memory, it has only happened once before.

On June 1, 2018, an Administrative Law Judge granted summary judgment in favor of the OCR against The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and “sustained the imposition of the following remedies:” [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[Smile and Say “Cheese”: When is a Photo an Educational Record under FERPA?](#)

As the myriad of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) interpretation issues continues to cloud many educators’ understanding of what is permissible and not permissible under the

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statute, some clarity was recently provided by the U.S. Department of Education. The Family Policy Compliance Office (FPCO) advises that a photo or video of a student is an education record, subject to specific exclusions, when the photo or video is: (1) directly related to a student; and (2) maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. The issue is in regard to defining when a record, is in fact, directly related to a student, and when it is not. This threshold is important because a record not related to a student is not subject to FERPA restrictions. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[New Report Says FAA Should Revise its Drone Risk Assessment Processes](#)

A new report issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine says that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) should revise its approach to safety risk assessments for the technology associated with the implementation of drones into the national airspace. Specifically, the report says that the FAA's overly conservative approach to safety risk assessments can be a significant barrier to the introduction and development of emerging and rapidly changing technology in the drone arena. [Read more](#)

[FCC Proposes Fine Against HobbyKing for Non-Compliant Drone Devices](#)

Recently, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed a \$2.8 million fine against HobbyKing for allegedly marketing to amateur drone operators non-compliant models of devices used to relay video feed from the drones. Specifically, HobbyKing, a Hong Kong-based drone distributor, allegedly markets drones that transmit video in unauthorized radio frequency bands, and operate at excessive transmission power levels. The FCC says this type of transmission could interfere with key government and public safety services such as aviation systems and weather radar systems. [Read more](#)

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

[Data Sharing in Connected Cars](#)

In the age of web-connected vehicles, the consumer's relationship with the vehicle's manufacturer takes on a whole new meaning. Not only does the relationship exist for the purpose of vehicle maintenance or future repairs, but the consumer also serves as a

rolling information bank for the manufacturer. Indeed, nearly every new vehicle is by default programmed to share consumer data with manufacturers. Vehicle owners must consent to the data sharing, but they often unknowingly give their permission when signing lengthy or multiple documents at the time of purchase — a time when most consumers are just eager to take the keys and drive off the lot. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #144

[Give Your CISO Some Love](#)

This week's privacy tip focuses on showing compassion toward CISOs, CIOs, and IT professionals who are often under a great deal of stress when protecting their organization. [Read more](#)