



CYBERSECURITY

[Ryuk Ransomware Targets Large Businesses with Large Ransoms](#)

A new ransomware, dubbed “Ryuk,” has surfaced in the last few weeks and is said to be targeting large organizations in the United States. The attackers behind Ryuk have reportedly made more than \$640,000 in just two weeks, and are allegedly connected to the well-known North Korean hacking group—Lazarus. According to security company Check Point, the attackers are carefully targeting large organizations that have the ability to pay significant ransoms for valuable data, and are exploiting vulnerabilities in order to get a quick pay-out of large sums of Bitcoin. [Read more](#)

[Botnet Necurs Turns Its Focus on Banks](#)

Just days after the FBI issued a private warning to the banking industry (read more [here](#)), the botnet network known as Necurs began a spamming campaign that targeted the banking industry. The activity was discovered by the security research firm Cofense. According to Cofense, the Necurs network started a concentrated spear phishing campaign against approximately 2,700 banks on August 15. The campaign lasted for approximately eight hours and was designed to spread Remote Access Trojans (RAT). [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[Another Employer in Illinois Hit with Class Action Over Biometrics](#)

Companies doing business in Illinois should consider getting up to speed on the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). We have reported on many cases filed against technology companies and employers for alleged violations of BIPA [view related [posts](#)]. The class action lawsuits continue to be filed at a rapid pace, providing additional urgency for companies to comply with BIPA. Another proposed class action lawsuit was filed recently against Hegewisch Development Corp. alleging that it violated BIPA because the

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plaintiffs were not informed in writing and did not give their consent to collecting their fingerprints, nor were they provided with written notice of the purpose and length of time that their fingerprints were being collected, stored, disclosed and used, or when the information would be destroyed. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Kansas DOT Launches First BVLOS Flight in FAA Pilot Program](#)

Last week, the Kansas Department of Transportation (DOT), in coordination with 30 other Kansas groups, flew a drone beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS) as part of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Integration Program (IPP). Kansas State Polytechnic Flight Operation Manager Travis Balthazor said, "Currently, we're restricted to a visual line of sight operations. So, anytime you fly a main aircraft, you have to keep it in the visual line of sight, and we're trying to advance those regulation to allow more UAS technology for the general public." [Read more](#)

[National Security, Technical and Legal Challenges for Counter-UAS Technology](#)

National security concerns related to drone activity range from illicit intelligence gathering or smuggling drugs and guns over the border or into prisons, to attacks like those conducted by terrorist groups. However, currently, unmanned aerial systems (UAS) counter technology (or counter-UAS) legal authority is limited. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #153

[SIM Card Swap Scams](#)

Criminals continue to come up with ways around security measures, and they have done so by using mobile phone numbers as the second authentication validator. This week's tip discusses fraudulent swapping of SIM cards. [Read more](#)



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