



## CYBERSECURITY

### [School System Victimized by Second Ransomware Attack in Months](#)

The Wolcott school system in Wolcott, Connecticut has been recovering for four months from a ransomware attack that hit its system at the end of the school year. Last week, it was hit with a second attack. According to reports, the cyber criminals behind the recent ransomware attack were holding teacher lesson plans hostage. The school system shut down its computer system again and are devoting resources to combat the recent attack. Needless to say, this situation is chaotic for the school system. [Read more](#)

## DATA PRIVACY

### [NIST Privacy Framework Draft Released](#)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) recently released its draft Privacy Framework: A Tool for Improving Privacy through Enterprise Risk Management (Privacy Framework). NIST is accepting public comments on the draft Privacy Framework until 5 p.m. EST on October 24, 2019. [Read more](#)

## HIPAA

### [For First Time Ever, Government Settles HIPAA Enforcement Action Alleging Violations of Right to Access Medical Records](#)

On September 9, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced that it had settled its first ever HIPAA enforcement action arising from alleged violations of the individual right to access health information under HIPAA. OCR entered into a settlement with Bayfront Health St. Petersburg (Bayfront) in response to allegations that it failed to provide a mother with timely access to medical records concerning her unborn child. Under the terms of a resolution agreement, Bayfront agreed to pay \$85,000 and enter into a one year corrective action plan (CAP). [Read more](#)

## ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

### [\\$267 Million Judgment Against Debt Collector for TCPA Violations](#)

On September 10, 2019, California federal judge, U.S. District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, entered a \$267 million judgment against a debt collection agency, Rash Curtis & Associates (Rash Curtis), for its

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violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) for over 534,000 unsolicited robocalls. This judgment comes after a May jury trial in which the jury found for the plaintiff, Ignacio Perez and the class of consumers, based on the fact that Rash Curtis made over 501,000 calls to class members using its Global Connect dialer, 2,600 calls using a VIC dialer and more than 31,000 calls using a TCN dialer. Rash Curtis made 14 unwanted calls to Perez using the Global Connect dialer and an artificial or prerecorded voice. All of these actions are prohibited by the TCPA without prior express written consumer consent. [Read more](#)

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## NEW + NOW

### [Municipalities and School Systems: Educate Your Employees](#)

The pace and number of cyber-attacks against municipalities and school systems is staggering and the likes of which we have never seen [related [interview](#)]. Municipalities and school systems are obvious targets for cyber criminals as it is well known that resources are scarce to implement measures to combat cyber-attacks. Nearly all of the attacks that we've written about or are following are caused because an employee has clicked on a phishing email that contained malicious code known as malware. [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #207

### [Digital Assets](#)

I haven't written about digital assets in a while and I was reminded this week of the importance of putting digital assets into your estate plan. [Read more](#)

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