



## CYBERSECURITY

### [LifeLabs Pays Ransom to Retrieve Patient Data](#)

It is being reported that LifeLabs, a Canadian lab company that is the largest provider of laboratory diagnostics and lab testing services in Canada, recently paid an undisclosed ransom to hackers who compromised its computer system that housed patient lab data. The hackers apparently compromised the system, exfiltrated data and demanded that the company pay the ransom to obtain access to the data. [Read more](#)

## HIPAA

### [OCR Announces Second \\$85,000 Settlement for Alleged Violations of the Individual Right of Access under HIPAA](#)

On December 12, 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR) [announced](#) its second “HIPAA Right of Access Initiative” [settlement](#) of alleged HIPAA violations. [Read more](#)

## ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

### [British Member of “The Dark Overlord” Hacking Organization Extradited to Face Conspiracy and Identify Theft Charges in the United States](#)

Beginning in 2016, the computer hacking organization known as “The Dark Overlord,” began to target victims in the St. Louis, Missouri area, including various health care providers, several accounting firms, and a medical records company. By remotely accessing these victims’ computer networks without authorization, The Dark Overlord was able to obtain sensitive records and information, which it then threatened to release unless the companies paid a ransom in bitcoin. [Read more](#)

## DATA BREACH

### [How Much is Your Car Spying on You? Washington Post Hacked a Chevy Volt to Find Out](#)

The *Washington Post*, as part of an investigate report, worked with a hacker to figure out what kind of information OnStar is collecting (and what data is stored in your car) on a randomly selected 2017 Chevy Volt. This of course is not specific to Chevy, or its Volt model, but most of the cars on the road are collecting data about us and from us, that gets

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stored on the vehicle, in our navigation system and sometimes sent directly back to the car's manufacturer. If your car has on-board internet connectivity capability, your car is collecting data about you—a lot of data. [Read more](#)

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## NEW + NOW

### [Biometric Suit Not Preempted by Workers' Compensation Statute](#)

An Illinois employee of Power Solutions International Inc. (Power Solutions) filed suit against his employer alleging violations of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA) when Power Solutions collected his fingerprints through a timekeeping system without providing consent to do so. Under BIPA, companies, including employers, are required to provide notice and consent to employees prior to the collection of biometric information such as fingerprints, on how the biometric information will be collected and used, who it is disclosed to and how and when it will be deleted. [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #220

### [Identity Theft Still in Top Three Frauds Reported to FTC](#)

Three million fraud cases were reported to the FTC in 2018, and 444,602 of them involved identity theft. These reported cases (just think of how high the statistic would be if all cases were reported) amounts to the third most common type of fraud reported to the FTC. This week's privacy tip reviews a recent report of recorded data breaches and the key takeaways. [Read more](#)

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