



CYBERSECURITY

[GandCrab Ransomware Backers Working on New Ransomware REvil](#)

We [previously reported](#) that the criminals behind the GandCrab Ransomware were retiring, and that a patch was discovered and companies are urged to implement the patch. [Read more](#)

[Federal Reserve White Paper on Synthetic Identity Payments Fraud—A Growing Problem in the U.S. That Affects Consumers, Businesses, Financial Institutions, Government Agencies and the Health Care Industry](#)

In the Federal Reserve's July 11, 2019, White Paper, "Synthetic Identity Fraud in the U.S. Payment System, A Review of Causes and Contributing Factors," the authors conclude that synthetic identity fraud is a serious and growing problem for the U.S. payments ecosystem that can only be addressed by a collaborative effort among all payments industry stakeholders. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[AT&T Sued by CA Customers for Selling Location Data to Aggregators](#)

AT&T was sued this week in the Northern District of California by customers alleging that AT&T sold their location data to data aggregators without their consent. The proposed class action suit was filed on behalf of all AT&T wireless customers from 2011 to date. [Read more](#)

DATA BREACH

[Premera Blue Cross Settles for \\$10M with 30 States for 2014 Data Breach](#)

Following an investigation led by the Washington Attorney General, Premera Blue Cross has agreed to pay \$10 million to 30 states after experiencing a data breach in 2014 that compromised the Protected Health Information of over 10 million individuals. [Read more](#)

[DNA Information of Thousands of Individuals Exposed Online for Years](#)

It is being reported that Vitagene, a company that provides DNA testing to provide customers with specific wellness plans through personalized diet and exercise plans based on their biological traits, left more than

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3,000 user files publicly accessible on Amazon Web Services servers that were not configured properly. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Cities Consider Banning the Use of Facial Recognition Technology](#)

In the footsteps of San Francisco's ban of the use of facial recognition technology, the cities of Somerville, Massachusetts; Oakland, California; and Berkeley, California are considering banning the use of facial recognition technology by municipal agencies. The proposed ban is in the midst of more and more cameras and smart technology being used for traffic lights, utilities, parking, and sewage. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Washington State Increases Drone Fleet to 111 Drones](#)

Over only a few years' time, Washington State Patrol (the Patrol) has built a drone fleet of 111 drones. The Patrol says that it uses these small drones for crash investigations and fatality scenes, and not for surveillance purposes. Detective Sergeant Clint Thomas said that roughly 100 state troopers and detective across the state are now trained to operate camera-equipped drones. [Read more](#)

[U.S. Interior Approves Use of DJI Drones](#)

The U.S. Interior Department (the Interior) authorized government officials to buy drones from DJI Technology (DJI) after a previous warning that the company may act as a channel for Chinese government espionage. However, Mark Bathrick, Director of the Office of Aviation Services, said, "[This authorization is] a very narrow, very specific, very limited authorization. We're doing the very best we can to make sure the data we collect is secure." [Read more](#)

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

[Drive.ai Introduces External Communication Panels to Talk to Public](#)

Self-driving cars are inherently presented with a challenge—communicating with their surroundings. However, Drive.ai has attempted to address that challenge by equipping its self-driving cars with external communication panels that convey a variety of messages for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and everyone else on the road. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #199

[Guard Your Cryptowallet: Cryptoheist in Japan Drains \\$32 million from Exchange](#)

Cryptocurrency blockchains do not have the same government protections that banks have, such as FDIC insurance. When hackers can steal millions from the provider, it can be difficult to recover the money you have lost. This week's tip covers recent events and trends.

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