



CYBERSECURITY

[Millions of Sensitive Records Leaked by Another Spyware Maker](#)

We reported last week that a spyware maker recently compromised users' and victims' sensitive information [view related [post](#)]. Since that time, another spyware maker, mSpy, which holds itself out as having over a million users employing its product to "spy" on their partners and children, has reportedly leaked the passwords, call logs, text messages, location data, contacts and notes of victims whose mobile phones are being spied on by others. [Read more](#)

[New York Department of Financial Services Cybersecurity Regulation 18-month Compliance Deadline Arrives](#)

On September 4, 2018, the third stage of compliance deadlines under the New York Department of Financial Services' (DFS) expansive cybersecurity regulation went into effect. This deadline, scheduled for implementation 18 months after the regulation (23 NYCRR 500) initially went into effect in March 2017. [Read more](#)

[U.S. Cities Vulnerable to Cyberattacks—Recommendations for Preparedness](#)

Not to be overly frightening, but the reality is that we live in a dangerous cyber world. A [new report](#) published by the Intelligence and National Security Alliance outlines the findings of a cyber exercise based on a hypothetical cyber-attack on Baltimore's power companies. The exercise was orchestrated and executed by federal and state agency employees, operators of critical infrastructure facilities, nonprofit organizations, and cybersecurity and infrastructure-protection experts. [Read more](#)

[Two Federal Criminal Convictions for Cyberattacks](#)

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August 2018 saw two federal criminal convictions of individuals involved in significant cyberattacks.

In Boston, a federal jury convicted Martin Gottesfeld of one count of conspiracy to intentionally damage a protected computer and one count of intentional damage to protected computers. The charges resulted from the 2014 Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attacks on Boston Children's Hospital and Wayside Youth and Family Support Network.

In Atlanta, a federal jury convicted Olayinka Olaniyi, a citizen of Nigeria, of one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, one count of computer fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft. The charges resulted from a series of fraudulent phishing emails delivered to employees of Georgia Tech and other colleges in the United States which, if opened, allowed the conspirators to obtain the employees' username and password for the college's computer network and employee payroll system. [Read more](#)

DATA BREACH

[Plaintiffs Seek Class Certification in Yahoo Data Breach Class Actions](#)

We [previously noted](#) that in late 2016, Yahoo disclosed that it had experienced multiple data breaches relating to what turned out to be roughly three billion user accounts. At that time, the initial breach, which was reported in September 2016, had already resulted in several proposed class action complaints. Now, United States District Judge Lucy H. Koh, of the Northern District of California, must decide whether to grant the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[Amended California Privacy Law Sent to Governor for Signature](#)

We have previously reported on the anticipated impact of the new California Privacy Law—the California Consumer Privacy Act (“the Act”) [view related [post](#)].

The first amendment to the Act (likely to be the first of many amendments) recently obtained approval from state lawmakers and is on its way to Governor Jerry Brown for signature. The amendment is focused on clarifying language and fixing drafting errors and inconsistencies in the law, but also includes substantive changes. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Close to 2,000 FAA UAS Waivers in Two Years](#)

Last week, on the two-year anniversary of the small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) rule (or Part 107), a [report](#) was released by the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) stating that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has granted approximately 2,000 waivers since the inception of Part 107. Part 107 sets forth certain parameters and requirements for the safe operation of UAS in the national airspace. Among some of those requirements, UAS must fly below 400 feet, within visual line of sight, and during daylight hours. However, the FAA implemented a waiver process that allows for operations beyond the scope of the rule. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #155

[Home Buyers Tricked Out of Down Payments by Scammers](#)

Are hackers targeting your home buying team? Here are some cybersecurity precautions to take during your next home buying experience. [Read more](#)

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