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CYBERSECURITY

New York DFS Fines Robinhood \$30M for "Significant" Cybersecurity Violations

The New York Department of Financial Services (DFS) announced its first ever penalty against a cryptocurrency platform this week, with a whopping \$30 million fine assessed against Robinhood Crypto, LLC (RHC) for what it described as "significant failures in the areas of bank secrecy act/anti-money laundering obligations and cybersecurity that resulted in violations of the Department's Virtual Currency Regulation (23 NYCRR Part 200), Money Transmitter Regulation (3 NYCRR Part 417), Transaction Monitoring Regulation (23 NYCRR Part 504), and Cybersecurity Regulation (23 NYCRR Part 500). Read more

DATA PRIVACY

<u>Tim Hortons Wants to Settle Data Privacy Lawsuits with Free</u> Breakfast

The breakfast chain Tim Hortons is defending four class action lawsuits in Canada for allegedly collecting user geolocation data without user consent. According to a regulatory report, the Tim Hortons mobile app secretly collected a vast amount of geolocation data without user consent, violating Canadian law. The app allegedly cataloged every time a user entered or left a Tim Hortons competitor, a major sports venue, or their home or workplace. In addition, the app gathered location data every few minutes, even when it was closed. *Read more*

Anti-Vax Dating App Left Data Unprotected

Unjected, a dating app and the "largest unvaccinated platform" online, apparently left its entire website's back end unsecured. Security researchers, working with Daily Dot reporters, reportedly accessed the site's administrator dashboard, which had been left entirely unsecured and in de-bug mode. As a result, they got incredible access, including the ability to view and modify private account details, edit posts, and access backups without administrator authentication. The potentially-exposed personal information included the full name, birth date, marital status, and email address of 3,500 users, though it's unclear whether anyone besides the researchers exploited the exposure. After being informed of the issues, the company took several days to fix the critical security vulnerability. Read more

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DRONES

Remote ID Ruling For FAA in RaceDayQuads Suit

RaceDayQuads, a racing drone retailer based in Orlando, Florida, and Tyler Brennan, a drone operator (collectively, Petitioners), filed a Petition for Review of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Remote Identification (Remote ID) Rule for drones with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. This week, the Court ruled in favor of the FAA. Read more

PRIVACY TIP #339

Scammers Take Advantage of Disaster Victims

Seeing the victims in Kentucky following the devastating floods is heartbreaking. Even more distressing is seeing those who are trying to help by donating funds to the relief effort victimized as well. This week's Privacy Tip shares FTC tips for spotting these scams. *Read more*

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