



CYBERSECURITY

[Security Researchers Find Biometric Data on 28 Million Records Is Exposed](#)

It was reported this week by *The Guardian* and *Forbes* that security researchers from Vpnmentor have discovered and published a report that Suprema, a company that collects and monitors biometric information such as fingerprints and facial recognition data, has left exposed the biometric information of 28 million records and 23 gigabytes of data insecure. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[Delta Airlines Sues Vendor for Causing Data Breach](#)

In an unusual move, Delta Airlines (Delta) sued one of its vendors last week for the data breach it experienced in 2017. It's an unusual move for several reasons. First, in our experience when a vendor causes a data breach, there is usually a contractual provision that can be followed that outlines the responsibility of the parties in the event of a security incident. The contractual language is usually followed and the parties can resolve the issues of reimbursement per the contract. Second, there may be insurance involved for both parties. The parties work with the insurers to make claims and seek reimbursement for costs associated with the data breach. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Can You Really Protect Against Ransomware?](#)

We've written a few times recently about municipalities, companies, and government agencies hit with ransomware attacks this year. In early July, it was reported that a court system in Georgia was attacked with ransomware, causing lawyers, court employees and the public to have to rely on "old school" paper to file pleadings and keep the court system running. This got me thinking about ransomware, and then I came across a Security Tip (ST-19-01) sheet from the Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that I thought was worth sharing. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Beyond-Visual-Line-of-Sight Drone Operations in Alaska](#)

A beyond-visual-line-of-sight (BVLOS) flight of a drone traveled along the Trans-Alaska pipeline system (TAPS) this month, led by a team from

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the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration. Operators flew the drone along 3.87 miles of TAPS, using onboard and ground-based detection systems (instead of human observers) to detect and avoid other aircraft. The drone also had onboard collision avoidance technology and a five-nautical mile system consisting of eight ground-based radars, which provided the aviation radar coverage during the flight. [Read more](#)

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

[Ubers of the Future will Monitor Your Vital Signs](#)

Uber has announced that it is considering developing self-driving cars that monitor passengers' vital signs by asking the passengers how they feel during the ride, in order to provide a stress-free and satisfying trip. This concept was outlined in a patent filed by the company in July 2019. Uber envisions passengers connecting their own health-monitoring devices (e.g., smart watches, activity trackers, heart monitors, etc.) to the vehicle to measure the passenger's reactions. The vehicle would then synthesize the information, along with other measurements that are taken by the car itself (e.g., thermometers, vehicle speed sensors, driving logs, infrared cameras, microphones). This type of biometric monitoring could potentially allow the vehicle to assess whether it might be going too fast, getting too close to another vehicle on the road, or applying the brakes too hard. The goal is to use artificial intelligence to create a more 'satisfying' experience for the riders in the autonomous vehicle. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #203

[Cryptocurrency Woes](#)

The IRS issued its initial guidance on cryptocurrency in 2014, which recognized that it may be used to pay for goods or services, or held for investment, and therefore has tax consequences and may be subject to taxation. CipherTrace recently issued its Q2 2019 Cryptocurrency Anti-Money Laundering Report. This week's tip covers the details for newly interested cryptocurrency investors. [Read more](#)

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