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CYBERSECURITY

Hotel Chain Hit with Class Action Alleging "Misuse" of Biometric Data

Hotel chain Fillmore Hospitality, LLC is the latest target of a proposed class action complaint filed this week, alleging violation of the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA). We don't usually discuss the specific allegations in BIPA cases, but since they continue to populate the litigation landscape, we thought it would be instructive to take a deeper dive so companies are aware of the minefield these cases present and how they really are a roadmap for compliance. <u>*Read more*</u>

City of Baltimore Shuts Down Servers Following Ransomware Attack

Another city, another ransomware attack. Cities and municipalities continue to be targeted with ransomware campaigns. Fortunately, in this case, essential services such as fire, police, Emergency Medical Services and 311 service were still operational despite the attack. According to a tweet by Mayor Bernard Young, Baltimore shut down its servers in response to the ransomware attack, and preliminarily, it does not appear that any "personal data has left the system." <u>*Read more*</u>

HIPAA

Diagnostic Medical Imaging Company Pays \$3 Million to Resolve Potential HIPAA Violations Stemming from Data Breach

The Office of Civil Rights (OCR), the enforcement arm of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), announced that a Tennessee diagnostic medical imaging services company has agreed to pay \$3 million to settle potential HIPAA violations arising from a data breach that exposed over 300,000 patients' protected health information (PHI). As part of the settlement, the company—Touchstone Medical Imaging (Touchstone)—must also adopt a corrective action plan to address problems uncovered during OCR's investigation. *Read more*

NEW + NOW

Supply Chain (and Vendor) Security and Contract Management

We continue to see clients hit with notifications from vendors about security incidents caused by either the vendor or the vendor's downstream supply chain. Often, the client didn't even know that its May 9, 2019

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Insider Blog R+C website Twitter Facebook LinkedIn vendor was outsourcing part or all of the work to another vendor. When a security incident occurs down the line, the entity that experienced the security incident or data breach usually has contractual obligations to tell its customer, and its customer then has the contractual obligation to tell its customer, and on and on up the line. If you are at the end of the line, all of the supply chain vendors are saying that their only obligation is to notify you, and you must notify any affected individuals and the regulatory authorities. *Read more*

DRONES

Drone Delivers Human Kidney for Transplant

Last month, a University of Maryland unmanned aerial system (UAS or drone) delivered a donor kidney to surgeons at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) in Baltimore for an ultimately successful transplant to a patient with kidney failure. The drone flew 2.6 miles in approximately 10 minutes. <u>*Read more*</u>

FAA's UAS Growth Predictions

In the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) latest aerospace forecast, it noted the "phenomenal growth" of the small unmanned aerial system (UAS or drone) industry. The FAA reported that at the end of 2018 there were 277,000 UAS registered with the FAA. In the FAA's 2017 report and predictions, that number was expected to be only 158,900. The FAA further said in its report that the UAS sector "will be much larger than what [the FAA previously] understood." *Read more*

PRIVACY TIP #189

Online Dating

The Federal Trade Commission issued a warning this week called Parental Advisory: Dating Apps. This week's tip discusses the electronic pitfalls of online dating and some recently restricted apps, which were violating the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. <u>Read more</u>

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