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Coveware Q1 2021 Report Shows Increase in Ransomware Payments Over Q4 2020

Coveware issued its Q1 2021 Ransomware Report on April 26, 2021, which concludes that "[D]ata exfiltration extortion continues to be prevalent and we have reached an inflection point where the vast majority of ransomware attacks now include the theft of corporate data." Read more

Contact Tracing Vendor Loses State Contract Over Data Breach

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf announced this week that the Commonwealth will not continue to do business with its contact tracing vendor following a security incident that potentially exposed the personal information of approximately 72,000 residents collected for the Department of Health's (DoH) contact tracing program. Read more

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

Eagle Family Foods Fights Back in Alleged Unauthorized Biometric Data Collection Case

In *Gates v. Eagle Family Foods* in the Northern District of Illinois, Gregory Gates, a former sanitation and assembly line employee, alleges that Eagle Foods collected and retained his handprints without consent as part of its timekeeping requirements while he worked at the Waukegan facility in 2016 and 2018. *Read more*

DRONES

Girl Scout Troop Teams Up with Wing for Drone Cookie Deliveries

Calling all Thin Mints fans! Girl Scout Thin Mints cookies can now be delivered right to your doorstep - by drone... IF you live in Christiansburg, Virginia. The town has been a testing arena for commercial drone delivery by Wing (a subsidiary of Alphabet, Google's parent company). Before Girl Scout Thin Mints, starting in 2019, drugstore products, FedEx packages, local pastries, tacos, and cold brew coffees have been delivered by drone to residents of this community. Read more

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Kroger and Drone Express Partner to Provide Grocery Delivery by Drone

This week, Kroger and Drone Express announced a pilot program offering grocery delivery by autonomous drones. Jody Kalmbach, Vice President of Product Experience, said, "Kroger's new drone delivery pilot is part of the evolution of our rapidly growing and innovative e-commerce business which includes pickup, delivery, and ship and reached more than \$10 billion in sales in 2020. The pilot reinforces the importance of flexibility and immediacy to customers, powered by modern, cost-effective, and efficient last-mile solutions. We're excited to test drone delivery and gain insights that will inform expansion plans as well as future customer solutions." *Read more*

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Apple Users: It's Important to Update to iOS 14.5.1 ASAP

If you are on top of updating your iPhone patches when a new operating system is released by Apple, you probably updated your iOS to version 14.5 when Apple released it last week. However, even if you did that, it is important to update again this week to iOS 14.5.1, which Apple released on Monday. *Read more*

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