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CYBERSECURITY

[Hackers Steal \\$4.4M Crypto Using Data Linked to LastPass Breach](#)

According to *Bleeping Computer*, crypto fraud researchers at ZachXBT, and MetaMask developer Taylor Monahan have reported that on October 25, 2023, “hackers have stolen \$4.4 million in cryptocurrency using private keys and passphrases stored in stolen LastPass databases.” [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[SEC Hits SolarWinds and CISO with Investor Fraud Suit Over Cybersecurity](#)

In a first, bold move by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) following its new [Rules on Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure by Public Companies](#), issued on July 26, 2023, this week, the SEC filed suit against SolarWinds and its Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) alleging that SolarWinds and its CISO for years “ignored repeated red flags about SolarWinds’ cyber risks, which were well known throughout the company...and engaged in a campaign to paint a false picture” of its “cyber controls environment thereby depriving investors of accurate material information.” [Read more](#)

[40 Countries Including U.S. Vow Not to Pay Ransomware](#)

The United States joined 39 other countries this week in the International Counter Ransomware Initiative, an effort to stem the flow of ransom payments to cybercriminals. The initiative aims to eliminate criminals’ funding through better information sharing about ransom payment accounts. Member states will develop two information-sharing platforms, one created by Lithuania and another jointly by Israel and the United Arab Emirates. [Read more](#)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

[White House Issues Executive Order on Artificial Intelligence](#)

On October 30, 2023, the Biden Administration issued its “Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and use of Artificial Intelligence.” The EO outlines how Artificial Intelligence (AI) “holds extraordinary potential for both promise and peril.” As the Administration “places the highest urgency on governing the development and use of AI safely and responsibly,” the EO is designed to advance “a coordinated, Federal Government-wide approach” on “governing the development and use of AI safely and responsibly.” [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Lawmakers Seek Ban of Chinese Drones for U.S. Government](#)

Next week, the House of Representatives China Committee plans to introduce a bill that would ban the purchase of Chinese-made drones by the U.S. government. This bill is an

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effort to revamp the prior push for this ban that was derailed by lobbying efforts.

The American Security Drone Act, as it is coined, would not only ban U.S. government agencies from using Chinese-made drones, but would also bar local and state governments from purchasing Chinese drones with federal grants. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #378

[Bad Actors Selling Data of 23andMe Users of Ashkenazi Jewish and Chinese Descent](#)

We previously reported on the unfortunate data breach suffered by 23andMe [last month](#) and its implications. We never imagined how horrible it could be; the implications of posting account information, including potential genetic information of users for political or hateful reasons is real and happening in real time. Find out more in today's Privacy Tip. [Read more](#)

RECENT EVENTS AND NEWS

- **Linn Freedman Quoted in *Bloomberg Law* on Just Released FTC Cyber Breach Reporting Rules**
Data Privacy + Cybersecurity Team chair [Linn Freedman](#) was quoted in an article titled, "[Federal Cyber Breach Reporting Rules Reach an Uneasy Balance](#)," that published in *Bloomberg Law* on October 31, 2023. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission announced on Friday, October 28, final amendments to its Safeguards Rule requiring non-bank lenders to report information about the scope of security incidents within 30 days. Linn commented that, "[i]t is a difficult patchwork to know all the different entities, depending on what industry you are in, that you have to notify" after a security incident.
- **Norm Roos Quoted in *National Mortgage Professional* on Blockchain Technology in the Mortgage Industry**
Financial Services Cyber-Compliance Team lawyer, [Norman Roos](#), was quoted in an article titled, "[A Quest For the Digitally Confounded](#)," that published in the October 2023 issue of *National Mortgage Professional* magazine. The article details how blockchain technology is viewed as a tool by mortgage and banking system experts. Norm commented on blockchain's impact on the mortgage industry saying, "When you look at the technological impact on the mortgage industry so far, largely blockchain hasn't played a role." Using the 2008 financial crisis as an example, Norm recalled how little people understood a new facet in finance known as collateralized debt only to be duped by complex asset-back security when the crisis took hold. "This tool, which was thought to be a very efficient tool, turned out to be terribly misused. I think with blockchain, while it's not the same...I don't know anybody who really understands it. I don't think blockchain is going to transform the mortgage industry anytime soon."
- **Robinson+Cole** received a Tier 1 ranking in the area of Privacy and Data Security Law in Rhode Island in the 2024 Edition of [Best Law Firms](#)®. This was one of 42 total first-tier metropolitan rankings the firm received for 2024. Law firms included in the publication are recognized for professional excellence with consistently impressive ratings from clients and peers.
- Artificial Intelligence Team chair [Linn Freedman](#) is among speakers presenting at the Compass IT Compliance, LLC program "AI and Cybersecurity: Navigating Promise and Pitfalls" on November 16, 2023.

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