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CYBERSECURITY

China-Based Company is Believed to be Behind HiddenWasp Malware

Vicious malware continues to be deployed by China-based attackers. A new strain of malware, dubbed "HiddenWasp," which has the ability to remotely infect computers, has been discovered by a security researcher at Intezar. The malware is believed to have originated from a Chinese forensics firm; the malware is hosted by servers owned by a Hong Kongbased company. Read more

DATA BREACH

Quest Diagnostics Reports Data Breach Affecting 11.9M Patients in Securities Filing

Another day in the health care industry, another big data breach.

This week, Quest Diagnostics announced in a security filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, that a collection agency vendor that it uses for collection services notified it that for eight months, an unauthorized user had access to Quest patients' records, including credit card numbers, bank account information, medical information, and personal information, including Social Security numbers. Quest has reported that no laboratory data of patients were involved. Read more

HEALTH INFORMATION

OIG Issues Alert to Warn of 'Free' Genetic Testing Scams Seeking to Steal Information

On June 3, 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued a fraud alert to notify consumers about genetic testing fraud schemes (the Alert). According to the OIG, fraudulent actors are using the provision of free genetic testing kits to obtain Medicare information from unwitting consumers, and then using the stolen information for purposes of fraudulent billing and/or identity theft. Read more

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CCPA Update

We have been watching all of the activity around the proposed amendments to the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) to see where the law settles to assist with compliance.

Not surprisingly, but nonetheless important to know, is the fact that the California Assembly on May 29, 2019 unanimously passed an amendment to CCPA that excludes employee information from the definition of "consumer," and therefore, employee information is not under the CCPA umbrella for compliance purposes. *Read more*

PRIVACY TIP #193

FBI Issues Warning to Parents about Sextortion

Summer vacation is almost here for school-age children, which means that kids will have more free time to roam the Internet. Unfortunately, according to the FBI, this means that the threat of online predators is high and the FBI is warning parents that it has seen an increase in such pernicious activity. This week's privacy tip covers the latest threat. <u>Read more</u>

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