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CYBERSECURITY

Karakurt Extortion Group Auctions Data for Ransom

On June 2, 2022, CISA (the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency), the FBI, the Department of the Treasury and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network issued a joint Cybersecurity Alert warning companies of the Karakurt Team/Karakurt Lair extortion group, which has "employed a variety of tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs), creating significant challenges for defense and mitigation." According to the Alert, the group does not encrypt data for ransom, but instead steals data, then threatens to auction it off or release it to the public for ransoms ranging from \$25,000 to \$13,000,000 in Bitcoin. Read more

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

San Diego Family Care Settles Data Breach Class Action for \$1 Million

Recently, San Diego Family Care (SDFC) settled a class action related to a 2020 data breach for \$1 million. The class includes all SDFC patients (or their parents/guardians) who received a breach notification in May 2021. <u>Read more</u>

<u>University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Settles Data Breach Class Action for</u> \$450,000

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) recently settled a data breach class action for \$450,000 stemming from a 2020 data breach that led to the compromise of about 36,000 UPMC patients. *Read more*

DATA PRIVACY

Colorado Law Restricts Use of Facial Recognition Technology by Government Agencies

Ramping up its continued focus on data privacy, on June 8, 2022, Colorado Governor Jared Polis signed into law legislation aimed to limit the use of facial recognition technology by government agencies and state institutions of higher education.

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FBI Warns Higher Ed Sector of Compromised Credentials on Dark Web

In a recent Private Industry Notification to the higher education sector, the FBI warned that U.S. college and university credentials are being advertised "for sale on online criminal marketplaces and publically [sic] accessible forums."

The Notification warns that the exposure of credentials and network access information, "especially privileged user accounts, could lead to subsequent cyberattacks against individual users or affiliated organizations." *Read more*

DRONES

China Launches First Crewless Drone Carrier

Last week, China announced its launching of the world's first crewless drone carrier, which operates using artificial intelligence to navigate open water autonomously. The Chinese government has said that this vessel will be used as a maritime research tool, but many skeptics suggest that it could also be used as a military vessel. Read more

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Health Care Sector Continues to Be Hit with Ransomware

According to the 2022 State of Ransomware Report issued recently by Sophos, it surveyed 5,600 IT professionals from 31 countries, including professionals in the health care sector. This week's privacy tip reviews highlights from the report. Read more

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