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CYBERSECURITY

[CFOs Beware: You are Being Targeted by Nigerian Hackers](#)

A report released by cybersecurity firm Agari has come to conclusion that we have been experiencing all year—a hacking group in Nigeria, dubbed “London Blue,” is targeting CFOs and controllers from small businesses to multinational corporations to trick them into sending funds through wire transfers.

We have seen too many of them, and the pattern is disturbing. Forensic experts have been hired to determine the cause of the fraud, and the fraud is invariably a result of a successful phishing email that mimics a company insider or a known and trusted vendor, requesting the payment of an invoice or a wire for business purposes. [Read more](#)

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

[Rhode Island Employees' Retirement System Seeks to Be Lead Plaintiff in Google+ Securities Lawsuit](#)

Google announced this week that it discovered a bug that potentially exposed personal information of approximately 52.5 million Google+ users. The State of Rhode Island, Office of the Rhode Island General Treasurer, acting on behalf of the Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island, recently filed a motion for consolidation of the two lawsuits and appointment as lead plaintiff in a securities lawsuit filed in the Northern District of California against Alphabet, Inc., the parent of Google. [Read more](#)

[A Very Smart Primer on Smart Contracts—An Example of What One Financial Services Regulator Is Doing to Foster FinTech](#)

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission's LabCFTC recently released “A CFTC Primer on Smart Contracts” as part of LabCFTC's effort to engage with innovators and market participants on a range of

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financial technology (FinTech) topics.

The Primer offers a clear and concise explanation of “smart contracts” and their potential impact on the CFTC’s mission to foster open, transparent, competitive, and financially sound futures and derivatives markets. [Read more](#)

[Multiple Lawsuits Filed Against Marriott After Data Breach – “One of the Largest Digital Infestations in History”](#)

Calling the Marriott data breach “one of the largest digital infestations in history,” a putative class action was filed in Oregon this week seeking up to \$12.5 billion dollars in relief. It should come as no surprise that soon after Marriott announced its massive data breach affecting potentially 500 million customers in the Starwood reservations database, several putative class actions were filed around the country and at least one in Canada. Lawsuits were also filed in Maryland and New York. [Read more](#)

HIPAA

[OCR Hits Advanced Care Hospitalists with \\$500,000 Fine for HIPAA Violations](#)

The Office for Civil Rights has announced that it has fined Lakeland, Florida-based Advanced Care Hospitalists (ACH) \$500,000 for an impermissible disclosure of protected health information (PHI) by one of its business associates. ACH provides contract internal medicine physicians to nursing homes and hospitals. [Read more](#)

VIRTUAL CURRENCY

[Bitcoin Firm Alleges Manipulation of the Bitcoin Cash Network that Is Alleged to Have Resulted in a \\$4 Billion Industry Meltdown](#)

United American Corp., operating as UnitedCorp, filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida last Thursday, alleging that several prominent figures in the Bitcoin cryptocurrency market essentially “hijack[ed] the Bitcoin Cash network” causing widespread harm to U.S. Bitcoin holders. In the 27 page, and 122 paragraph complaint, UnitedCorp takes aim at Bitcoin miner Bitmain Inc. and its owner Jihan Wu, well-known Bitcoin investor Roger Ver and his company Bitcoin.com, and the Kraken Bitcoin Exchange, among others, claiming they attempted to “centraliz[e] what is intended to be a decentralized transactional

system enabling the corruption of the democratic and neutral principles of the Bitcoin Cash network.” [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Addressing Insider Threats](#)

In data privacy and security jargon, an insider threat usually includes: an employee who creates a security risk due to a lack of awareness or carelessness, but doesn't mean to do anything wrong (clicks on a phishing email and introduces malware or ransomware into the system); an employee who creates a security risk for his or her own purposes (sends a customer list to his or her personal account); or an employee who has malicious intent and is stealing information to sell or is working for another malicious individual. Companies are responding to each of these threats and are implementing risk management techniques to addressing the threats. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[How Drones Are Conducting Bridge Inspections](#)

Last week, Intel announced two separate collaborations with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to improve bridge inspections using drones. Intel and the KYTC have actually used Intel's drone technology to help inspect and analyze the Daniel Carter Beard Bridge, which is an eight-lane interstate that crosses over the Ohio River with more than 100,000 vehicles using the bridge daily. With that much traffic, even a one-lane closure can result in costly delays. Intel's Falcon 8+ drone technology allows the bridge to remain open while it captures about 2,500 high-resolution aerial images, or about 22 GB of data that was uploaded to the Intel Insight Platform. The data was used to create 3-D models and applied to monitoring the paint deterioration and cable stability of the bridge over time. [Read more](#)

[OSHA's Use of Drones During Workplace Inspections](#)

These days, it is not uncommon to see drones flying overhead. But employers beware-you might see one during your next workplace inspection. Earlier this year, OSHA issued a memo formalizing its use of drones for inspection activities, and, according to a recent report by Bloomberg Law, it used drones for nine inspections this year. [Read more](#)

[FAA Regulations Extend to Drone Manufacturers](#)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act comes with a new set of regulations for drone manufacturers. The FAA's rule is intended to impose safety standards on manufacturers. While drone operators will face stricter scrutiny and enforcement under the Act, the FAA now also wants drone manufacturers to be responsible for implementing safety standards that will essentially force compliance by drone operators. The obligations on drone manufacturers are set forth in Section 345 of the Act and compliance is mandatory. While the process is not yet implemented, the FAA will implement a process by which manufacturers self-certify compliance. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #169

[What to Do When You Get the Breach Notification Email from Starwood Hotels/Marriott](#)

This week's privacy tip covers the Starwood/Marriott data breach, which involves passport numbers and introduces some advice from the FTC. [Read more](#)

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