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CYBERSECURITY

FDA Classifies St. Jude Defibrillators as Class 2 Recalls for Cybersecurity Updates

We have previously reported on the ongoing cybersecurity issues with St. Jude defibrillators [view related posts here, here, and here]. On June 29, 2018, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classified the required firmware updates to St. Jude defibrillators as Class 2 recalls, which is the medium-severity category of classifications that is applicable to issues where adverse health consequences are considered temporary or reversible. Read more

HEALTH INFORMATION PRIVACY

Missouri Hospital Diverts Patients, Shuts Down EHR due to Ransomware Attack

On July 9, 2018, Cass Regional Medical Center (CRMC) in Harrisonville, Missouri was hit with a ransomware attack that led to a complete shutdown of its electronic health record (EHR) and the diversion of trauma and stroke patients to other facilities. According to CRMC, the attack affected CRMC's internal communications system and "access to" its EHR. In response, Meditech (CRMC's EHR vendor) shut down the EHR system until the attack was resolved and all systems restored, although CRMC maintains that there is no indication that patient information has been breached. CRMC has engaged a cyber forensics firm to investigate the attack, and restoration of the EHR is pending the results of that investigation. Read more

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

ReadyTech Settles With FTC Over Claims of Participation in Privacy Shield

Although the U.S.- E.U. Privacy Shield Framework has been intensely criticized by E.U. authorities, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

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On July 2, 2018, the FTC issued a press release stating that it has settled its complaint against ReadyTech, a California-based online training company, for "falsely" claiming that it was in the process of Privacy Shield certification when it was not. *Read more*

Second Circuit Upholds Conviction Under the CFAA, Rejecting Argument That the Law Is Unconstitutional

In a recent decision, the Federal Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (which covers New York, Connecticut, and Vermont) affirmed the conviction of an Italian citizen for misdemeanor computer intrusion in violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 (CFAA). The decision is noteworthy in that, among other things, the Second Circuit rejected a challenge to the statute as being unconstitutionally vague. *Read more*

DATA BREACH

Millions of Adidas Customers Affected by Data Breach

Adidas has published a customer warning that its U.S. customers could be at risk from a security incident it discovered on June 26, 2018. In the warning, Adidas says that it will reach out to certain customers who purchased goods through its website with more details about the incident. It has been reported that the incident could have affected millions of Adidas customers. Adidas says it is in the process of undergoing a thorough forensic review, but that the initial analysis indicates that the customer information compromised includes customers' usernames, encrypted passwords, and contact information. *Read more*

DRONES

FAA Questionnaire Seeking Input of Drone Operators

A few weeks ago the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) sent a questionnaire to each person who has registered a commercial drone—that is, for purposes other than recreational or hobby use. The survey also included those registered under government departments and first responders. The FAA's goal is to collect information on drone flight activities under Part 107 (the Small Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rule) to help the FAA improve the services it delivers to the UAS community at large. The FAA hopes to encourage participation by limiting the questionnaire to about 10 minutes to complete. *Read*

Drone Regulations Withstand Challenge

The United States government's ability to police hobbyist drone use was upheld by an appellate court last week. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit rejected arguments by John Taylor, a drone hobbyist, who successfully overturned the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) system for registering unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) last year. Judge Merrick Garland said, "Because the rule is within the agency's statutory authority and is neither arbitrary nor capricious, the petition for review is denied." This decision stems from Congress' passage of a law in 2012 that gave the FAA authority over drones, while exempting model aircraft flown by hobbyists who already followed certain safety rules instituted by a "nationwide community-based organization." That led to Taylor's claim that the FAA can't set regulations over drone flights by hobbyists. Taylor used the 2012 law to argue successfully that the FAA's drone registration system was not legal; however, Congress reinstated the registry months later. Read more

Wild-Fire Plagued Cities Look to Drones

With Independence Day fireworks now coming to an end, many cities in the Western United States are talking about the wildfire liability that comes with the use of fireworks over drought-stricken land. The alternative to fireworks? Well, possibly drones. This year in Aspen, Colorado, the city put on its annual Fourth of July show using drones outfitted with LED lights instead of fireworks.

Debbie Braun, President of the Aspen Chamber Resort Association, said, "This year we realized it was a low snow year, so we realized we were going to be at risk. So we started innovating, and that is how we came upon the drone show." She added, "It [was] a fabulous alternative to fireworks, which we really think is going to be the new norm going forward." Click here to watch some video from the company that launched this drone show in Aspen. Read more

PRIVACY TIP #147

If You Use Timehop Listen Up!

This week's privacy tip focuses on the recent data breach of the social media app Timehop. The article covers some of the elements changed post-incident that alter the functionality of Timehop. *Read more*

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