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Leveraging Knowledge to Manage Your Data Risks

CYBERSECURITY

[FBI Warning: M&A Activity Targeted by Ransomware Groups](#)

The FBI issued a Private Industry Notification on November 2, 2021, warning companies that “ransomware actors are very likely using significant financial events, such as mergers and acquisitions, to target and leverage victim companies for ransomware infections.” [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[Meta Announces the End of Facial Recognition Technology on Facebook](#)

The Facebook company now known as Meta announced this week that it is shutting down the Face Recognition system on Facebook. Meta stated that this is part of a company-wide move to limit the use of facial recognition technology in its products. What does this mean? If you have a Facebook page and you previously opted-in to be automatically recognized in photos and videos on Facebook, this feature will be disabled. Meta also announced that it is deleting more than a billion people’s individual facial recognition templates. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Coveware Confirms Ransomware Attackers Targeting Mid-Market Companies](#)

Coveware recently issued its 2021 Q3 Ransomware [blog article](#), which notes that ransomware attackers are “moving away from big game hunting” and are moving to the middle market. According to the post, “Middle market companies that are not systemically important may not offer up the largest ransoms, but are more cost effective to attack and may still provide a sizable payment if the company is caught without the proper defenses and backup assets.” [Read more](#)

AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

[Data Show Autonomous Cars May Drive More Safely than Human Drivers](#)

IDTechEx, which provides market research on emerging technology, analyzed California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) autonomous

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vehicle collision reports. Per California regulation, every company testing autonomous vehicles in California must notify the state's DMV of any collision. IDTechEx reviewed those reports, which cover about a two-and-a-half-year period. James Jeffs, IDTechEx's technology analyst, said that "[i]t is not looking good for human drivers." [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #305

[Vishing, Smishing, and Now QRishing!](#)

Malicious scams have their own nomenclature in this industry. This week's privacy tip addresses a new scheme using QR codes that's called QRishing or quishing. [Read more](#)

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- **November 9** – Kathryn Rattigan is presenting the "[Rise of Drones and Erosion of Privacy](#)" in a live video-broadcast hosted by myLawCLE.
- **November 10** – Kathryn Rattigan will be presenting as part of the Western Michigan University (WMU) Cooley Law School Homeland & National Security Law and the WMU-Cooley Homeland & National Security Emergency Response and Education Association [Drone Law Panel Symposium](#). She will be covering the impact of drones on your safety and security.
- **November 10** – Linn Freedman is participating in the Connecticut Society of CPAs (CTCPA) Cyber Security Conference as a member of the [Cyber Security Panel for Tax Practitioners](#). Speakers will discuss what the IRS saw this past tax season, IRS expectations of tax preparers, and change in the cyber risk landscape, as well as any updates on mitigation strategies.
- **December 1-3** – Linn Freedman is among the speakers presenting at the [New England Healthcare Internal Auditors Annual Conference](#).

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