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- How to Report Suspicious Activity: <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something/how-to-report-suspicious-activity>

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & INCIDENT REPORTS

Officer-Involved Shooting At Union City BART Station Parking Lot

Bay Area Rapid Transit, 11/18/2024

[Union City, California] - BART Police confirms an officer-involved shooting took place approximately 9:30pm on Monday, November 18, 2024 in the parking lot of the Union City BART Station. One suspect was shot by police and transported to the hospital. Their condition at this time is unknown. BART Police closed the station on Monday night for the investigation. More details will be released as information is confirmed. Per policy, BART's Office of the Independent Police Auditor has been notified and has responded to the scene for their investigation. <https://www.bart.gov/news/articles/2024/news20241118-0>

Metro Bus Driver Shot, Wounded During Layover Stop In Hollywood; Domestic Violence Probed As Motive

KABC 7, 11/16/2024

[Hollywood, California] A Metro bus driver was shot and wounded during a layover in Hollywood on Saturday morning in what the agency described as a domestic violence incident. The shooting occurred

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at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the 1600 block of North Vermont Avenue, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. Responding officers located the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the face. Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics transported the victim to a local hospital where she is listed in critical condition, according to police. She was standing on the sidewalk when a man walked up to her, pulled out a handgun and fired, the LAPD said. They said she was on her break and had parked the bus at that location to meet with the suspect. No one else was on the bus at the time of the incident.

<https://abc7.com/post/metro-bus-driver-shot-wounded-during-layover-stop-hollywood-domestic-violence-probed-motive/15551377/>

Teenager Stabbed On Bus During Mobile Phone Theft

BBC, 11/17/2024

[United Kingdom] A teenager on a bus was stabbed during a suspected phone robbery. The 18-year-old male was attacked while on the bus in Golden Hillock Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, on Friday afternoon. Officers who attended the scene found the victim being treated by paramedics. He was taken to hospital and remains in a stable condition with injuries not believed to be life-changing, the force added. "We understand two offenders stole a mobile phone from the victim before leaving along Golden Hillock Road at about 4.45pm," a spokesperson for West Midlands Police said. Officers are reviewing CCTV footage and carrying out door-door inquiries as they work to trace those responsible.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cy9jgre8l98o>

6-Man Crew Robs NYC Subway Rider At Knife-Point: NYPD

Patch, 11/18/2024

[New York] Police are searching for six men who robbed a subway rider at knife-point in Manhattan last week. On Nov. 12, around 1:10 p.m., inside the 14 Street Union Square subway station, a 27-year-old man was approached by the six individuals, police said. The six-man crew then took out knives and robbed the victim of his cell-phone, police said. The group then fled the subway station, traveling west on East 12 Street. No injuries were reported as a result of this incident. <https://patch.com/new-york/new-york-city/6-man-crew-robs-nyc-subway-rider-knife-point-nypd>

TERRORISM & EXTREMISM

Neo-Nazis Carrying Swastika Flags, Using Racial Slurs March Through Columbus, Ohio

USA Today, 11/17/2024

[Columbus, Ohio] Columbus community leaders are condemning armed neo-Nazis marching Saturday afternoon, using racial slurs toward people of color and shouting about Jewish people and white power. Several videos began popping up around 1:15 p.m. Saturday on social media of about a dozen people, one with a bullhorn, wearing all black with red facemasks and carrying black flags with red swastikas on

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them in the Short North. Police responded to a report from a caller who said that one of the people in the group sprayed pepper spray or mace at a passerby. Callers also reported the group was using racial slurs toward people of color on the street, shouting about Jewish people and white power and appeared to be armed, police dispatchers said. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2024/11/17/neo-nazis-columbus-ohio-march/76381312007/>

Canada Foiled Iran Plot To Assassinate Former Minister *VOA, 11/18/2024*

[Ottawa, Canada] Canadian authorities recently foiled an alleged Iranian plot to assassinate Irwin Cotler, a former justice minister who has been a strong critic of Tehran, Cotler's organization said Monday. The 84-year-old was justice minister and attorney general from 2003 to 2006. He retired from politics in 2015 but has remained active with many associations that campaign for human rights around the world. The Globe and Mail newspaper reported that he was informed on October 26 that he faced an imminent threat — within 48 hours — of assassination from Iranian agents. Authorities tracked two suspects in the plot, the paper said, citing an unnamed source. Cotler, who is Jewish and a strong backer of Israel, has advocated globally to have Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps listed as a terrorist entity. <https://www.voanews.com/a/canada-foiled-iran-plot-to-assassinate-former-minister-/7868507.html>

SECURITY & SAFETY AWARENESS

Road Risk Alert: Distracted Driving Is 18% Higher On Thanksgiving *Cambridge Mobile Telematics, 11/18/2024*

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel times of the year, with millions of people driving to visit family and friends. It's also one of the periods with the highest levels of distracted driving. A new CMT analysis reveals a significant increase in distracted driving throughout Thanksgiving week. It peaks on Thanksgiving Day, with distraction hitting 18% higher rates than the typical Thursday in November. Speeding skyrockets 100%. These elevated levels of distracted driving, even for one day, will cause hundreds of additional crashes and injuries. But Thanksgiving isn't the only day that sees elevated distraction levels — it increases throughout the week. <https://www.cmt telematics.com/news/road-risk-alert-distracted-driving-is-18-higher-on-thanksgiving/>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: On 18 November 2024, Cambridge Mobile Telematics (CMT), a telematics service provider that analyzes sensor data from millions of connected devices used by drivers to study road and driver behavior, reported that the rates of distracted driving in the U.S. are 18 percent higher than average on Thanksgiving Day. CMT's data analysis revealed that the rate of distracted driving fluctuates as Thanksgiving Day goes on — the rates are the lowest in the morning between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. at approximately seven percent higher than usual, then peak at 11 a.m. when they are 30 percent higher than usual, and then remain above 20 percent until after 5 p.m. This coming Thanksgiving

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holiday is anticipated to be the busiest Thanksgiving travel period on record across all transportation methods, with more people than ever using privately owned vehicles, public transportation, airlines, and cruise ships to reach their destinations. The American Automobile Association has forecasted that over 71 million people will also be traveling by car during the holiday week, and INRIX, a “provider of transportation data and insights,” predicts that the roads will be most congested on 26 and 27 November, and that the least amount of traffic will be on Thanksgiving Day (28 November) itself – which happens to be the day the number of distracted drivers will be at its peak. On 19 November 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced that they are expected to screen 18.3 million people between 26 November and 2 December. They have also said that Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the holiday (26 and 27 November) and the Sunday following the holiday (1 December) are anticipated to be the busiest days for air travel. Currently, TSA predicts they will screen 2.8 million people on 26 November, 2.9 million on 27 November, and over 3 million people on 1 December. According to TSA Administrator David Pekoske, “the 10 busiest travel days in TSA’s history have all occurred in 2024, and we anticipate that trend to continue.”

Ukraine Fires US-Supplied Longer-Range Missiles Into Russia For First Time

BBC, 11/19/2024

[Ukraine] Ukraine has fired US-supplied longer-range missiles at a target inside Russian territory for the first time, a day after Washington gave its permission for such attacks. US officials confirmed use of the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) to CBS news, the BBC's US partner. Russia's defense ministry earlier said the strike targeted the Bryansk region bordering Ukraine to the north on Tuesday morning. Five missiles were shot down and one damaged, with its fragments causing a fire at a military facility in the region, the ministry said. Russia's foreign minister Sergey Lavrov accused Washington of trying to escalate the conflict. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c0mzjm7knw7o>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: On 17 November 2024, the U.S. government lifted restrictions and gave Ukraine permission to use U.S. MGM-140 Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) to conduct missile attacks within Russia. The ATACMS is a short range ballistic missile system that can strike targets approximately 200 miles from its point of origin, and can be armed with either a solitary explosive warhead or cluster bombs. In October 2023, the U.S. government covertly provided Ukraine with approximately 20 ATACMS missiles of the cluster bomb variety, and since then, Ukraine has used them strictly against Russian targets in Russian-occupied Ukraine. The recent change to the ATACMS doctrine that allows Ukraine to use the U.S. missiles for penetrating strikes into Russia was made shortly after it became public knowledge that North Korea had deployed over 10,000 troops to the Russia-Ukraine area of responsibility (AOR) to fight on behalf of Russia. In response to the U.S. government giving Ukraine permission to use ATACMS missiles outside of Ukraine's borders, on 19 November 2024, Ukraine allegedly used six ATACMS missiles against a weapon depot in Russia's Bryansk region that was housing munitions for weapons systems provided to Russia by North Korea. Also on 19 November 2024, Russia made changes to its nuclear doctrine, and a Kremlin spokesperson

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claimed that "the use of Western non-nuclear rockets by the Armed Forces of Ukraine against Russia can prompt a nuclear response" against the Western nation. Regarding the strike and recently amended Russian nuclear doctrine, a former Russian official told the Washington Post that "Moscow now believes that NATO has gone to war with Russia and that 'they will proceed accordingly.'" Since the initial invasion Ukraine in 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin has claimed Russia will use nuclear weapons against Western nations if they lend varying amounts of military aid to Ukraine. Russia previously said that if Western troops are fighting in Ukraine, Russia will consider a nuclear response against the troops' country of origin. It is unclear what approach Russia will take in response to the use of Ukraine's use of ATACMS missiles against Russia; however, Russia has been waging a "hybrid war" against Western nations essentially since the conflict began in 2022. Across Europe, Russian operatives have conducted sabotage against critical infrastructure sectors and plotted assassination attempts against corporate figures whose companies lend aid to Ukraine as part of this "hybrid war." More recently, Russia was alleged to be behind a series of explosive parcels that were sent via air cargo in Europe in late summer 2024. Experts claim these explosive parcels were intended to enter the U.S. as a sort of probe to determine vulnerabilities in the U.S. air cargo system. The operatives behind these sabotages and attempted assassinations have been proxies with loose connections to the Russian government, and their acts do not quite meet the threshold for what nations consider traditional acts of war.

New Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Aims For Diesel-Like Performance Without Batteries

H2 View, 11/15/2024

A new US hydrogen-powered bus project hopes to cut fuel cell propulsion system weight and volume by over 50% by doing away with the need for an additional battery system. The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) has launched a battery-free hydrogen fuel cell bus proof-of-concept project in partnership with Nimbus Power Systems, New Flyer and AC Transit. Supported under the FTA-sponsored Transit Vehicle Innovation Deployment Centers (TVIDC) program, CTE plans to use fuel cell technology patented by Connecticut-based Nimbus in a bus to demonstrate load-following capabilities similar to a diesel powertrain. Acting as a constant power source, the fuel cell system is hoped to eliminate the need for a large battery system. <https://www.h2-view.com/story/new-hydrogen-fuel-cell-bus-aims-for-diesel-like-performance-without-batteries/2117324.article/>

Bay Area Leaders Want Newsom To Make BART Safer. But No One Agrees On How

KQED, 11/17/2024

[Bay Area, California] Bay Area business and elected leaders publicly urged Gov. Gavin Newsom to intervene and improve BART's safety last week, sparking a clash with transit officials. The dispute sheds light on the disagreement over how to manage safety in the Bay Area's transit system or whether it's a problem at all. Recent frightening attacks on BART trains, including one involving a man slashing a woman's throat, prompted the Bay Area Council to send a letter to Newsom's office, requesting he

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deploy a surge of California Highway Patrol officers on trains and in stations, similar to recent operations in Oakland to address crime. "Urgent action and additional resources are needed to ensure that no more lives are lost or injured and that travelers in the AAPI community and other vulnerable populations feel safe on transit," the letter states, calling it a "life-saving request."

<https://www.kqed.org/news/12014817/bay-area-leaders-want-newsom-to-make-bart-safer-but-no-one-agrees-on-how>

Beyond Maintenance: How Fleets Can Prepare For Safe Winter Operations

Fleet Owner, 11/13/2024

When it comes to winter preparation, the trucking industry is all too familiar with the best maintenance practices. FleetOwner contributors have spent the past month sharing subject matter expertise on wintertime operations. But let's now take a different approach to the winter conversation: fleet safety. Snow and ice threaten the safety of truck drivers, their equipment, their cargo, and the motoring public. However, proper preparation, technology, and communication can help mitigate winter risks.

<https://www.fleetowner.com/safety/article/55242213/essential-winter-safety-strategies-for-truck-fleets-prepare-communicate-and-thrive>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: The winter season brings a combination of variables that increase the risk to commercial drivers, including snow and ice. On 19 November 2024, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a press release reporting that TSA is preparing for "the busiest Thanksgiving travel period on record and is projected to screen 18.3 million people from Tuesday, Nov. 26 to Monday, Dec. 2, representing a volume increase of approximately 6% from this time in 2023. Passenger volumes have reached record highs in 2024, with an increase of 17% since 2022." The increased congestion of traffic on the roadways competing for space with commercial vehicles in winter conditions accentuates the need for increased safety measures. FOX Weather is reporting that an atmospheric river is building off the west coast that is expected to affect the Pacific Northwest and the Midwest with snow from Interstate 80 (I-80) north through the Thanksgiving holiday, which will likely have impacts for traffic flow and freight movement in affected areas. Cloud Trucks is recommending that all commercial drivers carry snow chains, extra clothing or blankets, a non-combustion source of heat for the cab, flashlights, food, and water. Diesel fuel gelling is also a constant concern in cold weather and can be mitigated through the use of winterized fuel and anti-gel additives. Cloud Trucks recommends that if possible, letting trucks idle when parked will help keep fuel from gelling and fluids and drivers from freezing.

Bullet Strikes Southwest Airlines Plane Without Injuries At Dallas Airport

Associated Press, 11/16/2024

[Dallas, Texas] A bullet struck the body of a Southwest Airlines airplane preparing for departure from a Dallas airport, forcing the cancellation of the Friday evening flight, the airline said. No injuries were reported and law enforcement was contacted after the bullet struck the right side of the aircraft just

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under the flight deck. At the time, the crew of Flight 2494 was preparing the plane for departure from Dallas Love Field Airport, Southwest said in a statement. The Boeing 737-800 aircraft was “struck by gunfire near the cockpit” around 8:30 p.m. while taxiing before the flight to Indianapolis International Airport. The plane returned to the gate and the passengers exited, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement. <https://apnews.com/article/dallas-texas-bullet-hits-airplane-southwest-airlines-19feb604518202ef544ce0102e3ea2c3>

CYBERSECURITY

New Phishing Tool Golssue Targets GitHub Developers In Bulk Email Campaigns

The Hacker News, 11/12/2024

Cybersecurity researchers are calling attention to a new sophisticated tool called Golssue that can be used to send phishing messages at scale targeting GitHub users. The program, first marketed by a threat actor named cyberdluffy (aka Cyber D' Luffy) on the Runion forum earlier this August, is advertised as a tool that allows criminal actors to extract email addresses from public GitHub profiles and send bulk emails directly to user inboxes. "Whether you're aiming to reach a specific audience or expand your outreach, Golssue offers the precision and power you need," the threat actor claimed in their post. "Golssue can send bulk emails to GitHub users, directly to their inboxes, targeting any recipient."

<https://thehackernews.com/2024/11/new-phishing-tool-goissue-targets.html>

ANALYST COMMENTARY: The emergence of Golssue, a tool designed to extract email addresses from public GitHub profiles and send bulk phishing emails, represents a significant escalation in targeted cyber threats against the developer community. Marketed by the threat actor known as cyberdluffy, who is associated with the Gitloker Team, Golssue enables attackers to craft personalized phishing campaigns that can bypass traditional spam filters and directly infiltrate developers' inboxes. This capability not only facilitates credential harvesting but also poses risks of source code theft, supply chain compromises, and unauthorized access to corporate networks. The tool's availability at relatively low costs—\$150 for a custom build and \$1,000 for full source code—lowers the barrier for cybercriminals to launch large-scale attacks. In practice, attackers could use Golssue to direct victims to malicious sites designed to capture login credentials, distribute malware, or prompt the authorization of rogue OAuth applications, leading to extensive repository compromises. This development underscores the necessity for developers and organizations to implement robust security measures, such as enabling two-factor authentication, conducting regular security training, and maintaining vigilant monitoring of repository activities, to mitigate the heightened risks posed by such sophisticated phishing tools.

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