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CYBERSECURITY

State Department Establishes Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy

The Department of State's new Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy (CDP) commenced operations on April 4, 2022. According to an announcement, the "CDP bureau will address the national security challenges, economic opportunities, and implications for U.S. values associated with cyberspace, digital technologies, and digital policy." *Read more*

Global Law Enforcement Win:
Germany Shuts Down Hydra and U.S. Department of Treasury Follows With Sanctions

In a win for global law enforcement, Germany's Bundeskriminalamt (BKA) announced on April 5, 2022, that it had officially taken down the infrastructure of Hydra, a Russian-based, illegal dark-web marketplace that has allegedly facilitated more than $5 billion in Bitcoin transactions since its inception in 2015. In the process of shutting it down, German authorities seized over $25 million in Bitcoin through 88 transactions. According to BKA, it "secured the server infrastructure in Germany of the world's largest illegal Darknet marketplace 'Hydra Market.'" *Read more*

ENFORCEMENT + LITIGATION

Crypto Wallet Data Breach Leads to Class Action Litigation

Plaintiffs filed suit in the District Court for the District of Delaware against Shopify Inc. and TaskUs Inc., alleging that the companies failed to implement measures to prevent a data breach that resulted in a breach of their personal information and cryptocurrency portfolios. *Read more*

Claims Against Netgain Tech Dismissed Due to Lack of Personal Jurisdiction

Last week, Judge Linda Lopez of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California dismissed the class action lawsuit against Netgain Technology due to the lack of personal jurisdiction over the business. The class action lawsuit, *Lee v. NetGain Technology, LLC,* resulted from a 2020 data breach that affected personal and medical information of patients at Caresouth Carolina, a community health center. Netgain Tech was the cloud-hosting service for Caresouth and many other health care and accounting organizations. *Read more*

DATA PRIVACY

[Mailchimp Suffers a Data Breach](#)

This week, we learned that the email and social media marketing company Mailchimp suffered a data breach that allowed an intruder to view 319 Mailchimp accounts. According to multiple sources, audience data were accessed from 102 of those accounts. *Read more*

NEW + NOW

[Update on OFAC Cyber Sanctions List: Hydra and Garantex](#)

On April 5, 2022, the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned darkweb Hydra Marketplace and virtual currency Garantex and added both to the Specially Designated Nationals List (SDN) [view related post]. *Read more*

DRONES

[Texas Drone Law Unconstitutional](#)

U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman struck down a Texas drone law (one of the most restrictive in the U.S.) for violating the First Amendment's protections of freedom of speech and the press. While there have been other cases in which the court has struck down similar laws in municipalities, this is the first time that a state law regulating drone operations has been struck down as unconstitutional. *Read more*

[Drones Are Changing Forestry - Here's How](#)

A Philadelphia-based company, Treeswift, has created a drone called SwiftCruise, that can maneuver below the forest canopy and gather plentiful data from heavily-forested areas. The drone uses a combination of cameras, sensors, and machine learning algorithms to collect measurements of each individual tree. Why do we need these drones to collect these data? Well, the answer is to provide software and data to stakeholders in natural resource management regarding carbon capture estimation, timber value appraisal, fire mitigation, biomass understory, deforestation monitoring, advanced growth forecasting, and overall forest management. The idea is that drone-based software systems like SwiftCruise will provide data that can lead to nature-based solutions in forestry over the coming decades. *Read more*

PRIVACY TIP #326

[Gift Card Scams Still Rampant and Successful](#)

April is Financial Literacy Month—In addition to teaching your kids about financial literacy, teach them (and yourself) to identify scams that are designed to steal from you. This week's Privacy Tip covers some areas you may want to mention. *Read more*

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