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### CYBERSECURITY

#### [Tulsa, OK Refuses to Pay Ransom to Attackers](#)

The City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, announced on May 9, 2021, that it had been hit with a ransomware attack, but the Mayor is resolute in not paying the demanded ransom. Although “all of our computer systems—with a few exceptions—are down right now,” the Mayor has stated that he will “not pay a nickel” to the attackers. [Read more](#)

#### [Colonial Pipeline Hit with Class Action for Inflated Prices](#)

Colonial Pipeline was hit with a proposed class action suit this week by a resident of North Carolina who alleges that he had to purchase gasoline at inflated prices due to the “unlawfully deficient data security” of Colonial, which allowed a ransomware attack to shut a pipeline down. [Read more](#)

#### [Colonial Pays Millions in Ransomware Attack on Pipeline](#)

Colonial Pipeline paid hackers a ransom of \$4.4 million in bitcoin soon after discovering a cybersecurity hack on its systems that began on May 6, 2021. The company’s acknowledgement came after days of speculation about whether a ransom was paid to the hackers. The company’s CEO defended the “difficult” decision to pay the ransom, maintaining he was trying to avoid widespread fuel shortages for the East Coast. Even with the ransom payment, Colonial’s pipeline was shut down for days, resulting in price spikes and shortages at gasoline stations in the southeastern U.S. In addition to the ransom payment, Colonial also revealed it would be spending tens of millions of dollars over the next several months to restore its systems. [Read more](#)

### HIPAA

#### [OCR Announces Settlement with Clinical Lab for Alleged HIPAA Violations](#)

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) this week announced a settlement with Peachstate Health Management LLC (aka AEON Clinical Laboratories) following a compliance review that uncovered alleged violations of HIPAA. [Read more](#)

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## DRONES

### [DOD's Defense Innovation Unit Seeks Algorithms for Drone Automation through a Connected Platform](#)

The Defense Innovation Unit, the Silicon Valley outpost of the Department of Defense (DOD), is seeking commercial algorithms to help build an automated network of military drones to accomplish complex tasks using artificial intelligence (AI). The Unit is requesting algorithms specific to networking and decision-making (rather than computer vision or autopilot systems) to help the DOD accomplish its goal of a connected platform of drones working together. The solicitation states, "While these algorithms extend to a variety of use cases, this specific prototype evaluation will be focused on coordinating long-range, high-speed, fixed-wing aerial platforms operating in contested environments." [Read more](#)

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## PRIVACY TIP #286

### [Survey of Employers and Employees Find Disconnect on Remote Monitoring](#)

Although some might find this creepy, if an employee is using an employer's laptop, network or other technology, it is well known that monitoring is being done and is legally allowed. This week's privacy tip reviews the recent adaptation in employee monitoring to include remote monitoring. [Read more](#)

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