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(U) Oakland – Top Nuestra Familia Members Sentenced to Federal Prison
(U) Four members of the Nuestra Familia prison gang, including one described by prosecutors as one of the gang's nationwide leaders, were sentenced to long prison terms on 20 December by a federal judge in Oakland for racketeering crimes that included a San Jose murder. The hearing concluded a six-year federal investigation and prosecution of members of Nuestra Familia, which originated in California prisons in the 1960s and has been held responsible for crimes in prisons around the country, including attacks against former members on the streets.
SOURCE: 21 December 2016, SF Gate

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nebraska – University of Nebraska Systems Hacked
(U) Lincoln – On 20 December, officials at the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus announced the school was the victim of a large computer security breach. The university's investigation found that there was unauthorized external access to information on a server, including possible access to files containing both names and NU IDs," a spokesman said. The breach was detected on a computer server that hosted a math placement exam. Officials suspect the hack occurred sometime in the last two years.
SOURCE: 21 December 2016, Campus Safety Magazine

(U) New York – Report: Women, Girls Nearly ¾ of Trafficking Victims
(U) New York City – A new UN Office on Drugs and Crime report on human trafficking finds that nearly three-quarters of human trafficking victims are women and girls and trafficked men and boys are typically used as forced laborers, soldiers, and slaves. The report also found that children comprise almost a third of all human trafficking victims worldwide. The General Assembly asked for the report to prepare for next year's appraisal of the UN's global action plan for combatting human trafficking.
SOURCE: 21 December 2016, Associated Press

(U) Pennsylvania – Police Make 176 Arrests in Three-Day Drug Sweep
(U) Philadelphia – Police conducted a three-day sweep through one of Philadelphia's more notoriously drug-riddled neighborhoods following a string of recent overdose deaths. Authorities announced that the East Division's initiative in Kensington last week netted the arrest of 176 people along with the seizure of more than $225,000 worth of drugs and 21 firearms. Thirty-five people died from apparent overdoses in Kensington between 1 and 5 December. Police believe the spike was the result of fentanyl-laced heroin being sold on the street.
SOURCE: 21 December 2016, Associated Press

(U) Washington – Data Breach at Community Health Plan of Washington
(U) Seattle – Almost 400,000 current and former members of the Community Health Plan of Washington have had personal information, including Social Security numbers, exposed in a data breach. The nonprofit, which provides health insurance through Medicaid in Washington, is sending letters to

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381,534 individuals notifying them of the invasion and steps they can take to protect themselves with help from Community Health Plan of Washington.
SOURCE: 21 December 2016, Seattle Times

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Moroccan Man Accused of Links to 2015 Paris Attacks Arrested
(U) Berlin – A Moroccan man has been arrested in Germany and charged with being a member of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant cell that carried out deadly attacks in Paris last year, the Federal Prosecutor's Office said yesterday. The 24-year-old man was accused of renting flats in Turkey and Greece between October 2014 and spring 2015 that were used by cell members to plan the attacks. Prosecutors said he knew about a meeting of cell members in Verviers, Belgium, on 15 January 2015 where Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a main coordinator of the attacks, chaired a meeting to plan the attacks in Paris on 13 November last year.
SOURCE: 21 December 2016, Reuters

(U) Russia – Russian Hackers Tracked Ukrainian Artillery Units Using Android Implant
(U) Moscow – A hacking group linked to the Russian government and high-profile cyber attacks against Democrats during the US presidential election likely used a malware implant on Android devices to track and target Ukrainian artillery units from late 2014 through 2016, according to a new report released today. The malware was able to retrieve communications and some locational data from infected devices, intelligence that would have likely been used to strike against the artillery in support of pro-Russian separatists fighting in eastern Ukraine, the report from cyber security firm CrowdStrike found.
SOURCE: 22 December 2016, Reuters

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