

## THE WEEK IN BREACH NEWS: 03/24/21 – 03/30/21

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### **This Week in Breach News:**

Hobby Lobby's mistakes pack a high cost.



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## Hobby Lobby

<https://threatpost.com/hobby-lobby-customer-data-cloud-misconfiguration/164980/>

**Exploit:** Misconfiguration

**Hobby Lobby:** Craft Supply Retailer



**Risk to Business:** 1.662 = Severe

Hobby Lobby made a blunder that was discovered this week. Researchers came across an Amazon Web Services (AWS) cloud database belonging to the controversial retailer that was misconfigured to be publicly accessible exposing 138GB of sensitive information.



**Individual Risk:** 1.707 = Severe

Exposed data includes customer names, partial payment card details, phone numbers, physical and email addresses along with source code for the company's app, and employee names and email addresses. This information can be used for spear phishing and identity theft.

**Customers Impacted:** 300,000

**How it Could Affect Your Business:** Making simple, avoidable blunders like this doesn't fill your customers with confidence that you're taking information privacy seriously.

## CNA Financial

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/cna-insurance-firm-hit-by-a-cyberattack-operations-impacted/>

**Exploit:** Ransomware

**CAN Financial:** Insurer



**Risk to Business:** 1.627 = Severe

Major insurer CNA Financial has disclosed that it was the victim of a purported ransomware attack this week, causing significant network disruption. The company's email systems have been offline and the underwriting and claims units have been stymied, likely due to systems becoming unavailable. CNA said that they were disconnecting systems for safety and working to restore operations.

**Individual Impact:** No sensitive personal or financial information was announced as impacted in this incident, but the investigation is ongoing.

**Customers Impacted:** Unknown

**How it Could Affect Your Business:** Ransomware is the cause of many expensive disasters and they don't all involve data. Cybercriminals can also hold your business operations hostage.

## California State Controller

<https://krebsonsecurity.com/2021/03/phish-leads-to-breach-at-calif-state-controller/>

**Exploit:** Phishing

**California State Controller:** State Government Agency



**Risk to Business:** 2.412 = Severe

A phishing attack last week gave attackers access to email and files at the California State Controller's Office (SCO). The agency announced that attackers had access to the email records of an employee in its Unclaimed Property Division after the employee clicked a phishing link and then entered their email ID and password.



**Individual Risk:** 2.309 = Severe

The breach may have led to the exposure of personal and financial data for thousands of state employees. There is also evidence that the account was used to conduct business email compromise scams.

**Customers Impacted:** Unknown

**How it Could Affect Your Business:** Something as simple as one mishandled email can wreak havoc on your business. No matter how busy you are, training has to be a priority to avoid this consequence.

## PDI Group

<https://therecord.media/ransomware-gang-leaks-data-from-us-military-contractor-the-pdi-group/>

**Exploit:** Ransomware

**PDI Group:** Defense Contractor



**Risk to Business:** 2.412 = Severe

US military contractor PDI Group has experienced a ransomware attack, with Babuk Locker claiming responsibility. The gang says that they have 700 GB of data they claim to have stolen from PDI's internal network and they have made ransom demands after posting a sample to their site. PDI Group manufactures specialty trailers, dollies and other transport tools for multiple military applications.

**Individual Impact:** No sensitive personal or financial information was announced as part of this incident, but the investigation is ongoing.

**Customers Impacted:** Unknown

**How it Could Affect Your Business:** Failing to protect the secrets of your success like blueprints and formulas is a fast path to trouble when your competitors can download them from dark web sources.