

U.S. charges Chinese national in hacks of Anthem, other businesses

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A federal grand jury charged a Chinese national in a 2015 hacking campaign that affected large U.S. businesses including insurer Anthem Inc, where the breach affected a computer system containing data on nearly 80 million people, according to an indictment unsealed on Thursday.

Fujie Wang, 32, and others including one individual charged as John Doe, conducted intrusions into Anthem and three other American businesses, according to the four-count indictment in federal court in Indianapolis, where Anthem is based. It did not identify the other companies by name.

The hackers used sophisticated techniques to hack into the businesses' computer systems and installed malware, then identified information of interest including personally identifiable information (PII) and business information.

"The allegations in the indictment unsealed today outline the activities of a brazen China-based computer hacking group that committed one of the worst data breaches in history," said U.S. Assistant Attorney General Brian Benczkowski. Wang and Doe were charged with conspiracy to commit

fraud in relation to computers and identity theft, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and intentional damage to a protected computer, the Justice Department said

The "extremely sophisticated hacking group" ultimately stole data concerning nearly 80 million people from Anthem's computer networks, the Justice Department said in a statement.

The information accessed included names, birthdays, Social Security numbers, street addresses, email addresses and employment information, including income data, it said.

In July 2017, Anthem agreed to settle litigation over the breach for \$115 million, which lawyers said would be the largest settlement ever for a data breach.

North Korea launches more missiles; U.S. seizes ship in mounting tensions

SEOUL/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - North Korea fired what appeared to be two short-range missiles on Thursday in its second such test in less than a week, and the United States said it had seized a North Korean cargo ship as tensions again mounted between the two countries.

U.S. President Donald Trump said "nobody is happy" at the missile launches, but still appeared to hold the door open for more talks with North Korea. South Korea said the tests were worrisome and unhelpful and likely a protest against Trump refusing to ease economic sanctions at a failed summit in Hanoi in February.

The United States has given no sign of willingness to budge on sanctions and on Thursday the U.S. Justice Department announced the seizure of a North Korean cargo vessel it said was involved in the illicit shipping of coal.

North Korea has effectively pulled back from engagement with Washington since the Hanoi meeting between its leader Kim Jong Un and Trump collapsed without agreement on U.S. demands for the dismantling of Pyongyang's nuclear program and Kim's demands for relief from punishing sanctions. "The relationship continues ... I know they want to negotiate, they're talking about negotiating. But I don't think they're ready to negotiate," Trump told reporters. Trump has previously held up a freeze in missile testing since 2017 as a sign of progress in his talks with North Korea after exchanges of fiery rhetoric two years ago raised fears of war. Trump stressed that the missiles fired were not of a kind that could threaten the United States. "We're looking at it very seriously right now. They were smaller missiles, they were short-range missiles," he said. "No-

body's happy about it but we're taking a good look and we'll see."

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Less than a week ago, Kim oversaw the test-firing of multiple rockets and a missile. It was North Korea's first test of a ballistic missile since an intercontinental ballistic missile launch in November 2017. The two missiles fired on Thursday went east from the northwestern area of Kusong, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said. They covered distances of 420 km (260 miles) and 270 km (168 miles) and reached an altitude of about 50 km (30 miles)

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Back to Work 50+ Program
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Americans 50+ Looking For
Jobs Face Unique Pressures

At the same time that many 50+ workers are raising children and helping aging parents, over three million are looking for full-time employment. The Great Recession has left Americans age 50+ facing the largest overall increase in long-term unemployment, the longest spells of joblessness and the least likelihood of finding a job. Older women bear the greater share of this burden: 60% of women 65 and older have incomes insufficient to cover basic, daily expenses. 50+ jobseekers need help gaining skills, finding jobs and building financial security. One promising approach is to encourage existing community intermediaries — like community colleges and workforce investment boards — to put new emphasis on helping 50+ workers find

new and better jobs. The AARP Foundation’s BACK TO WORK 50+ program is supporting over 20 sites across the country as they build programs and services targeting 50+ workers. BACK TO WORK 50+ connects 50+ workers with information, training, support, work experience, and employer access they need to get back into the workforce and sustain their income through employment. Early results suggest that this approach may bear fruit, as thousands of 50+ job seekers have called the AARP Foundation’s national toll-free hotline just in 2014.

The BACK TO WORK
50+ Program

BACK TO WORK 50+ supports community colleges and workforce investment boards that are helping 50+ workers overcome barriers to finding better

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- Outreach to 50+ job candidates through mass market advertising.
- AARP Foundation’s national contact center as a single point of initial contact.
- Specific skills training for in-demand jobs.
- Support for institutions that build strong ties to employers and infuse employer perspective into each aspect of BACK TO WORK 50+.
- A shared platform for identifying and assessing best practices in supporting 50+ low-income job seekers in building skills and making connections that lead to full-time jobs and increased economic security.
- Access to a common menu of core employment services across more than 20 locations nationwide.
- oCareer counseling, job coaching and skills development for 50+ jobseekers.
- oNeeds assessment and referrals to supportive service, in collaboration with other programs designed to help 50+ workers, including Workforce Investment Act, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), housing assistance and the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).
- oFinancial skills training and financial crisis counseling.

The BACK TO WORK
50+ Network

BACK TO WORK 50+ is targeting 50+ workers who were previously employed in working class and moderate income jobs and whose educational attainment and lack of computer skills present barriers to employment in jobs that lead to better economic security. BACK TO WORK 50+ focuses on workers ages 50-64 that are not eligible for programs like SCSEP because of their age (SCSEP serves 55+) or their income.

With alarming statistics on the number of older unemployed Americans seeking work in mind, AARP Foundation announced the expansion of its BACK TO WORK 50+ initiative through a new collaboration with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and with generous support from Walmart

Foundation in 2014. BACK TO WORK 50+ is dedicated to moving low income, unemployed men and women age 50+ from instability to stability by increasing their income through employment in good jobs in their communities.

The BACK TO WORK
50+: Women’s Economic
Stability Initiative

The BACK TO WORK 50+: Women’s Economic Stability Initiative (WESI) is a program model developed by AARP Foundation to help unemployed and underemployed women aged 50 to 64 gain the confidence, skills and opportunities they need to find full-time employment, improve their financial capability and avoid poverty later in life.



Community colleges that are effective and trusted leaders in their communities are well positioned to anchor this

initiative. Higher education has long been a resource for older adult women and we believe that collaborating with colleges will allow us to collectively build a model to be even more effective in helping this often ignored population secure work and reach financial security. By identifying and evaluating the most effective integrated services that provide job search strategies, training and support for moving older adult women from vulnerability to stability, we set the stage to scale the program across the community college system as well as adapt the model to other systems in underserved communities.

In 2014, AARP Foundation received a Social Innovation Fund (SIF) grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to serve as an intermediary grantmaking organization that will identify, support and monitor five community colleges that are selected to implement and evaluate the BACK TO WORK 50+: WESI. (Courtesy https://www.aarp.org/)

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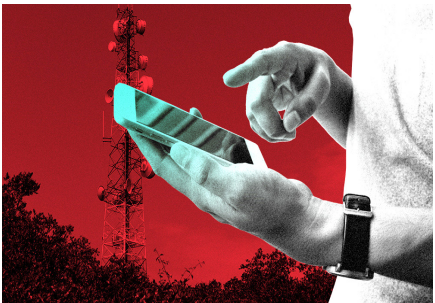
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Health Hazard Alert From 5G Cell Towers Going Mainstream

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(Natural News) Like it or not, 5G (fifth generation) cellular technology will be up and running in your area soon. Experts believe that by 2020 virtually every country on the planet will have switched to this technology. Service providers boast that 5G will revolutionize the ‘Net, increasing download speeds by 100 times when compared to 4G technology. And 5G will likely facilitate more stable connections and greater capacity.

In simple terms, this means that several people in a household will comfortably be able to run high-demand applications simultaneously, and a full HD movie will take less than 10 seconds to download.

As reported by CBS San Francisco, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the cellular service providers themselves all insist that this technology is safe. But studies have found that 5G poses a serious threat to the health of the community, and anecdotal evidence of people who have developed tumors after exposure to even older generations of wireless technology has begun to mount. More and more people are starting to stand up and demand that regulatory bodies impose measures to protect people from exposure to the radiation emitted by cellular devices – exposure which will increase dramatically when 5G is rolled out across the country.

“Flying Blind”

CBS reported that residents of the East Bay area of San Francisco recently scheduled a town council meeting to challenge local government to take steps to protect resi-

dents from radiation exposure.

This neighborhood is just one of many across the country that has decided to take a stand against the rollout of 5G in their area. Ellie Marks is an East Bay resident who became outspoken about the dangers of cellular radiation after her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2008. The tumor was located on the right side of his head, exactly where he regularly held his cellphone to his ear. Marks had been a prolific cellphone user since 1986.

“He used it all the time; held it right to his right ear and the tumor developed right where he held the phone,” Ellie Marks noted.

Though Marks survived the tumor, the cancer scare mobilized his wife to speak up publicly in countrywide tours about the dangers of cellphone use and radiation exposure from other wireless devices.



“We may not see the full ramifications of this for 20-30 years,” she told CBS. “How can we just fly blindly into this? It doesn’t make sense.” And when it comes to the FCC’s approval of 5G technology she adds, “The FCC is lying to the general public.”

5G likely to prove more harmful than previous cellular technologies

As bad as older cellular technologies have proven to be, 5G is likely to be even more harmful. As Natural News previously reported:

It all has to do with the type of radiation that’s emitted from 5G – radiation that penetrates human skin more aggressively than any other type of radiation currently emitted from consumer electronics. It’s actually in the same frequency range as what’s

blasted by the naked body scanners present at American and British airports.

“Today’s cellular and Wi-Fi networks rely on microwaves – a type of electromagnetic radiation utilizing frequencies up to 6 gigahertz (GHz) in order to wirelessly transmit voice or data,” explains the Environmental Health Trust (EHT) about the difference.

“However, 5G applications will require unlocking of new spectrum bands in higher frequency ranges above 6 GHz to 100 GHz and beyond, utilizing submillimeter and millimeter waves – to allow ultra-high rates of data to be transmitted in the same amount of time as compared with previous deployments of microwave radiation.” (Courtesy <https://www.naturalnews.com>)

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5G Now Linked To Rising Health Problems ...Concerns About “Health Calamity” On The Rise

Fifth generation technology for mobile networks, known as 5G, is set to make its big debut in Sacramento, CA this summer – but faster internet speeds aren’t all this new technology is known for. Concerns about the effects of the new cell service are mounting, especially with the growing body of research tying cell phone radiation to cancer and other adverse health outcomes. Outside the lab, firefighters and others exposed to 5G devices say that they are already experiencing negative cognitive effects, including confusion and memory issues.

Radiation from cell phones and cell towers has already been linked to brain cancer. With the advent of 5G, there will be more towers that are closer together – a recipe for disaster, according to health advocates. Multiple cell service providers have announced that they will be rolling out 5G for faster speeds, but the impact of the new network is poorly understood at best. More, concerns about what the long-term effects of the near-constant radiation bath provided by 5G networks are continuing to grow – and for good reason.

Understanding 5G And Cell Phone Radiation

The kind of radiation emitted from cell phones, cell towers and related devices is known as “electromagnetic radiation,” often abbreviated to EMF or EMR. It is also

considered to be a type of non-ionizing radiation. While it is not the same radiation you’d fear in a nuclear accident – that doesn’t mean it’s as “risk-free” as industry leaders make it out to be.

Currently, cell phones and other devices rely on the 4G network. 5G, or “Fifth Generation” technology promises speeds of up to 100 times faster than the current model. In order to achieve such speed, however, there is a catch: Thousands of more base stations need to be installed in order for it to work. 5G waves cannot travel as far as 4G; experts say that one new base will need to be installed for every 12 homes. This means that while you might not currently live near a cell tower, soon these new base stations will become virtually impossible to avoid.

Combine the prevalence of 5G base stations with the risks of EMR radiation and the potential hazard to human health is virtually impossible to ignore – unless you’re a regulator or an industry leader, perhaps.

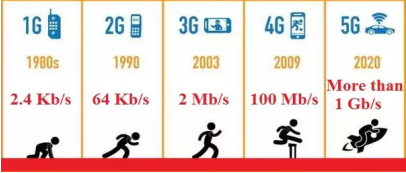
A Health Hazard Waiting To Explode

There is no shortage of reasons to be worried about the impact of 5G networks on human health, but the recent reports of health complaints from a group of San Francisco firefighters ought to give everyone pause. While the promise of faster speeds and better connectivity sounds like a dream come true to cellphone lovers, it is becoming quite clear that the cost of 5G is simply too high. Firefighters from San Francisco say that they began experiencing an array of unusual side effects – after 5G equipment was installed in and around their firehouses. Symptoms reportedly included memory problems and confusion. The firefighters say the symptoms only stopped after they relocated to different fire stations without 5G devices nearby.

It’s not just the firefighters, either. In Gateshead, England, scientist Mark Steele says that there’s been an uptick in reproductive issues and other health problems since the city’s new wireless streetlights were installed. Miscarriages, still births, nosebleeds and insomnia are among the consequences he’s reportedly observed in the community.

“We are seeing babies dying in the womb as these transmitters are situated outside people’s bedroom windows. It’s a humanitarian crisis,” Steele contended.

Many studies have shown that there is a link between EMR from cellphones and cancer. In fact, a recent, large-scale government study found an association between cell phone radiation and brain cancer and heart tumors.



The \$25 million study carried out by the U.S. National Institutes of Health’s National Toxicology Program (NTP) has shed light on the very real dangers of cell phones and other wireless devices. The NTP study focused on exposing rats to two types of radiation emitted by cell phones for a nine-hour period each day. The radiation bath began while the rats were still in utero, and was continued until the rats died a natural death. An expert review panel analyzed the findings and were shocked to see that the radiation from cell phones was linked to increase in tumors of the brain and heart. Additionally, the reviewers also observed a “statistically significant” increase in damage to heart muscle.

Advocates say that the implementation of 5G is a recipe for total “health calamity.”

Don’t Ignore The Risks

Despite the growing body of research indicating danger, the potential health crisis of 5G is largely being ignored. For example, in response to the firefighters’ health complaints, the wireless industry told CBS13 that “decades of research” show that cell phone radiation is safe. The industry rep even told CBS13 that brain tumor rates in the U.S. had gone down since the advent of cell phones.

This assertion from the wireless industry is at odds with reports that brain cancer is on the rise in both the United States and England. But it’s not just industry leaders ignoring the risks of 5G and other related tech – the FDA has come out and declared that only “heavy users” of cell phones may be at risk. In today’s world, being a “heavy user” of cellphones isn’t that hard to accomplish – most young people would easily fall into that category. (Courtesy <https://www.newstarget.com>)

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