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## Hackers nabbed \$1.3B in ransom over 2 years, report says

BY ILENA PENG  
Bloomberg

Criminals netted \$1.3 billion in ransom payments from hacking victims in the past two years, reflecting a massive surge in cybercrime that has prompted a global effort to stop it, according to a new report from Chainalysis Inc.

The cryptocurrency-tracking firm said in an analysis published Thurs-

day it observed a huge increase in ransom payments: \$602 million in payments in 2021 and \$692 million in 2020. The 2021 figure is expected to increase and surpass 2020 as additional information becomes available, according to the report.

By comparison, Chainalysis detected \$152 million in payments in 2019 and \$39 million in 2018.

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that they have paid a ransom in cryptocurrency to unlock their systems. The secrecy is one reason, experts say, that criminal groups often based in Russia and Eastern Europe continue to target businesses in the U.S.

The average payment totaled more than \$118,000 in 2021, an increase from \$88,000 in 2020 and \$25,000 in 2019, the report said.

The U.S., the U.K. and Australia issued a joint alert Wednesday warning of an increased global threat from ransomware. Hackers have adopted advanced techniques, such as professionalized business models and sharing data about potential victims, officials said.

The Biden administration has rolled out a series of initiatives to bolster cyber defenses, both in government and in the private sector, after a series of devastating hacks last year, including ransomware attacks against the fuel transporter Colonial Pipeline Co. and the IT services firm Kaseya Ltd.

In October, the White House hosted representatives from 30 countries in an attempt to find ways to slow the number of breaches. Law enforcement agencies, meanwhile, have sought to deter hackers by arresting alleged ransomware operators throughout Europe.

## Jobless claims fall for third straight week

BY MATT OTT  
Associated Press

### WASHINGTON

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits declined for the third straight week.

Jobless claims fell by 16,000 to 223,000 last week, from 239,000 the previous week, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The four-week average for claims, which compensates for weekly volatility, declined by 2,000 to 253,250 after rising for five straight weeks as the om-

icron variant of the coronavirus spread, disrupting business in many parts of the U.S.

Last week, the Labor Department reported a burst of hiring in January, with employers adding 467,000 jobs. It also revised upward its estimate for job gains in November and December by a combined 709,000. The unemployment rate edged up to a still-low 4% from 3.9%, as more people began looking for work, but not all of them securing jobs right away.

In total, 1.6 million Americans were collecting

jobless aid the week that ended Jan. 29, essentially flat from the previous week.

Even as omicron variant spread quickly earlier this winter, employers have been eager to hire, a sign of a resilient economy.

Massive government spending and the vaccine rollout jumpstarted the economy as employers added a record 6.4 million jobs last year. The U.S. economy expanded 5.7% in 2021, growing last year at the fastest annual pace since a 7.2% surge in 1984, also coming after a recession.

## US foreclosures surge 29% in January

BY ALEX TANZI  
Bloomberg

Foreclosures on homes in the U.S. surged in January after a pandemic moratorium ended, though they remained well below pre-Covid levels, according to new data from RealtyTrac.

Foreclosure filings such as default notices, scheduled auctions or bank

repossessions jumped 29% from a month earlier and more than doubled compared with January 2021, the report said. Lenders repossessed 4,784 properties in the month and started the process on another 11,854 homes.

"It's very important to keep these numbers in context," said Rick Sharaga, executive vice president of RealtyTrac, a unit of real estate research

firm Attom Data Solutions. "Foreclosure completions are still far below normal levels - less than half as many as in January of 2020 before the pandemic was declared."

He said that after the end of the moratorium, "we're likely to continue seeing large year-over-year percentage increases for the rest of this year."

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### Legals

#### NOTICE OF COMPLETE LAND USE APPLICATION(S)

The City of Puyallup Development Center hereby announces that the following complete land use application(s) have been submitted for processing.

Planning Case No. PLSHP202200003:

**Applicant:** Cheryl Ebsworth  
**Location:** 808 14th St SW, Puyallup, WA 98371  
**Zoning:** RS-08 medium urban density single-family residential zone  
**Request:** Proposed two (2) lot residential short plat with SEPA environmental review. Proposal includes a new shared driveway with access to 14th St SW. The existing home will remain. Property may contain wetlands and is within the 100-year floodplain, which necessitates SEPA Environmental Review.

**Comment Due Date:** February 25, 2022  
**SEPA status:** The City may issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) or Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance (MDNS) for this proposal under the optional DNS SEPA process, provided in WAC 197-11-355. This may be your only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. A copy of the subsequent threshold determination for the proposal may be obtain upon request.

**Environmental mitigation measures under consideration:**  
**Public Comments:**

None identified as of the date of this notice  
The public, consulted agencies, and other agencies are encouraged to contact the staff listed below to become a 'Party of Record' on the subject permit application(s). The public may review contents of the official file for the subject proposal, provide written comments, participate in public hearings/meetings for the subject permit(s), and request a copy of the final decision. The application file is available for public review at [www.cityofpuyallup.org/ActivePermits](http://www.cityofpuyallup.org/ActivePermits)

**\*Consistent with WAC 197-11-545 regarding consulted agencies, other agencies and the public, comments must be received on this notice to retain future rights to appeal the subject Determination.**

**Staff contact:** Nabila Comstock, Planning Technician - (253) 770-3361  
NComstock@PuyallupWA.gov

IPL0060240  
Feb 11 2022

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Sound Transit Board of Directors to Consider Authorizing Acquisition of Certain Properties Necessary for Sound Transit's Federal Way Link Extension project, through Negotiations with the Property Owners, and by Eminent Domain (Condemnation), if Necessary.**

Attention all parties holding an interest in the following King County Tax Parcel Numbers located in Federal Way, Washington:

KING COUNTY TAX PARCEL NUMBERS: 2122049021 and 2122049025  
Sound Transit hereby notifies you of a planned Virtual public meeting of the Sound Transit Board of Directors to consider the adoption of a Resolution to authorize the acquisition of property interests in the above referenced properties through negotiation with Property owners, and by use of eminent domain (condemnation), if necessary. Pursuant to Governor Jay Inslee's Proclamation 20-28, issued on March 24, 2020, and Proclamation 20-28.15, issued on January 19, 2021 to respond to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Sound Transit Board meeting will be held virtually. This virtual meeting is in compliance with Proclamation 20-28.15, as the meeting provides an option for the public to attend the proceedings via telephone or the internet as a virtual meeting. The virtual meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday the 24th day of February 2022. The meeting will be streamed via Webex at <https://soundtransit.webex.com/soundtransit/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed388c7a95d7bb4666f1c391d7710a2de>. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Mike Bulzomi, Deputy Director Real Property at 206-903-7653 and on Sound Transit's website at <https://www.soundtransit.org/get-to-know-us/news-events/calendar/board-directors-meeting-2022-02-24>  
IPL0057813  
Feb 11, 18 2022

#### COUNTY OF PIERCE INVITATION TO BID NO. 22-035 ACRYLIC WATERBORNE TRAFFIC LINE PAINT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BIDS will be received via Procurement, until 1:00 PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022, regarding the procurement for: ACRYLIC WATERBORNE TRAFFIC LINE PAINT  
Bid documents may be downloaded from the County's web site: [www.piercecountywa.gov/bids](http://www.piercecountywa.gov/bids). Contact the Pierce County Procurement and Contract Services Department by email [pcpurchasing@pierecountywa.gov](mailto:pcpurchasing@pierecountywa.gov) with questions. Bids must be submitted on County provided forms via the Procurement portal.  
Publication: The News Tribune  
Issue: February 11, 2022  
IPL0059930  
Feb 11 2022

#### City of DuPont Ordinance No. 22-1102

An ordinance of the City of DuPont, Pierce County, imposing a land use moratorium and interim official control regarding development and design standards in the Old Fort Lake Subarea, DMC Chapter 25.41; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.  
IPL0060005  
Feb 11 2022

#### Peninsula School District – Availability of Surplus Books

Peninsula School District has declared miscellaneous textbooks and library books as surplus. Pursuant to RCW 28A.335.180 these items are available to public school districts, approved private schools and students. Students wishing to purchase texts shall have priority. Contact Donata Butchoe at 253-530-1051 or [butchoed@psd401.net](mailto:butchoed@psd401.net) for additional information.  
IPL0060155  
Feb 11 2022

### Legals

#### NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY

WA Dept of Natural Resources (DNR) has declared the sunk unknown approximate 32ft wood hulled cabin cruiser an emergency because it meets the criteria described under RCW 79.100.040(3). DNR took temporary possession of the vessel and had it removed from Lakebay Marina, Pierce County in order to prevent it from sinking, breaking up or posing a threat to human health and safety or the environment. DNR intends to take formal and full custody of the vessel on **02/28/2022** (Custody Date). After taking custody, DNR may use or dispose of it without further notice. The owner is responsible for all related costs. To retain custody of the vessel, before the Custody Date, the owner must: 1) Pay DNR back for costs incurred to date, 2) Move the vessel to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that has authorized the vessel. To redeem the vessel once DNR has taken custody, or challenge DNR's decision to take custody or temporary possession, the owner must file a written request (one original and one copy) for a hearing with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, in person at 1111 Israel Rd, Tumwater WA, or by mail to PO Box 40903, Olympia WA 98504-0903, and serve one copy on DNR's Aquatic Resources Division at 1111 Washington Street SE, MS 47027, Olympia WA 98504-7027. The appeal must include the following information: a copy of the decision you are appealing; your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative; a daytime phone number; a brief statement why you are appealing; a statement of what you want the Board to do; the signature of you or your representative. [This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.] The written request can be submitted immediately but cannot be filed any later than **03/30/2022** (Appeal Date). The right to a hearing is deemed waived if a request is submitted late, and the owner is liable for any costs owed to DNR. These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by DNR, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. In the event of litigation, the prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. DNR reserves the right to pursue any other remedies available under law. For more information, contact the Derelict Vessel Removal Program at (360) 688-0796 or DVPR@dnr.wa.gov.  
IPL0059799  
Feb 11 2022

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

A Request for Proposal ("RFP") is hereby made for District Wide Student Transportation Services for the Clover Park School District ("District"). Submissions shall be submitted to Latanya Figueroa, Purchasing Agent, prior to 3:00 p.m. on 2/24/2022 at the following address:  
Clover Park School District No. 400  
Purchasing Department  
9219 Lakewood Drive SW  
Lakewood WA 98499  
RFQ information and submittal requirements are available at <https://cloverparkk12.bonfirehub.com/projects>. Submittals should follow the requirements presented in the aforementioned hyperlink under the title "District Wide Student Transportation Services." The District may enter contract negotiations with one or more qualified firms. The District reserves the rights, in its discretion, not to award a contract for one or more projects and to rescind and/or reissue this RFP in whole or in part.  
Board of Directors  
Clover Park School District No. 400  
Pierce County, Washington  
IPL0060302  
Feb 11, 15 2022

#### CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The following is a summary of the Ordinance passed by the City of Edgewood City Council on February 8, 2022 and shall take effect on February 10, 2022:

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-0622**  
An Ordinance of the City of Edgewood, Pierce County, Washington, amending Chapters 14.10 and 18.080 of the Edgewood Municipal Code related to references to official city maps. The full text of this Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's office, Edgewood City Hall, 2224 - 104th Ave. East, Edgewood, WA 98371 (253) 952-3299 or online at [www.cityofedgewood.org](http://www.cityofedgewood.org).  
IPL0060121  
Feb 11 2022

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

As required by the Open Public Meeting Act RCW 42.30 and Proclamation 20-28, the Conservation Futures and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Board and Technical Advisory Committee are holding a public meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022. The meeting will be a Zoom meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. Join the meeting online or by phone with the following information:  
**Webinar Link:** <https://pierecountywa.zoom.us/j/93613004647>  
**Telephone Access:** +1 888-788-0099 or 877-853-5247 (Toll Free)  
**Webinar ID:** 936 1300 4647  
For more information contact Pierce County Parks at (253) 798-4078.  
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#### Misc.

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### Employment

#### Employment

**The Skokomish Indian Tribe** is seeking to hire **Housing Director**. The Housing Director will effectively manage the operations of the housing program by directing and coordinating activities consistent with the established goals, objectives and policies of the Indian Housing Plan (IHP), and any other funding sources. The Director will manage a multi-faceted program that requires grant compliance, understanding laws and regulations, extensive research and reporting, strong administration and organizational capabilities, personnel management skills, managerial leadership capacity and extensive work in public administration, community development and planning. Plan, direct, and coordinate activities of the IHP with Housing Committee input and Tribal Council approval to ensure that goals and objectives of the IHP are accomplished within the prescribed time frame and funding parameters and in accordance with applicable Tribal & Federal laws. Submit annual IHP and associated reports to HUD. Bachelor's degree with a minimum five years' experience as a lead within a housing authority environment. Professional background that includes administrative operational leadership and the formulation and implementation of budgetary controls. \$38.45-\$41.40 Hourly For a full job description visit our website at [www.skokomish.org](http://www.skokomish.org) or contact **Winona Plant Personnel Manager 360-426-4232 x2009**

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